



Supported Life Institute

People with Disabilities - Working, Living, and Serving



At CTEC children and adults gain a means to communicate through special technology that gives them a voice. Not being able to speak does not mean you have nothing to say!

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For nearly 25 years, the innovative programs and services provided by the Supported Life Institute (SLI) have built self-confidence, encouraged independence and changed the lives of vibrant men and women with disabilities living in the community. SLI was founded in response to people with disabilities, their families and service providers who expressed a need for quality services and relevant training about inclusion, self-determination and full participation through personal growth and command of one's own life.

"The individuals we serve are an asset to the community as they've discovered ways of giving back to the community by being good neighbors, employees and volunteers," says Randy Kitch, SLI's Vice President of the Board.

The annual Supported Life Conference brings together up to 1,500 professionals, people with disabilities and family members to share information and learning. The People First of California Statewide Convention supports self-advocates to teach and mentor peers about independence, empowerment and involvement in the community. The Self-Advocacy Coordination Project promotes independence, citizenship and involvement in the community by helping

local self-advocates coordinate their community group efforts, participate in governance of organizations and communicate their personal stories to transform their own lives.

And the Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC), SLI's newest project, supports

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) for people who cannot speak

or have difficulty being understood. AAC makes communication possible for people who have never had a way to verbally express themselves.

Dave Perez, SLI Board member and Ray Morgan Co employee, says: "For RMC it's about improving communication for business people and for SLI it's about improving communication for people with disabilities. And sometimes they're the same people. The Ray Morgan Company supports its employees in every community it does business. Being on the board of the SLI is a natural extension of that community involvement."

With the donation support of private individuals, businesses and corporations, SLI will continue to work for new opportunities for people with disabilities to experience the joy of self-worth through personal achievement.

