

Since its launch in 2009, SVILC's deinstitutionalization program has successfully transitioned 12 people with disabilities out of institutions and into the community, saving the State and California tax payers approximately \$552,000.

At SVILC, we work to identify risk factors that people with disabilities face when addressing the lack of affordable, accessible, integrated housing. These programs, in collaboration with the additional supportive services, provide solutions that aim to give people with disabilities the freedom of choice to live where they choose—interdependently.



Mission Statement

"SVILC is a cross-disability, intergenerational, and multicultural disability justice organization that creates fully inclusive communities that values the dignity, equality, freedom and worth of every human being. We do this by building disability identity, culture and pride; creating opportunities for personal and community transformation; and partnering with others to ensure that civil and human rights are protected."

"I adamantly protest the richest culture in the history of the world, which still incarcerates millions of humans with and without disabilities in barbaric institutions, backrooms and worse, windowless cells of oppressive perceptions, for the lack of the most elementary empowerment supports. I call for solidarity among all who love justice, all who love life, to create a revolution that will empower every single human being to govern his or her life, to govern the society and to be fully productive of life quality for self and for all."

—Justin Dart

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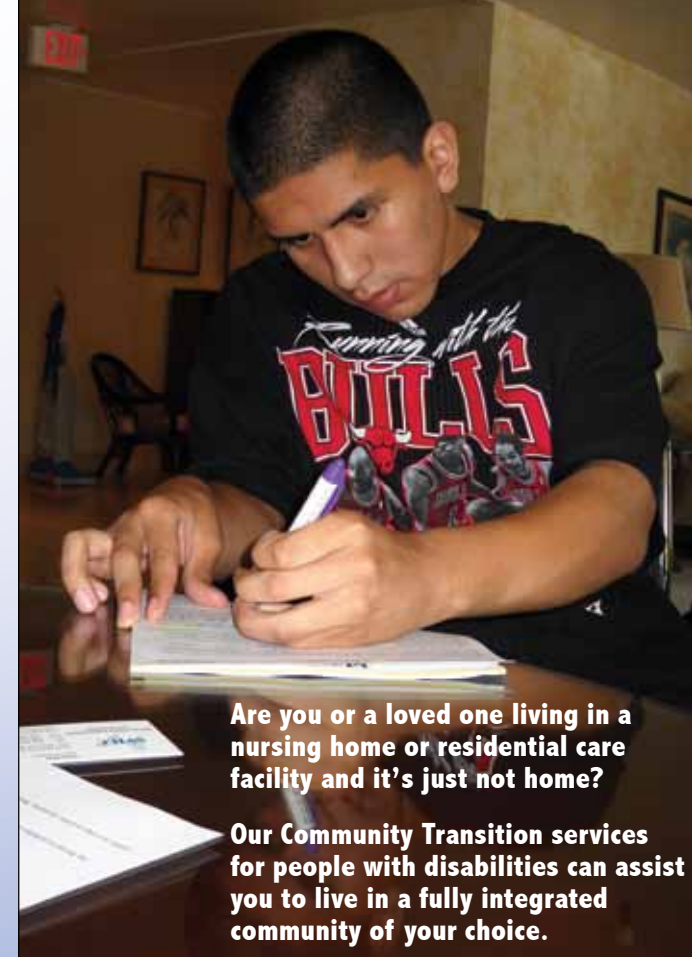
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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME...

SVILC community member and NED recipient signs his housing voucher paperwork, securing for himself long-term accessible, affordable, integrated housing in the community.



Are you or a loved one living in a nursing home or residential care facility and it's just not home?

Our Community Transition services for people with disabilities can assist you to live in a fully integrated community of your choice.

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A disability justice organization that creates fully inclusive communities.

SVILC Supportive Services

- Information and Referral
- Interdependent Living Skills
- Peer Counseling
- Advocacy
- Assistive Technology
- Housing and Personal Assistant Referrals
- Home Modification
- Rental Assistance
- Emergency Food

Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC) strongly supports the right and desire of people with disabilities to live in fully integrated communities of their choice, with equitable access to support. This hard-won right became law with the Americans with Disabilities Act “most integrated setting” requirement (1990) and in 1999 was further interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Olmstead vs. L.C.* decision. However, securing the right is only half of the achievement. The difficult part is implementation. As a social justice organization, SVILC is committed to making it possible for anyone with a disability who can and wants to move out of a nursing home or institution to be able to do so.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a peer-led program for people with disabilities in nursing homes and institutions run by disabled people who have successfully moved back to the community, with a focus on disability rights, empowered consciousness development, community living management skills, access to resources and information technology, and individual and community capacity building to effect system change within long term care systems. Participants and peer mentors share experiences and problem-solve real-life struggles involved in moving back to the community, and collectively celebrate their accomplishments. Topics include:

- Finding and managing accessible, affordable, and integrated housing, transportation, and other community supports including personal assistants;
- Building strong support networks to facilitate life in the community and reduce the risk of returning to a nursing home;
- Developing advocacy networks and becoming a part of collective activism to change policies; and
- Building consciousness about disability identity, pride, and culture.



Stepping Stones Graduates

California Community Transitions

California Community Transitions (CCT) brings together supportive services to assist persons residing in inpatient facilities to transition to community living. CCT enables eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have lived continuously in licensed healthcare facilities—acute, intermediate care, skilled nursing or subacute care facilities—for three months or longer to receive long-term services and supports in a community living arrangement.

SVILC assists participants in developing a comprehensive service plan that may include set up for their new home, environmental adaptations to a participant’s home, coaching/life skills development, other training needed to ensure success and quality of life in the community, and comprehensive case management services for the first two months after a participant leaves a facility and enters the community.

Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Housing Voucher Program

SVILC is the official partner of the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara and the Housing Authority of the City of San Jose for the NED Housing Voucher Program. SVILC assists non-elderly people with disabilities to receive a subsidized Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) to support them in their housing search while transitioning from institutions into the community.

Targeting Transition Funding

Assisting an individual with a significant disability to make the transition from an institutional setting to a community setting often requires the gamut of services offered by SVILC and some financial assistance. SVILC assists individuals transitioning to access up to \$4,000 per individual in funding through the California Department of Rehabilitation to purchase, among other things:

- Housing—First month’s rent and utilities
- Moving expenses, retrieval of items in storage
- Household items—Furniture, bedding, cooking utensils, etc.
- Personal items – Clothing and hygiene items
- Initial stocks and supplies—Food, cleaning items, etc.
- Non-covered Personal Attendant Care
- Assistive Technology items not otherwise available

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS.