

Who will benefit from this house?

Individuals with:

- ⇒ Multiple Sclerosis
- ⇒ Brain Injury
- ⇒ Muscle Injury or Disease
- ⇒ Nerve Injury or Disease
- ⇒ Blind/Visual Impairment
- ⇒ Deaf/Hearing Impairment
- ⇒ Post-polio Syndrome
- ⇒ Spinal Cord Injury
- ⇒ Cerebral Palsy
- ⇒ Aging population
- ⇒ Arthritic Conditions
- ⇒ Heart Conditions

Professionals:

- ⇒ Builders
- ⇒ Contractors
- ⇒ Insurance claim adjustors
- ⇒ Worker Compensation Insurance carriers
- ⇒ Personal Caregivers
- ⇒ Rehabilitation Counselors
- ⇒ County Case Managers paying for home modifications
- ⇒ Medical providers
- ⇒ Attorneys

Others:

- ⇒ Students with disabilities for hands-on skill training
- ⇒ Non-profits and local social organizations in need of meeting space
- ⇒ Families planning for their future

Estimate of individuals that
will benefit annually:
1,000

Additional Information

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Solutions for people with challenges in mobility, hearing and vision

Choices for Independent Living



Demonstration Accessible House & Office

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In collaboration with:



“Working for persons with disabilities towards empowerment to make informed choices”

Chairs & Cares and Midstate Independent Living Consultants (MILC) are proud to announce Central Wisconsin's only demonstration Model Accessible Home and Office.

The house will never be lived in or sold. Its' sole purpose is to showcase accessible house modifications and related furniture, fixtures, appliances, equipment and technology.

According to the 2000 Census there are 136,900 elderly (65 or older) and/or disabled individuals in Marathon and the nine bordering counties. 33,500 individuals with disabilities and senior citizens live in Marathon County alone. The 2000 Census indicates 1.5 million individuals are over age 65 and/or living with a disability in the state of Wisconsin.

The house provides:

- ⇒ **Innovative ways to showcase adaptive equipment**
- ⇒ **Technical solutions**
- ⇒ **Building modification information**
- ⇒ **Options to reduce safety concern in the home**
- ⇒ **Low cost enhancements to maintain independence**

Features of the house:

- ⇒ **2-story, 4600 sq. ft./3-car garage**
- ⇒ **Accessible bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, living room, technology rooms, meeting room, storm room**
- ⇒ **Storm room with eight-hour rating for fire, also safe for extreme wind**
- ⇒ **Emergency escape platform on second floor**
- ⇒ **Residential elevator and stair lift**
- ⇒ **Resource Library**
- ⇒ **Accessible features on doors, windows, and blinds**
- ⇒ **Two rooms display and demonstrate equipment for visually/hearing impaired**

The Model Accessible Home and Offices promote through example, education and demonstration that physical limitations of varying degrees, whether due to accident, illness, or progression of a disease, need not be an insurmountable disability, particularly in one's own home.

The overall direction of the model home will be maintained by Northcentral Technical College. MILC will dedicate staff who are RESNA- certified and have experience working with Assistive Technology to provide on site demonstration and tours of the home.

The Northcentral Technical College Model Accessible House, Inc. offers hands on demonstration and tours for individuals who seek an understanding of accessible design and technology.

MILC is a public non-profit agency serving persons with disabilities regardless of age, disability or income who reside in Adams, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Taylor, Vilas and Wood counties. Services offered include:

- Information & Referral**
- Advocacy**
- Independent Living Skills Training**
- Peer Support Program**
- Employment Readiness Services**
- Assistive Technology Assessment**
- Architectural Accessibility Consultation**
- Benefits Counseling**
- Recreational training clinics**
- Home Purchase counseling**

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