



OAHIIO

OAHIIO Mission

The OAHIIO Advisory Council, staff, and volunteers are comprised mainly of Native Americans, the majority of which are individuals with disabilities. We operate a consumer focused, person centered, culturally based organization, creating opportunities for choice, independence and community participation by advocating for the elimination of physical, cultural and attitudinal barriers that restrict individual access to entitlements and support services.

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OAHIIO is a non-profit Independent Living Center (ILC) that is staffed and governed by Native Americans with disabilities.

It is a part of the Western New York Independent Living, Inc. (WNYIL), family of agencies and is a catalyst for systems and individual change, enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities, while respecting diversity and promoting choices and alternative for independent living in our societies.



“THE GOOD PATH”

*Serving People with Disabilities
Throughout Western New York*



OAHIO Services

Our 5 core services

- Information and Referral
- Independent Living Skills
- Advocacy
- Peer Counseling
- Transitional Services

Disabilities could include, but not limited to:

- Deaf/Blind or Low Vision
- Cognitive: Learning Disabilities, Children with special needs such as Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Dyslexia, ADHD, etc.
- Mental/Emotional: Aggression, Anxiety, Depression, PTSD, Alcohol/ Substance Abuse, Bipolar, Eating Disorders, etc.
- Physical: Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Back Injury, Amputation, MS, HIV/AIDS and others



Disabilities come in all shapes and sizes! They do not discriminate based on income, race, religion or gender. At OAHIO “The Good Path” we promote independence and embrace our differences! **You** decide how we can help, and we provide services based on your unique needs.

How do we help our Consumers?

- Support from our Certified Benefits Advisors
- Assisting in filling out any necessary paperwork
- Finding Housing, Mental Health Counseling, Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation
- Teaching Job Skills: Resume building, job searching, interviewing
- Assisting with ACCES-VR services

Our Independent Living Specialists can provide one on one support with living skills such as:

- Assistance in reading and organizing paperwork to avoid frustration
- Assistance in cooking a meal
- How to use/get transportation
- Volunteer/Work Training/GED/Educational Advocacy
- Attending appointments to support the individual
- Offering peer advocacy in any way we can!

Independent Living Centers are 501(c)3, non-for profit organizations.