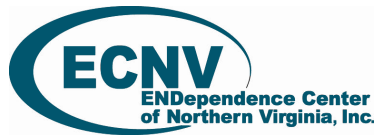




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Robert – travel trainee, ramp recipient, and peer mentee

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**Empowering People with
Disabilities to Live
Independently**





The ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) is a community resource and advocacy center run by and for persons with disabilities. ECVN's mission is to *END* dependence by empowering people with disabilities to live independently. We are a cross-disability organization and work with people of all ages who have every type of disability.

Founded in 1982, ECVN is one of 15 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in Virginia. There are over 400 CILs nationwide. ECVN serves Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. Most of our services are provided at no cost.

ECNV Programs and Services

Information and Referral >>>

ECNV connects people with disabilities and their families to community resources that promote and support independence. Trained staff provide information on topics including housing, transportation, employment, assistive technology, education, recreation, and disability-specific resources.

Peer Counseling >>>

ECNV provides peer counseling, mentoring, and support services to people with disabilities. Peer counselors share their disability-related knowledge, skills, and experience to assist others in setting and achieving goals.

Independent Living >>>

Independent living skills training focuses on knowledge and skills that prevent unnecessary institutionalization of persons with disabilities. We frequently assist people who want to transition out of nursing homes to living in their communities through a Medicaid-funded project called Money Follows the Person (MFP) or by utilizing other county and community-based resources.

Transportation and Mobility >>>

ECNV travel trainers provide individual instruction on using fixed-route public transportation. This program is underwritten by and conducted in partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. We also assist people in adapting accessible vehicles. ECVN accepts donations of mobility aids including walkers, wheelchairs, and scooters that we recondition and loan or give to people who need them to enhance their independence.

Keeping the Community Connected >>>

Our website, newsletter, and calendar keep people updated on disability community activities, new products and services, and news on advocacy efforts. Our Personal Assistants Registry is a resource people with disabilities can use when recruiting new or substitute personal assistants. ECVN's fully accessible offices include a conference room with an assisted listening system. Disability support groups are encouraged to make reservations to use this space.

Advocacy >>>

People with disabilities become effective self-advocates with ECVN's guidance. Through systems advocacy we support legislative and regulatory policies that benefit the disability community. We assist people of all ages with the Elderly and Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) Waiver and the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities Support (DD) Waiver to prevent institutionalization. Community education and technical assistance services are provided to public and private sector entities to assist in improving accessibility. Our youth transition services assist teenagers and young adults ages 16-26 transition from high school to post-secondary education, the workforce, and living independently in the community.

Employment >>>

ECNV assists people with job readiness and honing job search skills through training and placement assistance.

