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# What is RAMP ?

Established in 1980, RAMP is a non-profit, non-residential Center for Independent Living (CIL). RAMP empowers people with disabilities to realize there are no limits to what they can do. We accomplish this by assisting them to live independently, make changes in their own lives, seek peer support, obtain resources and remove barriers that threaten their dreams of independence.

RAMP advocates for and serves people with disabilities out of four offices located in Boone, DeKalb, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties.

## What is RAMP's Mission?

RAMP's mission is "to promote an accessible society that allows and expects full participation by people with disabilities."

## What Makes RAMP Unique?

RAMP has an intimate understanding of the needs and solutions to advance the lives of people with disabilities. We have this understanding because the majority of our staff and board of directors have a disability. RAMP is a group of determined and caring individuals prepared to arm consumers with the tools and expectations necessary for them to guide their life now and in the future.

A person with a disability who learns to navigate through daily activities in concert with their disability is free to pursue all possibilities of life.



"You never know when your life is going to change in a split second and ours did, it changed drastically. Bob went from working his whole life to laying in a hospital bed hanging on to his life. It was the worst time of our lives, hopefully the worst thing we will ever experience. Without the support of our friends, family and RAMP, we would not be where we are today."  
-Jill Mellnick, wife of Bob Mellnick, RAMP Consumer

Did you know  
1 in 5 Americans  
has a disability.



RAMP's iBelong Program takes disability awareness to the classroom and educates students of all ages regarding the acceptance of their peers through exercises and lesson plans.



Empowering people with disabilities to realize there are **no limits** to what they can do...





Rockford Housing Authority participated in this year's Rockford Wheel-A-Thon. The Rockford Wheel-A-Thon is one of four Wheel-A-Thon's that raises awareness about wheelchair use in the community.

### Who is Served by RAMP?

	2008-2009
Consumers Served	993
Information and Referral Responses	25,828
Hours of Community Services (systems advocacy, education, outreach, etc.)	37,387
Ramps built onto consumer's homes	33
Children with Disabilities Served	316
Brain Injury Consumers Served	220
Community Reintegrations	14

### What Services does RAMP Provide?

- Individual and Systemic Advocacy
- Peer Counseling and Support
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Information and Referral
- Recruiting and Managing Personal Assistants
- Assistance and Education Regarding Disability Related Issues, Disability Awareness, Laws, Employment, Health Care, housing and more
- Youth Education, Resources and Assistance
- Locating Accessible Housing
- Loan of Medical Equipment
- TTY Distribution and Training
- Community Reintegration
- Brain Injury Case Management
- ADA Compliance Assessments and Resources
- Other Services Determined by Individual Need
- Selection Center for ITAC Amplified Phones
- Soundscapes showroom featuring products for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing
- Bus Training
- Ramp Building

### How is RAMP Funded?

#### Our FY 2008-2009 Projected Revenue

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Federal and State Grants	1,215,745
United Way (Boone, Genoa/Kings-ton, Kishwaukee, Northwest Illinois, Rock River Valley)	80,899
Illinois State Board Education	29,924
Rockford Mass Transit District	18,000
RAMP Building (Rockford, DeKalb)	6,000
Annual Fund Drive	150,549
Special Events	280,445
Local/Regional Grants	36,547
Other Earned Income/Interest Income	28,157
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,846,266</b>

No limits  
to what you  
can do!