The Independence Center is the local home of civil rights for people with disabilities. We support and promote these civil rights throughout our service area which includes El Paso, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park, and Teller counties. Our staff, programs and even our building demonstrate that people with disabilities can live, learn, work, play, and participate in civic life as equals.

### The IC Offers Assistance With:

- **Individual & systems advocacy** - transportation, housing, accessibility, disability awareness, health care, and emergency communications
- **Information and referral** - about resources and services in the community as well as licensed and non-licensed home health services
- **Older Individuals with Blindness (OIB) and low vision** - advocacy and support
- **Assistive technology**
- **Benefits**
- **Community transition**
- **Employment readiness**
- **Independent Living skills classes**
- **One-on-one or group peer support**
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing** - advocacy, education, and communication access
- **Outreach** - Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park and Teller Counties

**Are you a veteran with a disability who wants to live more independently in your community?**
With the Veteran In Charge program, you have the freedom to build a self-directed plan for greater independence and the authority to control how to pay for your long-term supports and services. With knowledgeable support from a Veteran Coach, you have a flexible monthly budget to purchase goods and services such as:

- In-home personal care
- Homemaker services
- Caregiver support
- Home modifications
- Adult day care
- Assistive devices
- Environmental support
- Meal delivery
- Transportation
- Emergency response system

**Next Step:**

Apply for VA healthcare (if not already in the system.)

Contact your VA social worker for a referral and eligibility determination.

If you do not have a social worker, please call Brigitte Lee, LCSW 303-399-8020, ext. 4557.