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# Independent Living Team Board Report

MCIL Independent Living Team has put our database training on hold, but are committed to completing the database upgrade and staff proficiency by the end of this reporting period. Next month the team will begin a *MATApus* survey and publish the MCIL *Declaration!* as an online newsletter. We have also begun to organize Memphis ADAPT and work on local, state and national advocacy issues.

## Community Services for February 2016

The IL Team has cooperated with the University of Memphis students to tour and explain Independent Living to 11 undergraduate students. We have used the MCIL video of Deborah Cunningham and Sandi Klink to explain the general functions of the Center and we have provided the students with our document of what MCIL does and does not do for detail.

Christina Clift organized a two-day training on resume writing that also covered interview and disability content for getting a job. The event was attended by a seven people for the first session and eight for the second.

The Memphis Bus Riders Union held its fourth anniversary celebration here at MCIL. The grassroots group MCIL has helped to incubate is growing and stable. MBRU works for improved public transportation alongside MCIL consumers and staff.

IL Team staff participated in a webinar on TennCare CHOICES Redetermination. MCIL is preparing for many consumers to be dropped from TennCare eligibility.



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IL Team members have attended the MATA services changes public meeting and made comments on the impact to our community. [Read more about the access at the MATA "Open House" style meeting.](#)



MCIL has been following access issues in Overton Park:

<http://mciljournal.blogspot.com/2016/02/overton-park-planning-for-accessibility.html>

The IL Team is working on promoting the Rights of Renters in collaboration with Memphis Area Legal Services and the Memphis Fair Housing Center.

MATA Specialized Transportation Advisory Committee is considering the MCIL suggestions of an accessible application and to have a widely distributed and accessible Riders' Guide. MCIL has offered to help with the creation and production of these necessary items.

The IL Team also completed the Grief Training last month in four sessions put on by Dr. Carter. This training was not only for our own ability to deal with grief, but also will help us assist consumers who may have grief issues.

## Individual Services for February 2016

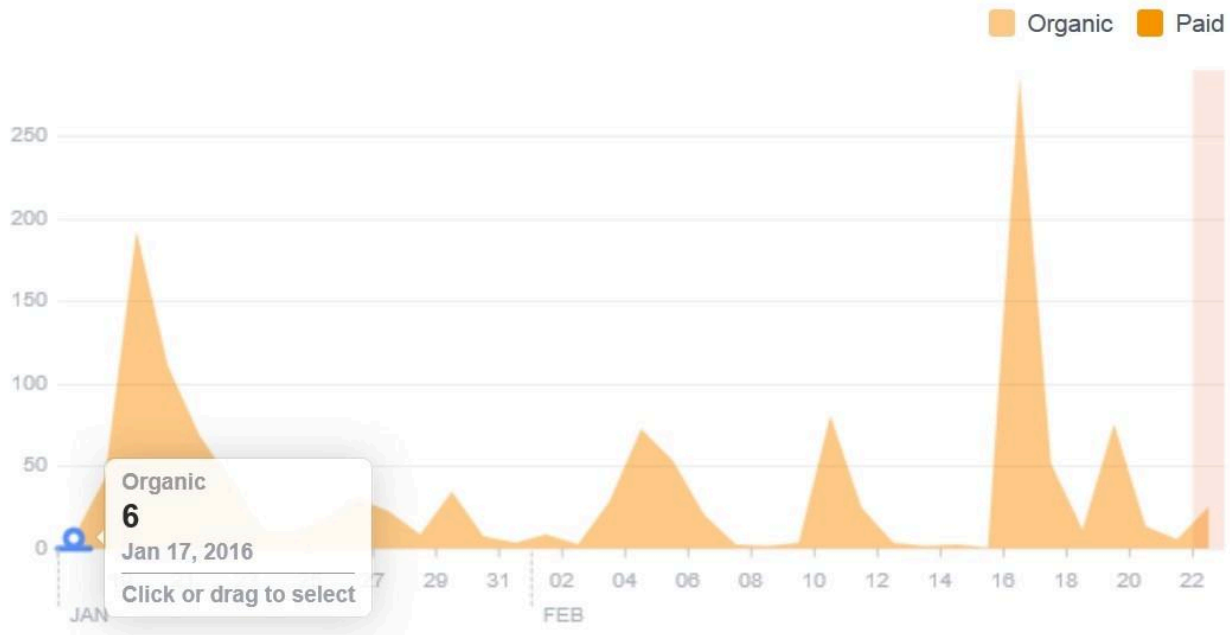
The database update will make monthly report numbers available and meaningful, but now the IL Team is working with about 10 new consumers.



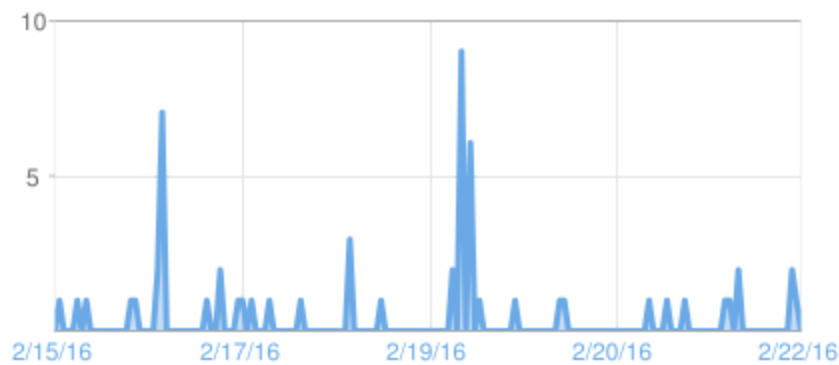
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Please Read staff articles on:

***MATA Open House Style is not welcoming to all***

<http://mciljournal.blogspot.com/2016/02/mata-open-house-style-is-not-welcoming.html>

Public meeting on service changes fails to include people with disabilities

*By Christina Clift*

***End the Wait Now***

<http://mciljournal.blogspot.com/2016/02/end-wait-now.html>

Disability Day on the Hill in Nashville

*By Allison Donald*

***What is a "Significant" Disability?***

<http://mciljournal.blogspot.com/2016/01/what-is-significant-disability.html>

MCIL's response to the Administration for Community Living concerning "significant" disability.

*By Christina Clift*