

The Center for Independence (CFI) offers a variety of programs and services that are state and federally funded to assist anyone with a disability to live more independently. Our services are fully funded for consumers, though some fee-for-services may apply.

Headquartered in Grand Junction, Colorado with satellite offices in Glenwood Springs and Salida, CFI offers services including advocacy, benefits services, information and referral, peer counseling, support groups, assistive technology, independent living skills training and community transition services.

CFI is here for you when you need us. Please contact us to set an appointment or visit our website at www.cfigj.org for more information.

CFI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-residential, grassroots, State of Colorado certified independent living center, assisting people with a disability since 1982.

# Locations

#### **GRAND JUNCTION**

740 Gunnison Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501 970-241-0315 • Toll-Free 800-613-2271

Fax: 970-245-3341

**Service Area:** Mesa & Delta Counties & surrounding regions

#### **MONTROSE**

## By Appointment

Montrose, CO 81401

970-765-2016 • Toll-Free 800-613-2271

Fax: 970-765-2018

**Service Area:** Montrose, Ouray & San Miguel Counties

# GLENWOOD SPRINGS

401 27th St, Ste 115 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

970-718-5155 • Toll-Free 800-613-2271

Fax: 970-340-8845

Service Area: Eagle, Pitkin & Garfield Counties

#### **SALIDA**

211 E. 3rd St

Salida, CO 81201

719-207-4573 • Toll-Free 800-613-2271

Fax: 719-207-4372

**Service Area:** Chaffee, Lake, Gunnison & Hinsdale Counties

Email: info@cfigj.org www.cfigj.org



Empowering individuals with a disability to live independently since 1982.



# Here to help you navigate since 1982

Center for Independence works to promote community solutions and to empower individuals with a disability to live independently.

CFI serves 12 western Colorado counties with offices in Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs and Salida.



### **CORE SERVICES OF CFI**

## **Advocacy**

We are your voice; committed to advancing your rights and benefits.

# **Peer Mentoring**

Our compassionate and knowledgeable staff work with you to help you gain the skills and insights to be successful.

#### Information and Referral

We can connect you to a comprehensive network of support and services.

## **Independent Living Skills**

We can teach you basic skills to gain or maintain independence in the community.

## **Community Transition**

We can help you sort through the many options to best adapt to life's changes, including services for youth, people leaving nursing homes or at risk of entering nursing homes.

### **MEET OUR SERVICES**

- Housing application paperwork assistance.
- Advocate on your behalf to resolve landlord/tenant issues. Assistance in understanding tenant rights and responsibilities.
- Assistance finding housing options after hospital discharge or nursing home stay.
- Assistive Technology and training for independent living.
- Vocational training and placement to support your entry into the workforce.
- Youth transition support and planning services ease the transition from school to independent living and empowerment.
- Low Vision Services
- Older Individual Blind Services (OIB)
- ASL (American Sign Language)
   Interpreting and CART
- Deaf Services
- Hard of Hearing Services

### **BENEFITS SERVICES**

CFI provides assistance with applying for federal or state benefit programs such as:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Veterans Pensions & Services
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food stamps (SNAP), Section 8
   Housing vouchers, Aid to Needy and Disabled/Blind (AND)
- Community Partner Work Incentives Coordinator (CPWIC)
- Ticket to Work Program (working while collecting SSI or SSDI)

We are a resource for families, employers, businesses, government and human service agencies.

