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▶ [Adaptive Telephone & Adaptive Internet Software Programs \(cont'd\)](#)

have a certified disability that prevents you from using basic telephone equipment. Your annual adjusted income must not exceed \$60,000.00 for a 1 to 2-person household. TAP-I provides adaptive computer software for persons with computers who need assistance to use the Internet. Training is provided by TAP-I. TAP-I uses the same financial guidelines.

[College/ Vo Tech. Scholarship Program](#)

One of On My Own, Inc.'s newest programs is a college scholarship program for children of a disabled parent. The scholarship is for \$1,000.00 per semester for up to 10 semesters at an In-state College, University or Vocational Technical program. The student must be between the ages of 18 and 25, carry an average class load and maintain a 2.0 grade point average. For a scholarship application contact Services for Independent Living Director Pat Chambers in the Nevada Office.

[Americans with Disabilities Act](#)

On My Own, Inc. will provide ADA on-site assessments for those wishing to achieve and/or maintain ADA compliance. There is a fee to businesses for this service

[Disaster Response Teams](#)

The impact of the tornados that tore through the On My Own, Inc. service area in the spring of 2003 and again in the spring of 2006 are a tragic reminder of our responsibility to respond to our consumers during and after any type of emergency situation. As a result On My Own, Inc. is participating with county and city officials in each of our communities to become a partner in their disaster response units. Detailed driving directions and vital information about special needs of the disabled consumers will be stored in a database to hasten response time.

[Quarterly Newsletter](#)

A timely, informative newsletter is published four times a year by On My Own, Inc. The newsletter strives to keep consumers informed and up to date on legislative developments pertaining to persons with disabilities, new OMO programs and services, and information and referral sources to other programs.

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▶ **On My Own, Inc.**



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▶ **Center for Independent Living**

Vision: On My Own, Inc. will be a leader in furthering the cause of independent living through the community. We exist to change society's perception of disability and will confront and eliminate discriminate and paternalism whenever they exist.

Mission: To empower people with disabilities to live as full and productive members of society.

Non-Residential Independent Living Center serving Bates, Cedar, Hickory, St. Clair & Vernon Counties.

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SIL Program Services

Core Services

Core services are made available to a cross-disabled population and their families based on need rather than on the type of disability.

Independent Living Skills Training

We can provide services necessary to pursue an individual's independent living goals. These services may be provided in either a one-to-one or small-group format.

Independent Living Services may include:

- Independent Living Skills Training
- Independent Living Assistance
- Attendant Management Training
- Youth Services

Peer Consultation

Conversation and interaction is promoted between newly disabled individuals and persons with disabilities who have positive attitudes and are successful at dealing with disability issues. Peer consultation covers adjustment to disability issues and may include training on specific independent living techniques.

Support Groups

On My Own, Inc. sponsors support groups that allow consumers to share information and draw on the experiences of others. Anyone interested in joining an existing group or seeking help in having a new group established should call the On My Own, Inc. Advocate in our Nevada office.

Information and Referral

On My Own, Inc. can provide a consumer with a wide variety of information relating to disabilities. Referrals to other appropriate agencies are provided as needed. Assistance is available in locating housing, adap-

tive aids, recreational opportunities, readers, interpreters, transportation and support groups.

Individual & Systems Advocacy

On My Own, Inc. provides systems advocacy in regard to public policy issues. Public policy issues include, but are not limited to the following; equal opportunities for housing, transportation, employment and access to community activities and public services. The ADA and Section 504 provide much of the basis for our work in individual and systems advocacy.

Transition Team

The Transition Team offers a "first time, one time" financial and personal assistance package to consumers desiring to leave a dependent care facility and reestablish themselves in an independent living environment.

Home Modification Program

The Home Modification Program can provide interior modifications that will allow a person with disabilities to remain independent in their own home. An assessment done by On My Own, Inc. will determine what modifications can be completed. This program can provide modifications for bathrooms and kitchens, for widening of doorways, for removal of raised thresholds, etc.



Air Conditioner Loan Program

This program is available to persons with a disability and medical condition that requires air conditioning. A Doctor's statement prescribing the need for air conditioning is required along with a \$50 deposit for the unit. Deposits must be made with a check or money order, which will be refunded when the unit is re-



turned in good, clean working condition. The loan is for the duration of the summer season.

Ramp Program

The Ramp Program is designed to enable a person confined to a wheelchair to enter and exit their home. The ramp must be built to ADA requirements. The Ramp Program requires a doctor's prescription stating that a consumer must use their wheelchair for 100% of their mobility.



Assistive Equipment Loan Program

The Equipment Loan Program can help with: wheel chairs, portable ramps, "potty" chairs, shower seats, canes, crutches and walkers. Equipment is loaned upon completion of a need assessment for a period up to ninety days. A deposit of \$25 to \$50 (depending on the item) is required. The deposit is returned when the equipment is returned in good and clean condition. Call On My Own, Inc. for a complete list of assistive equipment in the loan program.



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On My Own, Inc. serves as an administrator for the TAP for Telephone (Telecommunications Access Program) and TAP for Internet programs in the State of Missouri. TAP for Telephone provides for seven categories of adaptive equipment, for hearing, sight, mobility and multiple disabilities. This equipment is provided free of charge. You must be a Missouri resident; you must have phone service in your home; and you must

