



MCFI
MILWAUKEE CENTER
FOR INDEPENDENCE

OUR STORY

Creating healthy and hopeful communities

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1938 as Jewish Vocational Service, our initial focus was to assist immigrant families fleeing oppression in Europe to settle in Milwaukee and find jobs. From these roots, the agency pioneered many innovative approaches for people of all ages, abilities and other challenges to achieve independence.

WHAT WE DO

Today, MCFI provides person-centered care across 30-plus programs for children and adults living with a disability, complex medical condition, serious mental illness, barrier to employment or other challenges. We are working to advance health equity – where everyone has the opportunity to succeed without limits.

WHO WE SERVE

MCFI is an affiliate of CFI and together they serve more than 25,000 children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities; mental health and substance use disorders; employment barriers; and other challenges.

ARIAL'S STORY

Ariel came to our medical day care in 2015 dependent on a ventilator and feeding and breathing tubes. There, she received the therapies needed to go for long periods of time without that life-saving equipment. Today, she attends our Well Street Academy, where her medical and educational needs are met. A curious and active child who likes to explore and play, Ariel makes progress daily, said her grandmother, Alma Romo. "They have helped her learn how to talk, and we're working on teaching her how to walk."



Our mission:
partnering with
people of all abilities
TO ADVANCE THEIR
total health.



Speaking for the entire team, I can say unequivocally that we found your organization to be exceptional in terms of service quality and its commitment to realizing its mission.

GEORGE MOLANO
CARF SURVEYOR

Our core programs are accredited by CARF (the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), which demonstrates our commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.



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