

Who Are We?

Community Living Services is a non-profit organization that promotes community inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities. CLS, Inc. has over 20 years experience in giving people with disabilities the tools to live the life they want with the system and community supports and services they want and need.

CLS, Inc. is strongly focused on Self-Determination and Person-Centered Planning, meaning people plan for their future with folks that are important to them.



What is Self-Determination?

The freedom gained from having the authority to plan a future and direct funds which assists people in turning their plans into reality.

Encourages people to lead their own lives by putting them in control of their own budget.

Empowers and supports people to create meaningful lives in their communities.

Enables people to carve out a life for themselves where each person has an individual budget that they control to purchase the supports they want and need.

Vision

People will fully participate in their communities and have a quality of life which comes from freedom and its responsibilities, the authority to make their own life decisions, and the control of resources to implement them

Mission

To assist and advocate for each person:

- To control and exercise authority over their own lives
- To live a life of freedom, opportunity and relationships, as family, friend and neighbors
- To share in full community membership and citizenship



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Living SERVICES
Your Life, Your Way



No Obstacles in this Man's Way!



"Dylan and I just hang out," said 20 year-old staff person Ashley Barker. "When we first met, he had some behavioral issues and it took him awhile to get used to me, but now he gives me hugs all the time."

Barker works as a staff person for Wade who receives services and support from Community Living Services, Inc.

"Dylan loves to play basketball. He plays with friends and practices at home. He plays in his backyard, so any time he feels like playing, he can just walk outside," said Barker. He is also developing his own small microenterprise or small vending machine business.

Living a life of independence wasn't always smooth for Dylan who lived with his parents his whole life. "When he first moved into his own place, he had a couple of bad days, but since then, which was 8 months ago, he's been doing just fine. I just keep trying new things until they work. I take him outside, we go for walks. I like being around him, I like his personality," said Barker. "He is just a regular guy trying to live in this world, as a regular person."

I have my own home and I volunteer at the animal shelter.



How is CLS different from other providers?

- We give control to the person
- We create individual plans to help people live life the way they want
- We help them choose where and with whom they want to live
- Offer options on where they want to work
- Get them involved in the community

Community Living Services believes in:

- Family preservation
- The importance of community
- Flexible service and funding
- Partnerships that actively include individuals and families
- New and creative methods of supports

Community Living Services provides:

- Expanded Case Management
- Residential Supports
- Adult Day Training
- Respite
- Behavioral Supports
- Community Living Supports
- Psychological Services
- Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies
- Supported Employment
- Gentle Teaching
- Person-Centered Planning



Working Together Spells Success for Dynamic Duo!



"Mike is like my little brother, he is part of me and my family and we wouldn't have it any other way," said Greg Ross, friend and staff for Mike Berry.

Ross works for LifeLinks, a staffing agency that contracts with CLS.

Greg and Mike have been buddies for six years and the guys like to do a lot of the same things with each other.

"Mike has a mild disability and is able to live quite independently; he just needs a little support from me. I myself have cerebral palsy, so it's quite easy for me to understand and relate to him," said Ross.

I volunteer at the church and I have my own vending business.

"Greg and me go to play basketball. I like baseball. We also help in the community and I help with my youth group," said Berry. He is also proud that he will soon start his own small company. "It will be called 'Michael's Enterprises' and he'll put his vending machines at various locations and sell snacks," said Ross. "He's very excited about this new opportunity in his life!"