



*"Empowering persons with all types of disabilities to achieve independence"*

### About LVCIL

Established in 1990, the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) is a nonprofit organization that provides services for persons with all types of disabilities, and their family members, living in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. LVCIL strives to empower persons with disabilities to live independently.

LVCIL provides four core services for its consumers: Information and Referral, Peer Support, Advocacy, and Independent Living Skills Education. In addition, LVCIL provides Specialized Housing Search and Support, a 24-hour Sign Language Interpreter Referral Service, Youth Transition Services, both in the community and school-based, Job Coaching for Persons with Disabilities, ADA Accessibility Site Surveys, Disability Sensitivity Education Programs, and Community Outreach in addition to hosting social and other specialized programs. LVCIL also provides supports coordination for the Adult Autism Waiver and Office of Long Term Living Waivers.

To provide youth with disabilities with the best possible support, LVCIL works with local Intermediate Units, Transition Councils, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN), and other youth-based organizations in the Lehigh Valley and statewide.



## School-Based Transition Services for Students Age 16–21

LVCIL now offers the Living Independently For Everyone (LIFE) program, a school-based program for students with disabilities! Individualized services are available to enhance and supplement transition services provided by your district. Services include:

- Individualized one-on-one transition services
- Small group transition services
- Participation in work-essential skills training in a group environment
- Availability of individualized vocational services including community-based work assessments, job development and vocational coaching
- Community based independent living skills education on topics of personal interest including, travel skills, laundry, money management, meal planning & preparation
- LVCIL services are available in your classrooms as well—consider a daily or weekly “School 2 Life” transition class
- Person-Centered Planning
- Transition Plan and IEP transition consultation
- Available on an as-needed, hourly basis or up to a full 180 day school year! Unique ESY programming also available

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