

Adaptive Software Computer Training

Our Adaptive Software Training Program is designed for people whose disability requires the need for accessible software programs and /or adaptive hardware devices to access computer technology.

Students attend an orientation to software and hardware options to evaluate and identify each individuals computer needs. A curriculum is then designed based on skill level, intended goal and the students plan for success.

Adaptive software training available: Jaws

Magic

Zoom Text

Dragon Naturally Speaking

or a combination then becomes an integral part of the training program

Our Vision

For people with disabilities to be included in all aspects of the human experience.

Mission

Statement:

“To enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities.”



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Our adaptive software computer training program has many variable components that can be pieced together to suite the changing needs of students for education, employment or to maintain an independent living status.



Whether your goal is to learn how to use the computer for the first time, build your basic skills or train in advanced level programs the world of computers is made accessible through our CACIL Computer Programming.

- **Jaws Basic Training:** An introduction to Jaws computer screen reading program and Jaws specific features.
- **Zoom Text/Magic Basic Training:** An introduction to screen magnification for persons with low vision. Individual software features and screen enhancements are the focus of this class.
- **Basic Computer:** Identifying the basic components of the computer and how they function in relationship. Students learn to think of the computer as a desk, a workspace providing tools to accomplish tasks and organize files.
- **Basic Keyboarding:** Learn your way around the keyboard using letters, function keys, the number pad and hot key combinations.
- **MS Word:** Understanding the application window, tools and techniques in the process of creating and preparing editing and saving professional documents.
- **Exploring the World Wide Web.:** An overview of the internet and the use of various search engines to launch an array of web sites for practical, educational and informative web browsing.
- **The Internet and e-mail:** Internet use for e-mailing communication and storing information, managing files and favorites, effectively.
- **Online Banking:** Learn how to use your checking and savings accounts. Read statements and understand banking language. Learn how to use the online bill paying feature.
- **Online Shopping:** Gain an understanding of where to shop for what you need/want right from your computer. Learn the safe way to shop and how to avoid internet dangers.
- **Excel:** An introduction to the tools and techniques used to build and navigate a basic worksheet.
- **Access:** Learning to create and navigate a basic database using application specifics.

A Little About CACIL...

CACIL was one of the first of three Centers for independent living (CILs) in the state of Michigan and was established in 1976 to empower people with disabilities to take control of their lives. We initially served people with disabilities in the greater Lansing area, but have expanded to provide services in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. Independent Living is the principle that individuals with any disability, to the fullest extent possible, shall work, live in their own homes, raise families, and participate in the everyday activities of life.

CACIL provides five core services that include the following: information and referral services, community awareness and advocacy, individual skills development, nursing home transition and peer support.