

THE IC OFFERS ASSISTANCE WITH:

- *Assistive technology*
- *Benefits*
- *Community transition*
- *Employment readiness*
- *Independent Living skills classes*
- *One-on-one or group peer support*
- *Deaf and Hard of Hearing - advocacy, education, and communication access*
- *Outreach - Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park and Teller Counties*
- *Individual & systems advocacy - transportation, housing, accessibility, disability awareness, health care, and emergency communications*
- *Information and referral - about resources and services in the community as well as licensed and non-licensed home health services*
- *Older Individuals with Blindness (OIB) and low vision - advocacy and support*

The Independence Center is the local home of civil rights for people with disabilities. We support and promote these civil rights throughout our service area which includes El Paso, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park, and Teller counties. Our staff, programs and even our building demonstrate that people with disabilities can live, learn, work, play, and participate in civic life as equals.

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People with disabilities
building community
THE INDEPENDENCE CENTER

VETERAN IN CHARGE

A Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services Program



ARE YOU A VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY WHO WANTS TO LIVE MORE INDEPENDENTLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE

The Independence Center Veteran In Charge (VIC) program allows eligible veterans of any age the opportunity to receive home and community based services to continue living in their home for as long as possible. Currently Serving: Cheyenne, Elbert, El Paso, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park, and Teller Co.

“Veteran directed” means you have more control over:

WHAT
services, supports and goods you need.

WHO
provides those services and supports.

WHEN, WHERE & HOW
the services and supports are provided.

HOW MUCH
you pay for them.

With the Veteran In Charge program, you have the freedom to build a self-directed plan for greater independence and the authority to control how to pay for your long-term supports and services. With knowledgeable support from a Veteran Coach, you have a flexible monthly budget to purchase goods and services such as:

- In-home personal care
- Assistive devices
- Homemaker services
- Environmental support
- Caregiver support
- Meal delivery
- Home modifications
- Transportation
- Adult day care
- Emergency response system

The Veteran In Charge program is a partnership between the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and The Independence Center (The IC). The IC Veteran Coach works with eligible veterans to plan and manage VA-funded supports and services.



Next Step:

Apply for VA healthcare (if not already in the system.)

Contact your VA social worker for a referral and eligibility determination.

If you do not have a social worker, please call Brigitte Lee, LCSW 303-399-8020, ext. 4557.

