

The **services CILO offers** include:

Independent Living: Independent Living Skills Training, coordination of access to durable medical equipment, food stamps application assistance, Medicaid application assistance, Medicare Part B premium waiver application assistance, health care applications & access, food delivery program, home modification assistance, peer counseling & support groups, employment readiness, ESOL for seniors (Palm Beach County only), financial literacy, travel training, Palm Tran Connection application assistance, alternative transportation assistance through taxis or paratransit tickets, American Sign Language classes, Deaf consumer assistance.

Information & Referral Services: Referrals to community services and resources related to the individual's area of need.

Social Security: SSI/Disability application consultation and assistance, SSI/Disability overpayment or denial assistance including hearing representation for those individuals that do not have an attorney, and general questions.

Victim Assistance Program: Assistance with filing and following up on crime victim's compensation claims; restraining order assistance including scribe assistance for individuals that have a physical impairment, filing orders for those individuals that are immobile or homebound, and filing disability accommodations requests for alternative hearing formats; limited emergency financial assistance; interview, deposition, and court hearing accompaniment; advocacy assistance with requests for accommodations in court, during interviews, and while participating in crime-related services; disability-specific safety planning for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; case coordination services: providing community and youth presentations on the following topics: bullying, identity theft, scams, cyber-crimes, human trafficking, what is court?, domestic violence, crimes against people with disabilities, and intimate partner violence; providing professional presentations & trainings (contact for complete listing); and providing for other general victim service related needs.

ALERT Program (Palm Beach County Only): After-School and Summer Youth Program for teens with disabilities age 12-24 years old. Program focuses on independent living skills, vocational preparation, travel training on public transit, homework assistance, computer classes, cooking classes, conflict management, peer support, healthy relationships, and other transitions to independence and self-sufficiency.

Educational & Transition Advocacy: Advocacy for students with disabilities that need assistance with accessing reasonable accommodations and modifications in school to ensure they are provided an education equivalent to their non-disabled peers, in the least restrictive environment. Once a student is on track for graduation, transition services provide assistance with moving into vocational or higher education goals after school ends, including goal-setting for independent living, self-sufficiency, and societal productivity.

General Advocacy: Advocacy assistance for areas including employment, transportation, communication, service provision, health care, housing, and other areas of Major Life Activity; Fair Housing issues; disability discrimination assistance; grievance filing assistance; providing technical assistance to services providers to better serve individuals with disabilities; and other general disability-related advocacy needs.

**You can refer individuals directly to Brandy Macaluso, MSW
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Brandy will make the necessary inter-office referrals to streamline contact.

