

April 16, 2018

To whom it may concern;

Re: Role of Independent Living Services of Simcoe County & Area

Yolanda Gallo has asked that I explain the difference between Independent Living Services for adults with physical disabilities, and the role of Independent Living Centres in Ontario.

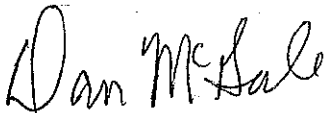
Independent Living Services of Simcoe County and Area is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Health, via the NSM LHIN, to offer services to adults with significant physical disabilities to support their ability to live independently in the community. These services include physical assistance with morning and bedtime routines that they cannot physically do for themselves. It also covers personal care – assistance with bathing, dressing, bowel and bladder routines, and physical support to get laundry and grocery shopping done. Although some supports are available in the community for physical assistance to participate in the community, the majority of the services offered to clients through our Attendant Care services are supports to allow them to live in their own home rather than being placed in a communal living situation, or an institution.

The programs offered through ILS are not funded to support adults with physical disabilities to become active in their communities.

The focus of Independent Living Centres is to support clients with a variety of disabilities to participate more actively in the community through the development of life skills, social networks, peer supports, and recreational activities.

I hope this explanation covers the concerns that Yolanda has identified as needed addressed.

Sincerely,



Dan McGale, Executive director

Independent Living Services of Simcoe County & Area.