

# ACTIVE RE-ENTRY

## *Independent Living Programs*

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# 2025

## *year in review*

As we wrap up 2025, it's time to reflect on our achievements and the impact we've made in the community. The Active Re-Entry team has had an incredibly busy and productive year, providing vital services to 1,085 individuals between September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Throughout the year, our commitment to enhancing the lives of those we serve remained at the forefront of our mission. We were thrilled to offer a wide range of classes and activities designed to empower and uplift individuals across the region.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and organizations in our communities, we were able to secure additional funding to help cover the costs associated with providing services to

our consumers. Active Re-Entry was also the recipient of a grant from the Norda Foundation.

Here's a breakdown of the individuals we served by county:

**Carbon County:**  
584 individuals

**Daggett County:**  
1 individual

**Duchesne County:**  
64 individuals

**Emery County:**  
147 individuals

**Grand County:**  
83 individuals

**San Juan County:**  
118 individuals

**Uintah County:**  
88 individuals

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In total, we provided an impressive 23,225 services during the reporting period. This includes educational programs, skill-building workshops, and recreational activities tailored to meet the diverse needs of our community members.

Our success would not have been possible without the dedication of our team and the support of our community partners. We look forward to continuing our work in the coming year, aiming to reach even more individuals and expand our services to better meet the needs of everyone we serve.

Thank you for being a part of our journey this year. Together, we are making a difference!

*"Believe you can  
and you're  
halfway there."*

- Theodore Roosevelt



## Consumer Spotlight

### NENA

Nena has been involved with the Community Integration Program (CIP) since 2022.

In the beginning, Nena told staff that she was only going to attend the fun activities. Well, that only happened a couple of times before she attended an IL Skills class by accident and really enjoyed it. Nena has attended almost every activity and class that we host over the past three years.

Nena also loves to attend Ball Drumming and continues to learn new skills and make new friends.

She has been a big advocate in the community for the services of Active Re-Entry. In her free time Nena attends the Huntington Senior Center, the Route 10 band weekly, crafts, paint by numbers, and plays Bunco with a group of friends in Huntington.

# Thank You

## to our Donors and Volunteers

Active Re-Entry would like to thank the following individuals and businesses that made donations to our programs. We would also like to thank all the volunteers that have given their time to Active Re-Entry this past year.

API Uintah Basin Chapter  
Utah State University  
Notre Dame De Lourdes Catholic Church  
Moonflower Community Cooperative  
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Dan K.  
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### Volunteers

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Pete K.  
Dean M.





# DISABILITY ADVOCACY DAY

Join us for Disability Advocacy Day 2026! You will hear the latest updates on Utah's 2026 Legislative Session and have the opportunity to participate in advocacy training.

## JANUARY 26, 2026 UTAH STATE CAPITOL

**Who should attend?**  
People with disabilities,  
family members, allies and  
disability professionals!

**12:30**  
PM

### Legislative Training with UDDC

Hosted by the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council in the Kletting Room inside the Capitol

**3**  
PM

### March Around the Capitol

Hosted by the Utah Parent Center's Youth Advisory Board

**3:30-5**  
PM

### Voices for Change Rally

Hosted by the Utah Parent Center's Youth Advisory Board  
Register at: [bit.ly/YABMakingHistory](https://bit.ly/YABMakingHistory)



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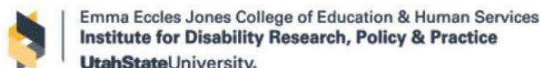
**4:30-6**  
PM

### Annual LCPD Reception

Hosted by the Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities  
Register at: [bit.ly/VoicesforChangeJan26](https://bit.ly/VoicesforChangeJan26)



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# Satellite Office Updates

## Moab

Moonflower Community Cooperative donates 5% of its sales from one designated day each month to a local nonprofit organization. The Active Re-Entry satellite office in Moab was selected as the recipient of Moonflower's 5% Day proceeds on November 11, the money raised will be used to help purchase durable medical equipment for our consumers in Moab. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Moonflower for their generosity and continued support of organizations and the community as a whole.

The Monticello youth group met in October for an activity focused on creativity and connection. Participants painted and decorated wooden door hangers. They also discussed what it means to be a good friend, sharing qualities such as kindness and honesty. The youth were able to reflect on the importance of treating others with respect and being there for people during both good and difficult times.

**Amy Farr 435-355-0683**

## Vernal

The Trees for Charity auction was held on December 1, 2025, and our tree was generously purchased by SM Energy and Coyote Tanks Inc. Proceeds from the auction will be used by Active Re-Entry to directly assist our consumers here in Uintah County. Trees for Charity supports nonprofit organizations and families by helping them raise vital funds that strengthen our local community.

**Jamie Batty 435-789-4020**



## Roosevelt

We were once again fortunate to participate in the Enchanted Forest Christmas Tree Auction, which supports charities throughout the community. We received wonderful donations that will help continue our support of Duchesne County. Independent Living classes are in full swing with the local school district, with many returning faces as well as new students. This has kept the program lively and exciting as we help transitioning youth move from adolescence into the responsibilities and opportunities of adulthood. Additionally, we have welcomed several new consumers, which is a great sign that more people are learning about the services Active Re-Entry provides. We hope to continue growing the number of consumers as we remain an active part of the community.

**Ryan Crozier 435-630-0500**



## Blanding

Roxanne continued to assist multiple consumers to get state funding through our paid AT program to get ramps and hearing aids and helped Active Re-Entry stay visible in that community by doing outreach and engaging with consumers.

**Roxanne Whitehorse 435-820-0900**

**Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to engage and support communities across the region!**



## Activities & Events Carbon & Emery Counties

Please call 435-637-4950 for more details.

Support Groups		
<b>Grief Support Group @ Active Re-Entry</b> For more information contact Terri at 435-637-4950	January 14 February 11 March 11	1:30 PM
<b>Caregivers Support Group @ Active Re-Entry</b> For more information contact Terri at 435-637-4950	January 28 February 25 March 25	1:30 PM
<b>Active Access Support Group @ Active Re-Entry</b> For more information contact Derek at 435-637-4950	January 30	2:30 - 3:30
<b>Low Vision Support Group @ Active Re-Entry</b> For more information contact Tracy at 435-637-4950	January 15 February 19 March 19	1:30 PM



## Healthy Relationship Classes

CLASSES ARE FREE AND  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

AGES 16 - 24

SPACE IS LIMITED

STARTING JANUARY 12, 2025

CLASSES WILL BE HELD JAN 12, 15, 22, 29,  
FEB 2, 5, 9, 12,

4:00 pm, at Active Re-Entry

Contact Chris for  
more information  
and to sign up  
435-637-4950  
chris@arecil.org

These are introductory lesson with advanced lessons  
to be taught at a later date.

# Your Voice Matters:

## Utah State Plan for Independent Living

We want to hear from you!

Everyone deserves equal access and fair treatment in school, at work, at home, and throughout our communities. To help make that a reality, we're inviting people with disabilities to share their experiences by taking part in the Utah State Plan for Independent Living Survey, developed by the Utah Statewide Independent Living Council (USILC).

This survey explores important areas of life such as education, employment, housing, healthcare, transportation, and public spaces. Your input will help us understand where barriers still exist and how we can work together to create lasting change through advocacy, policy improvements, and better accessibility for all. Scan the QR code to access the survey or access the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7F37G6K>



### Confidentiality Statement:

*Your responses are completely confidential and will be used only for research and advocacy purposes. We will not share any personal identifiable information. Together, we can make our communities stronger, fairer and more inclusive!*

## January 23rd is not just another day. It's Ed Roberts Day!

***A day to celebrate him and the Centers for Independent Living!***

As many of you may know, Ed Robert's was a pioneer for the independent living movement. His story and his life were passionately invested in disability rights. Ed contracted Polio at the age of 14 and became paralyzed from the neck down for the remainder of his life. Through his hard work, perseverance, and advocacy he opened up the very first Center for Independent Living in 1972. There are now 403 CILs covering all of the USA!

Happy Ed Roberts Day, everyone! The independent living movement pushes forward!  
"The power to change things lies within us. We must raise our voices and demand equality."  
- Ed Roberts

# Glaucoma Awareness Month

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month, which highlights the importance of vision health issues, especially glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness. Early detection is key, as glaucoma often affects millions without symptoms until vision loss occurs. More than 4 million people in the United States have glaucoma and about 35% have related vision loss. Both total glaucoma and vision-affecting glaucoma vary by demographic factors. Glaucoma is called “the sneak thief of sight” since there are no symptoms, and once vision is lost, it’s permanent. As much as 40% of a person’s vision can be lost without them noticing.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness. Moreover, among African American and Latino populations, glaucoma is more prevalent. Glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians.

Over 80 million people worldwide have glaucoma. Experts estimate that half of them don’t know they have it. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.5 million people worldwide are blind due



to glaucoma.

## Key Focus Areas for Glaucoma Awareness in January:

1. Early Detection: Half of glaucoma sufferers don’t know they have it; regular comprehensive eye exams are crucial.

2. Risk Factors: Being over 60, African American (over 40), Hispanic/Latino (over 60), having diabetes, high blood pressure, or family history.

3. Symptoms (often absent early on): Blurred vision, halos around lights, eye pain, redness, headaches.

4. Prevention & Management: Eye drops, potential surgery, healthy lifestyle, protective eyewear, managing diabetes/BP.

## Why It Matters:

Glaucoma damages the optic nerve, often

silently, leading to irreversible vision loss.

Awareness helps people recognize risks, receive timely treatment (such as prescription eye drops or surgery) to prevent further vision loss, and understand the importance of accessibility, linking eye health to broader disability inclusion.

If you or someone you know is dealing with Glaucoma or any other vision loss, Active Re-Entry is partnered with the Utah Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DSBVI). They hold clinics at each of our area office locations and can help individuals get the devices that will help the individual be more independent. If you have questions about the services provided and how Active Re-Entry can help contact any of our office locations.



## In Memory of Al Hughes

This past October Active Re-Entry lost a dear friend and PERKIE driver Al Hughes. Al was our dedicated Thursday driver for three years. Every week Al would come into the office with his lunch bag and a book. Al was an avid reader and would spend the time waiting for riders to finish treatments with a good book. Before coming to Active Re-Entry, Al spent a career teaching music and band at Helper Junior High School in Utah, Wind River High School in Wyoming and Pawnee School in Colorado. Al was active in many local community organizations, loved the outdoors, fly fishing, riding motorcycles, camping, and spending time in his beloved apple orchard.



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