

## WORK Independent Living Counseling Services

Independent Living Counseling (ILC) is a service offered under the Kansas Working Healthy/Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK) Program and is available to qualified persons with disabilities who are employed in the state of Kansas.

Our Independent Living Counselors are available state-wide and are committed to working shoulder to shoulder with you as you navigate the program. ILC's can assist as you:

- Develop an individualized budget and emergency backup plan
- Choose quality, cost-effective service workers
- learn skills to self-direct your WORK services
- comply with Working Healthy/Work Program requirements
- Identify funding sources for home modifications, equipment, etc.

Independence, Inc. promotes independence and quality of life, honors personal choice, values individual differences and respects cultural diversity. These core values are evident and exercised throughout all of our services.



Questions?  
Contact us



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**advocacy**

**peer support**

**training**

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**Working Healthy  
WORK Program**

[Work Opportunities Reward Kansans]

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## Meet our Independent Living Counselors (ILC's)



### Central and Southwest Kansas

#### **Jennifer Moore, ILC Team Lead**

Jennifer's desire is to see the WORK Program grow and succeed. Her goal is helping participants achieve self-advocacy and equal opportunity to live independently.

785-371-0888

[jmoore@independenceinc.org](mailto:jmoore@independenceinc.org)



### Central & Northwest Kansas

#### **Nanette Unruh, ILC**

Nanette has a passion for helping others and does her very best to make each person feel valued and respected, honoring their preferred living and life-style choices that lead to independence.

785-414-5022

[nunruh@independenceinc.org](mailto:nunruh@independenceinc.org)



### Southeast Kansas

#### **Leaona Ellis, ILC**

Leaona readily makes friendly connections, keeps solid records, is a strong team player, and follows through on action plans, all with compassion and understanding.

785-371-1642

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### Northeast Kansas

#### **Zackary Terhune, ILC**

Zack continues to put his experience to work for Northeast area WORK participants, helping them achieve success in their work lives through independence and self advocacy.

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## WORKING HEALTHY



The Kansas **Working Healthy Program** is a Medicaid buy-in program to purchase KanCare healthcare insurance, designed for those whose health care needs are significant but whose income may exceed the Medicaid limit.

Working Healthy is designed as a work incentive program, encouraging people to work, increase their income and accumulate assets, while not jeopardizing health care coverage. To receive coverage through Working Healthy, participants pay a monthly insurance premium based on income. There is no spend down or client obligation.

### **To qualify for Working Healthy, one must:**

- Be 16-64 years of age
- Meet the Social Security definition of a disability
- Have verified earned income subject to FICA/SECA taxes
- Earn a minimum of \$65.01/month & earn at least minimum wage
- Be a Kansas resident not receiving SSI
- Have countable resources that are less than \$15,000

## WORK PROGRAM



**Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK)** is a program designed to provide additional services for eligible Working Healthy participants. WORK participants must demonstrate eligibility for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. Through individualized assessments, participants may be approved for additional services such as **Personal Assistance** (including transportation to and from work); **Employment Supports** (including job coaching and on-the-job support); **Assistive Services** (funding for equipment, supplies and modifications to aid in independence) and **Independent Living Counseling Services**.

Of the WORK services listed above, Independence, Inc. offers **Independent Living Counseling (ILC) Services**. Our ILC's are experienced, knowledgeable, caring professionals ready to help you navigate the Working Healthy and WORK programs, listen to your goals and provide supports to help achieve those goals. Independent living, self-direction and inclusive workplaces are the philosophies that guide our work. We are ready to put those values to work for YOU!