About SVILC

Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC) is a non-profit consumer-based, non-residential agency providing a wide range of service to a growing population of people with disabilities and seniors.

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 (ADA) “most integrated setting” requirement in 1990, and in 1999 was further interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Olmstead vs. L.C. decision.

As a social justice organization, SVILC provides residents and support tools and resources needed to live interdependently, and advocates for policies that ensure equal access and opportunity for all.
Housing Services

A home of one's own - either rented or owned - is the heart of independence for people with disabilities.

SVILC's Housing Program for Persons with Disabilities is designed to address the continuing problem of the lack of affordable, integrated, and accessible housing in Santa Clara County and the negative impact this has on individuals with disabilities of all types and ages. This unique program is the only housing and advocacy service of its kind in the County of Santa Clara, serving the needs of persons with all disabilities, backgrounds and program specific ages, who choose to live independently.

Through 1-on-1 or group workshops, SVILC's Housing Coordinators provide the following services:

- Emergency / Rental / Deposit Funding Assistance (based on funding availability)
- Information and Referral / Assistance to Independent Living (IL) and Community Services
- Housing Search Assistance to find a stable, independent living solution in the community
- Landlord / Tenant Dispute Resolution
- Housing Advocacy to ensure that people with disabilities' needs are considered when planning is coordinated for new housing or development improvement projects

Apply for Services

SVILC does not charge people for applying for our programs and services. To qualify for our Housing and many other services, one must:
(1) be a person with a significant disability and
(2) live in Santa Clara County or prefer to receive services in Santa Clara County.

How to apply for services:
(1) Contact SVILC at (408) 894-9041
(2) Make an appointment for an Intake.

After the Intake, you are eligible to receive SVILC's services that will meet your specific needs.

Housing Workshops

SVILC offers year-round affordable in-office and community setting housing workshops.

Housing Orientation
This workshop will provide an overview of SVILC's core services, and an in-depth housing search assistance covering basic overview of tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities, and community resources available for housing search assistance.

SVILC's Main San Jose Office
Every Friday at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Palo Alto Services Center
Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Mountain View Senior Center
Every 2nd Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Milpitas Barbara Lee Senior Center
Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Santa Clara Public Library
Housing Help in the Library
Every 1st Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Housing Application Assistance
This workshop will provide expert, step-by-step advice on what to expect through the application process, including a review of a housing search process, financial assistance procedures, and rental application additional support.

SVILC's Main San Jose Office
Every Tuesday at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information, please call SVILC at 408-894-9041.