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**SMART DEVICES ASSIST ILLINOIS SENIORS & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
LIVE MORE INDEPENDENTLY & AGE BETTER IN PLACE**

SILC Announces New Resources for Consumers & Home Improvement Contractors

SILC and its collaborators, with funding from the Illinois Science & Energy Innovation Foundation, has developed three new resources to help seniors and people with disabilities live more independently in their homes:

- **The *Smart Self Reliance Resource (SSRR) Clearinghouse*** – An online information clearinghouse containing: guidance on assessing a consumer’s smart device needs; a database of devices in 14-product categories; current news on related topics; links to other helpful organizations, and soon; a directory of trained device installers across Illinois. Visit the SSRR Clearinghouse at: www.smartselfreliance.org
- **The *Consumer Guide to Aging in Place*** – An easy to read guide describing how smart devices can enhance any consumer’s safety, security, comfort and convenience, while reducing utility costs. The guide also lists devices currently on the market in 14-product categories and provides tips on their selection, purchase and installation. Download the guide at: <https://bit.ly/30v21sb>
- **Senior Specialist Training for Smart Device Installers** – The objective of the training is to sensitize home improvement contractors and equipment installers to the specific needs and preferences of older adults aging in place. The training is delivered through a series of online webinars along with a rigorous exam. Contractors and installers that successfully complete the training and exam will receive a certificate and their company profiles and contact information will be placed on the SSRR clearinghouse. For more information visit: <http://smartselfreliance.org/installer-training--directory.html>

About SILC & Its Collaborators:

SILC – A nonprofit organization conducting smart technology research, education and outreach initiatives that enhance the ability of seniors and people with disabilities to live more independently in their homes. To learn more, visit: www.silcresearch.org

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