SEPTEMBER FEATURED AGENCY TO ASSIST YOU WITH SERVICES

[SALEM COUNTY RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.](https://www.facebook.com/rilsalemcounty/)

The Penns Grove Housing Authority will highlight a new agency each month that may help you with products or services. This month featured agency is the Salem County Resources for Independent Living, Inc.

[They](https://www.facebook.com/rilsalemcounty/) are located at 193 N Broadway, Pennsville, NJ 08070.Their phone number and website are as follows: 856-678-9400 and rilnj.org.

Resources for Independent Living (R I L) is a community based member organization whose purpose is to serve people with disabilities. Their core services are independent living skills training, information & referral, transition, peer support and advocacy. They promote personal growth and empowerment through choice, self-determination, and participation in programs providing information, education, skills development, and networking opportunities.

They provide the same services that the Salem County Center for Autism did. In 2014 they merged together to provide even more services to larger array of individuals with disabilities.

They also have fun activities and social activities for individuals with disabilities. In addition, they have several programs that are highlighted below and even more programs available if you visit their website at rilnj.org:

**PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The PASP Service is a personal care assistance program that provides up to 40 hours per week of routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults with permanent physical disabilities between the ages 18-70 who are employed, preparing for employment, attending school or involved in community volunteer work and who are able to self-direct their own services. Personal assistants help with personal care tasks including, but not limited to: bathing, dressing, eating, grooming, preparing meals, shopping, light housekeeping, driving or using public transportation. The goal of this program is to support individuals with physical disabilities so that they can remain active in their community.

**LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM**

The Life Skills Program assists youth and adults with disabilities in developing the skills needed to live independently. Some of the skill areas include, but are not limited to:

household management (cooking, cleaning, laundry), financial management(personal finance)

and job skills (resume creation, interviewing, basic computer training).

**PATHWAYS TO HEALTHY LIVING**

Developing a wellness program that educates parents and youth on the radical health improvements that can be achieved by combining a healthy diet with a healthy lifestyle. During the school years, youth are experiencing great physical, psychological and social development. To ensure efficient growth of our children, they need to recognize their specific energy and nutrient requirements during their school years. Their aim is to build a maintainable and measurable wellness program that educates youth and their parents on the drastic health improvements that can be achieved by combining a wholesome diet with a healthy lifestyle.

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) FUND**

The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is to allow New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury to obtain the services and supports they need to live in the community. The Fund pays for supports and services that foster independence and maximize quality of life.

Individuals may be eligible for up to $15,000 per year in supports and services, with a lifetime cap of $100,000.

**JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CARE GIVING**

**AREGIVING**

JACC is a State-funded program that provides a broad array of in-home and community-based services to individuals age 60 and older who meet clinical eligibility for nursing home level of care and who desire to remain in their homes within the community. The JACC program is designed with the goal of diverting or delaying the placement of the individual in a nursing facility. JACC aims to strengthen participants’ networks of informal caregivers and to maximize autonomy by providing participants with the opportunity to direct their own care, including hiring their own providers, if desired.

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