

UT Law Special Needs Trust: Changing Expectations for People Disabilities

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The Independent Living Movement

- 1960s protests for civil liberties
- Deinstitutionalization of people with disabilities
- Adjust the environment, not the person



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The Independent Living Model

- People with disabilities want agency; they are experts in their own lives.
- They deserve equal opportunity to decide how to live, work, and take part in their communities.



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The Independent Living Model Applied

- The SNT practitioner can do more than just maintain eligibility for public benefits.
- People with disabilities want to build financial stability and independence in their own lives.



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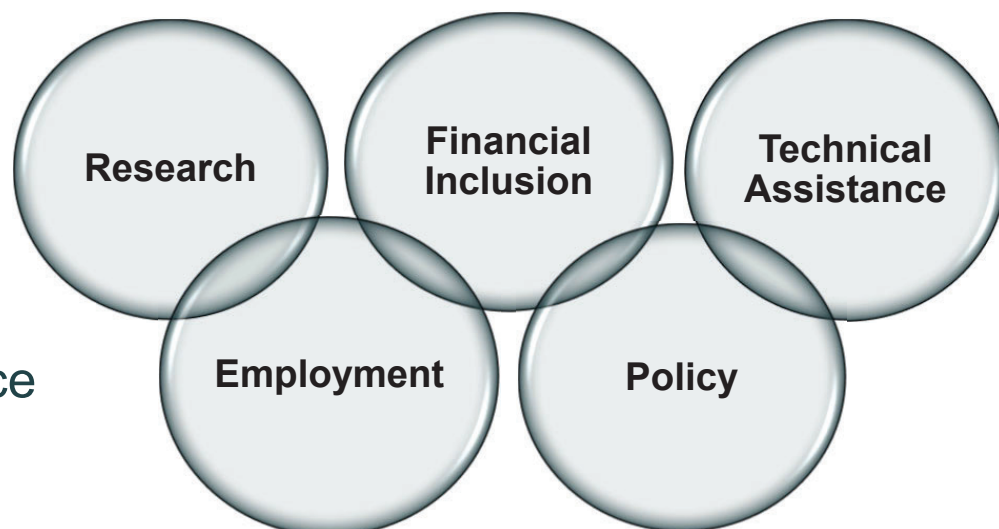
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Mission: Collaborate and innovate with diverse partners in the disability community and public and private sectors to improve informed financial decision-making and financial health for people with disabilities nationwide.

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