

LEHIGH VALLEY Center FOR Independent Living

Has a new program for students transitioning to the Real World, from school !

Students ages 14-21 will have the opportunity to learn what it takes to live independently in the community.

The students in the program will have:

- 1) An Independent Life Coach to help organize everything
- 2) A plan to follow to help them reach their independence
- 3) A team of people: teachers , family , anyone the students want to be involved , to help guide them with their plan
- 4) A Mentor who has regular contact with the students. Someone who has been through what it takes to be independent and can help encourage the student with their goals.
- 5) Regular learning seminars , including a summer program, the 'Real World Lehigh Valley' to help learn valuable independent life and community skills.

The CIL needs: People with disabilities who have gained independence in the community and are interested in being a mentor to a student with a disability, someone who is willing to take regular time to help coach, guide, and support the student with regular contact , including meetings , phone calls , and email. You will be compensated for your time and efforts.

We are also looking for any input to the creation of the new program. Any thoughts or ideas that can help make it a great success would be awesome!