

Impact Report

Fiscal Year 2024



Who We Are

Community Vision believes that people with disabilities should have a choice in where they live and what their lives look like. We specialize in fostering independence. Our work includes direct services as well as education and advocacy. We want to show what is possible for people with disabilities. This is why we do what we do.

Here is a story about someone we support who wants to be part of his community.

Tyler Values Helping People

Tyler McClure receives support from our Supported Living Program. Over the summer Tyler, who is 22, moved out of his parent's home and into an apartment that he shares with a roommate. Like most people his age, he wanted more independence.



Tyler visiting the CV office and volunteering

Tyler likes to get out and be involved with his community, including volunteering three to four days a week. "I can't just sit around all day," he says. Tyler has regular volunteer shifts at William Temple House and Our Streets, packing up food for people in need. A Supported Living team member gives Tyler a ride for his volunteer shift and supports him while he's volunteering. "He's passionate about helping people," says Andrew Burns, Tyler's Supported Living coordinator.

Tyler receives in-person support on weekdays. This ranges from just a quick check-in to make sure he is taking his medication to spending 4 or 5 hours with him. He also gets phone call reminders on evenings and weekend. Tyler says of his team, "They're someone to lean on when there's something I'm unsure of. They also can offer resources."

"We are seeing more young people who want to move out from their family homes and want an alternative to group homes," says Kim Elliott, CV's Director of Programs and Services.

"Supported Living gives them the support they need to live the life they choose. We love getting to know Tyler and what his unique interests are for creating this next chapter of his life."

Tyler recently completed job exploration with our Employment Connections Program. He is interested in jobs that are oriented toward benefiting society.



Visit [CVision.org/Latest-Stories](https://www.cvision.org/Latest-Stories) for more of Tyler's story plus updates and news about our programs, events, and more!

Direct Support

Direct support for people with disabilities is the core of our work. We offer four programs that provide assistance directly to people with disabilities.

We work one-on-one with people so they can move toward their individual goals. This transformational work takes time, experimentation, and creativity. The result is that the people we serve live richer and more self-determined lives.

Supported Living

We provide Supported Living services to people with developmental disabilities who wish to live in their own home. We support each person in a way that fits their life. We recognize that each person has unique needs, goals, and dreams.



717 – Individual community connections

237 – Skills developed

179,515 – Hours of support provided

Employment Connections

Our Employment Connections Program assists people with developmental disabilities who want to work. We support people with their job search and application process. We then provide job coaching onsite to ensure long-term success.



11 – New jobs created

23 – Individuals receiving job coaching

17 – Individuals in their job 1 year or more

Housing Access

Everyone should have access to an affordable, accessible home. We work with people with disabilities and their families to overcome barriers to housing. Our customized assistance connects people looking to rent their own home with places that meet their needs.



33 – Individuals took steps toward housing

38 – Renters matched to housing

612 – People educated in inclusive housing

Assistive Technology Lab

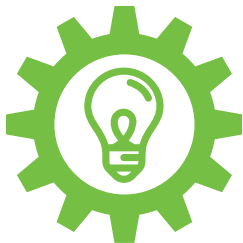
Assistive technology (AT) helps people with disabilities participate in life. Our AT Lab is a catalyst for change and inclusion in the Pacific Northwest for people with disabilities, their families, healthcare professionals, educators, students, government agencies, businesses, and the public.



Kyle at the AAC social group hosted by the AT Lab

The AT Lab is a community resource center. During fiscal year 2024, we resumed our Open Lab hours. This is when we open the Lab to the public on Thursday afternoons. People can come and see AT, including smart home technology in our demonstration room. We offer a free Loan Closet, where people can borrow AT to try out at home, and a call/email helpline. We have many free educational resources. We host events, such as a social group for people who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices.

The AT Lab team also offers consultations, presentations, and trainings on a wide range of AT topics. This year team members continued to work with several different educational entities, developing AT strategies and sharing tools to make schools more inclusive for students with disabilities.



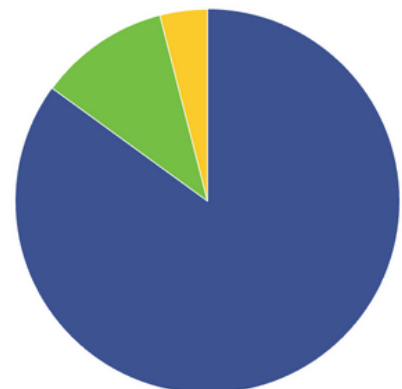
- 139** – Items loaned through our loan closet
- 1,197** – People receiving education
- 97** – People receiving consultations

A Look into Our Finances

The majority of our income, 85%, comes from government funding. This funds both our primary program of Supported Living and our Employment Connections Program. These two programs meet two significant needs of our community, but there are still major gaps.

Our Housing Access Program and our Assistive Technology Lab address critical needs that government services do not cover. We are the only organization that offers these two unique and in-demand programs to our community. This is where all of our fundraising dollars go—to ensure that people with disabilities can find affordable places to call home and can get the technology they need to participate in life.

Expenditures FY 2024



- 85%** Program services
- 11%** Management and general
- 4%** Fundraising

Housing Advocacy

Our current advocacy work focuses on creating more affordable, accessible housing. We first identified the problem to be solved. We released a report called “Access Denied: An Overview of the Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities.” In it, we discuss three key housing barriers: lack of affordable housing, lack of accessible housing, and discrimination against people with disabilities in housing.



Community Vision staff discuss the housing crisis' impact on people with disabilities

Addressing these barriers requires effort from multiple angles. We got creative and worked to develop new affordable housing solutions such as Accessory Dwelling Units and tiny homes in the Portland Metro Area. As a result, tenants with disabilities are living in neighborhoods, and our community has new models to try. We also partnered with developers to build universally designed housing that includes accessibility features from the outset. These projects show the potential of partnership and will be providing new living options in the coming years. Finally, we built foundational relationships with decision makers to open up conversations around policy changes in 2025 and beyond.

By creating replicable models and digging into policy improvements, we are putting in place the building blocks of systems change. In the year ahead, we will be furthering these achievements by advancing local and statewide legislative and policy proposals.

A Message from Jen

We are grateful for your support in making our work possible! Over the past year, we invested in education and advocacy efforts to complement our already thriving services. We believe this is how we can make an impact on the bigger world. Our longstanding expertise, coupled with deepening partnerships, can offer a way forward for people with disabilities and their families.



As we look to the future, we are committed to driving change for our community. In the rush to build housing and advance technology, we need to make sure people with disabilities are prioritized. We will continue bringing people together to fight for change.

There will be many opportunities for you to engage alongside us as we continue to build a world where people with disabilities are included, accepted, and able to live a life they choose. We hope you will join us!

With eager anticipation,
Jennifer Knapp
Executive Director

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