

INDEPENDENT LIVING IS:

- Standing up for your choices and informed decisions about where you live and what you do!
- Getting assistance for your needs.
- Taking risks or trying something new!

Choices can assist you!

If you have a disability and want to learn more about independent living, call Choices!

Approximately 80% of the Choices' board and staff are people with significant disabilities. Hundreds of New Mexicans call on us each year to help develop their own plans for independent living. If you need help taking control of your life, call us.

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CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

**Choosing Independence Challenge,
Empowerment and Self-esteem**



CHOICES MISSION STATEMENT:

Choices mission is to promote a society in which persons with disabilities control their environment and destiny through Informed choice and self-identified goals of independence.

Choices' provides services in Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties. Information and Referral is available on a statewide basis.

Choices' does not discriminate with regard to disability, race, culture, ancestry, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, or religion in its services or hiring practices.

The client assistance project is available for assistance with preparation of appeal and representation to assure consumer satisfaction with Choices services by contacting:

Protection & Advocacy System

1720 Louisiana Blvd. NE

Suite 204

Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 256-3100 voice/TTY

1-800-432-4682 voice/TTY

WHAT DOES CHOICES DO?

We assist people with disabilities in:

- **Problem solving-** find resources, get help in figuring out your options
- **Housing-** find affordable and/or accessible housing, apply for a housing subsidy
- **Personal service attendants-** find an attendant and learn how to manage attendant
- **Money Management-** learn how to budget, pay bills, and/or write checks
- **Home Management-** learn how to manage your own home, shopping, cooking, cleaning, making it accessible
- **Legal Rights-** learning about your rights as a person with a disability; learn how to advocate/speak for yourself
- **Education/Employment-** provide referrals to help you get an education, training, or a job
- **Equipment/Assistive devices-** what devices may help you and assist in finding funding to pay for them

CHOICES OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO CONSUMERS AT NO CHARGE:

Independent Living Skills Training, Information & Referral, Individual & Systems Advocacy, Referral for accessible affordable housing, Information on the ADA and many other disability related topics, Technical assistance and education to individuals, other agencies, and government entities on disability related issues.

CHOICES ALSO OFFERS:

Resources assistance on disability law:

Americans with disabilities Act

- Employment
- State and local government
- Public accommodations
- Telecommunications
- Fair housing

Equipment Loan Bank

Choices' keeps a supply of equipment on-site for loan up to 4 months or rent-to-own. Persons will be asked to sign a loan agreement when equipment is borrowed.