
Member Bill of Dignity & Independence

Independent Living Program

Purpose

This Independent Living Program is founded on the principles of **personal autonomy, dignity, responsibility, and ordinary civic participation**.

Members are adults who independently manage their lives while participating in a structured program that permits shared living access.

1. Recognition as Independent Adults

Members are recognized as autonomous adults capable of managing their daily affairs, personal schedules, employment, finances, and household coordination **without supervision or care**.

2. Household Self-Governance

Members collectively manage the shared household environment, including cleanliness, shared space use, and interpersonal norms.

The Program Owner **does not** manage the household, assign duties, supervise conduct, or intervene in daily living matters.

3. Freedom from Institutional Treatment

Members are **not** clients, patients, tenants, or residents of an institution.

No treatment, supervision, case management, monitoring, or daily living assistance is provided or implied.

4. Civic Participation & Ordinary Life

Members retain full participation in ordinary civic and community life, including but not limited to:

- Employment
- Education
- Banking
- Voting
- Identification
- Community involvement

Participation in the Program does **not** restrict lawful personal activities.

5. Personal Mail & Administrative Address Use

Members may receive personal mail as part of ordinary civic life.

Mail receipt is recognized solely as:

- A **personal identification and correspondence function**, and
- An **administrative acknowledgment of Program participation**

Mail access:

- Does **not** grant tenancy
- Does **not** create residency rights
- Does **not** establish exclusive possession
- Does **not** create a landlord-tenant relationship

The Program Owner does **not** manage, distribute, censor, or control member mail except where legally required.

6. Privacy & Personal Responsibility

Members maintain privacy over their personal affairs.

The Program Owner does **not** monitor personal behavior, relationships, schedules, or communications.

Members are responsible for their own conduct and choices.

7. Program Compliance Oversight Only

The Program Owner's role is strictly limited to **verifying compliance with Program participation conditions**.

The Program Owner does **not** manage daily life, household operations, or interpersonal matters.

Failure to meet Program conditions may affect Program participation but does **not** constitute eviction or tenancy enforcement.

8. Respect & Non-Discrimination

Members are entitled to respect, dignity, and equal treatment.

Participation in this Program is not intended to stigmatize, segregate, or institutionalize any individual.

Affirmation

By participating in the Independent Living Program, Members affirm their independence, responsibility, and commitment to shared living based on mutual respect and self-governance.

Acknowledgment & Signatures

By signing below, the undersigned acknowledges that this document:

- Expresses Program principles and expectations
- Does **not** create a lease, tenancy, or housing rights
- Does **not** provide care, supervision, or services

- Does **not** alter the license-based nature of Program participation

Member Name (Print): _____

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Program Name: Independent Living Program

Program Owner / Operator Representative (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____
