



Greetings from the Research & Training Center on Independent Living (RTC/IL) at the University of Kansas.

The RTC/IL is committed to supporting centers for independent living and other community-based organizations that serve people with disabilities in their work. This quarterly update lets you know about products and research that you and your staff may find useful.

If you know someone else who would like to receive this newsletter, please let us know. Or if you prefer not to receive it yourself, just reply with the word "Unsubscribe" in the message line.

Healthcare Access Course: Tell Your Doctor and Nurse!

We know that access to healthcare can be difficult for people with disabilities due to physical barriers, problems in communication, unreliable transportation and other issues.

Now there's an online course to educate physicians, nurses, social workers, other healthcare professionals and medical office staff about the needs of people with disabilities. You can watch the **free hour-long class** during a staff meeting, and encourage your consumers to tell their providers about it. Here's a [flyer](#) you can distribute.

Wilma Christensen, RN, from the Coalition for Independence gives this review:

"Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities" addresses situations and issues I've not seen previously addressed in nursing literature or classes. It's delivered in a very commonsense and understandable manner. The suggestions given for communication and treatment for people with disabilities are relevant and applicable.

To create the course, Amanda Reichard, PhD, and Jamie Simpson, Disability Program Coordinator at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, worked with consumers, and people with disabilities from all over the country have embraced the class.

To take the class, go to Kansas TRAIN: <https://ks.train.org>. Look for "Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities" (course #1025624). One CME/CNE is available for just \$10. Our TRAIN courses are available to people in other states through the national site, www.train.org.

New Emergency Preparedness Course Trains the Trainers

Our emergency preparedness expert Cat Howland created a new course titled **“Planning for Disaster-Related Risk and Functional Needs of People with Disabilities: Train-The-Trainer.”**

The free online class equips trainers to teach others how to understand and meet the disaster-related needs of persons with disabilities. It provides all the materials trainers need to instruct others in their community. A version of the course is also available for those who don't plan to teach.

You can take the class on the Kansas TRAIN system: <https://ks.train.org>. Look for course #1026720. (If you're not planning to teach, take course #1026403.)

Three Rivers E.D. Debuts on YouTube



A big thank you to Audrey Schremmer-Philip, Executive Director of Three Rivers CIL, for starring in our latest YouTube video. She collaborated with our research director, Amanda Reichard, PhD, to talk about the benefits of **using evidence-based research for advocacy**. The video accompanies a presentation that Dr. Reichard gave at NCIL's annual conference in July.

Listen to Audrey discuss the experiences of Three Rivers staff here: "[Using Research Findings for Advocacy](#)" (video).

And here's a link to Amanda Reichard's NCIL presentation: "[Using Research Findings for Advocacy](#)" (PDF).

Videos, Videos, We Have Videos!

You can learn more about our research and emergency preparedness resources on our YouTube channels:

- <http://www.youtube.com/user/DisabilityReady> includes a video on service dog etiquette, a birthday salute to the ADA, and more to come about emergency preparedness for people with disabilities.
- <http://www.youtube.com/RTCIL> features overviews of our research projects on community participation.

You can also view our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages (**no need to login**) on our website: <http://www.rtcil.org>.

Well Said!

We wanted to share this blog entry from a Boston physician, who addresses the power of language for people who still need guidance. In **“Mock My Pants, Not My Sister,”** he explains why substituting the correct term as a pejorative just isn't cool!

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