

BE THE SPARK

Supporting People with developmental disabilities through Advocacy, Resources, and Kindness

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From the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities

"Each March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities ([NACDD](https://www.nacdd.org)), and our partners work together to create a social media campaign that highlights the many ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities. The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live."

For more information please go to <https://www.nacdd.org/ddam1/>

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Letter from the director

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM), a month-long celebration of people with and without developmental disabilities coming together to form inclusive communities where everyone is appreciated for their unique abilities.

On February 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613 making March National Disabilities Awareness Month. The proclamation called for people to "provide understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help persons with disabilities to lead productive and fulfilling lives."

This March, we want to celebrate the ways that people with developmental disabilities contribute to and are part of the fabric of their communities.

We'd like to invite you to join us on Tuesday, March 14th at 7 p.m. at the Warrensburg City Hall for a proclamation from Mayor Scott Holmberg for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

We'd also like to encourage you to share stories, photos, videos on social media throughout the month of March and if you're willing, you can tag JCBS!

In closing, please remember our mission statement as you're celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month: Support People with Developmental Disabilities through Advocacy, Resources, and Kindness (SPARK)!

HOW YOU CAN RECOGNIZE #DDAM2022

Take some time to learn more about the agencies who are providing support to those with developmental disabilities. Two of our local agencies, Abilities LLC and RISE Community Services often have events and activities that are open to the public. Attend those events, meet the people they serve, and educate yourself on what they do.

Do you run a local program? Do you volunteer in the community? Are you seeing people with developmental disabilities participating in those opportunities? If not, create that change. Reach out to those who serve people with developmental disabilities and create that partnership.

SPARK conversations! Just because a person does not communicate verbally, does not mean they do not communicate. Say hello to the stranger you see at the store and ask how their day is going. You never know, you may have met a life long friend.

Attend our Bright Sox Softball League games. We would love to see our community cheering our players on and even helping on the field!

Remember, building awareness does not end on March 31st. You can be inclusive 365 days a year!

#DDAwareness2022 #DDAM #WorldsImagined

Service Spotlight



The purpose of individualized skills development is to assist individuals increase their independence by learning specific tasks. For example, individualized skills development can assist an individual with learning how to research recipes they would like to try, learning how to shop for the ingredients, and then preparing the actual meal. Many people take knowing how to prepare food for granted; however, this is a very important skill, especially when you are living on your own. By linking our individuals to this service, the hope is that we can decrease supports in future.



Interested in learning more about this service? Contact your targeted case manager!

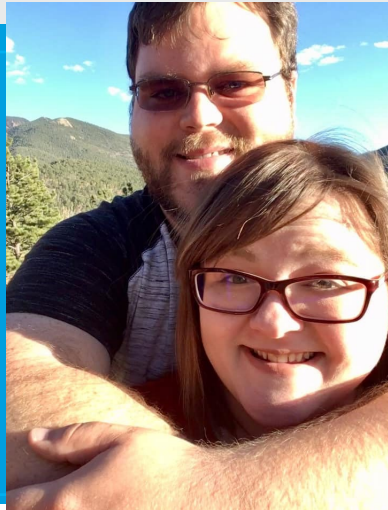
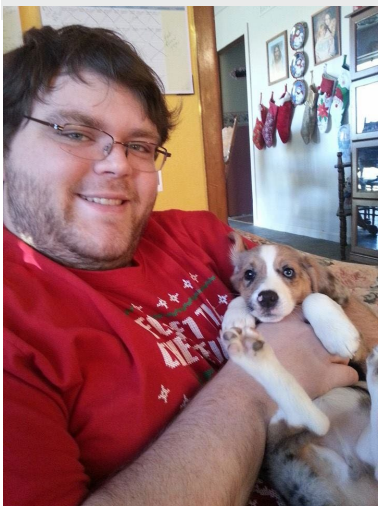
*All services through DMH are subject to eligibility and approval.



Get to Know David LeMarr our new Targeted Case Manager!

David grew up in Harrisonville, MO. He attended the University of Central Missouri and obtained his Bachelor's in Social Work. David has had a lot of experience in the developmental disability field. Previously, he was a TCM in Cass County and has worked in the direct care field. David has had a lot of experience throughout his life when it comes to working with people who have developmental disabilities. He also has a younger sister who is diagnosed with Down Syndrome; she is the reason he chose this field.

David is happily married to his wife, Amber, and together, they have an 8-month-old daughter, named Mandi. In his free time, David enjoys gaming, relaxing with his family, watching YouTube, fishing, and hiking. We are so excited to have you on our team!



SAVE THE DATE



Last year, we provided nearly \$7,000 in financial assistance. Help us become champions for individuals/families struggling to fill in the gaps between insurance and out-of-pocket costs.

Our goal this year is to raise over \$10,000. All proceeds stay in Johnson County to help the developmental disability community!

9th Annual JCBS Foundation Breakfast Blast

Brunch & BUBBLY

Twin Oaks Event Center
126 SW 400 Road, Warrensburg
March 26th, 9:00 AM to Noon!

\$25 PER TICKET
RESERVE A TABLE OF 8 FOR \$180

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets online!



DELICIOUS BREAKFAST, CASH BAR, AND RAFFLE ITEMS WORTH \$200 PLUS!

Raffle Tickets: \$10 each

RESOURCES

JCBS Resource Directory

Check out our resource directory!

<https://www.jcbs.com/resource-directory/>

Contact US

<https://www.jcbs.com/our-team/>

Missouri Family to Family Good Life Classes

Missouri Family to Family offers many different Good Life Classes, ranging from educational classes, to support groups, and to groups who are just wanting to relax and meet new people. Follow the link below to see the upcoming Good Life classes! These classes are all free and we encourage our individuals and families to attend!

<https://mofamilytofamily.org/events/>

Department of Mental Health – Office of Autism

The Office of Autism Services (OAS) was established in 2008 (633.225 RSMo) to provide leadership in program development for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. OAS is committed to supporting the independence and self-sufficiency of individuals with autism by leading collaborative efforts to improve system supports for individuals with autism and their families.

<https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/autism>

Public Notice

Under normal circumstances all Quarterly Board Meetings are held at the Johnson County Board of Services office at 200 N Devasher, Warrensburg, MO 64093 on the third Tuesday of that month. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, in person meetings have been suspended and are only being held remotely through Zoom.

For questions, please contact ehargrave@jcbs.com.

2022

February 22nd, 2022

May 17th, 2022

August 16th, 2022

November 15th, 2022

Need help with Medicaid?

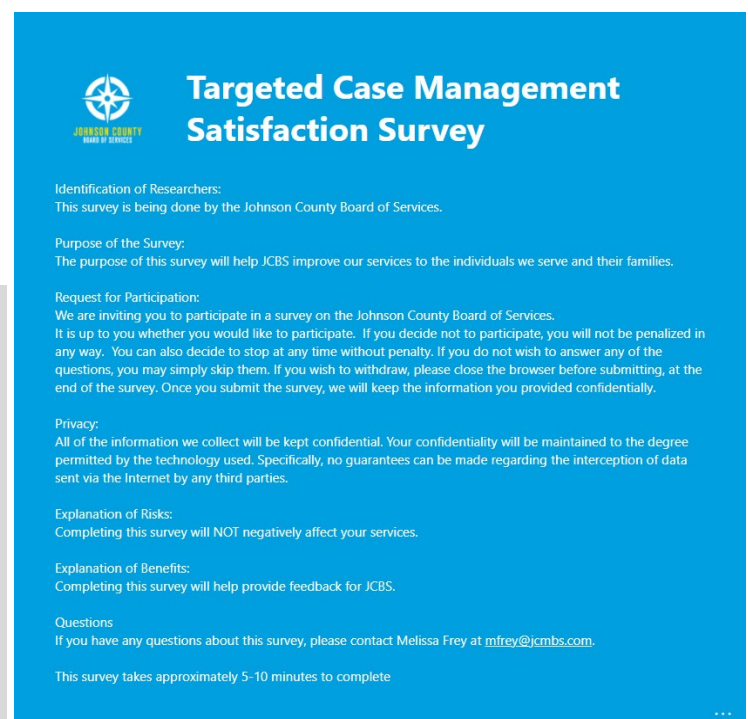
Contact Liz Hargrave

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A graphic for National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2022. It features a large yellow heart outline at the top left. Below it, a woman with glasses and a man are smiling and shaking hands. The text 'Happy National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month' is written in a mix of serif and script fonts. '2022' is at the bottom right, along with the Johnson County Board of Services logo.



A graphic for the Targeted Case Management Satisfaction Survey. It features the Johnson County Board of Services logo at the top left. The title 'Targeted Case Management Satisfaction Survey' is in large, bold letters. Below the title, there are sections for 'Identification of Researchers', 'Purpose of the Survey', 'Request for Participation', 'Privacy', 'Explanation of Risks', 'Explanation of Benefits', and 'Questions'. The text is white on a blue background.

Don't forget to tell us how we are doing! Complete our now online TCM Satisfaction Survey!

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