

BE THE SPARK

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

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Happy Autism Awareness/Acceptance Month #CelebrateDifferences

First held in the year 1972 by the Autism Society, Autism Acceptance Month emphasizes the need for public awareness, to promote acceptance, celebrate the differences, and be more inclusive towards autistic individuals around us.

Did you know in 2018, a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report estimated about 1 in 59 children have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)? The Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network (ADDM) collects and reviews the health and educational records of 8 year old children from 11 participating states. Missouri participates in the ADDM. This prevalence rate was based on 2014 data.

LEARN MORE

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#AutismAwareness
#AutismAcceptance Month

DID YOU KNOW?

Are you curious about the SB40 funding process? Find out more on Page 3

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

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Letter from the director

I am very excited to share our hot-off-the-press Annual Report! It's full of information about our programs and finances, graphs of our 2021 expenditures by class and revenue, and even an additional graph breaking out our expenses directly paid by tax levy money.

In 1978, Johnson County voters approved a levy "to establish, improve and/or maintain a sheltered workshop, and/or residence facility, and/or related services for the developmentally disabled or handicapped," and with that Johnson County Commissioners appointed the first JCBS board members.

In 2019, our board developed a funding application process to distribute tax levy monies. We developed this process to align our budget, to allocate all of the funds received the prior year, and to allow for full transparency of where your tax dollars are going.

In 2021, we used 43%, approximately \$370,000 of the tax monies to subsidize RISE Community Services transportation operations. This included four vehicles and one bus, fuel, maintenance, salaries, etc. We used 28%, approximately \$245,000 on building maintenance and repair. We replaced the roof at RISE Vocational Center. We used 15% or \$125,000 went to subsidize production at the RISE Vocational Center.

In 2022, we've budgeted similarly with the majority of the funds allocated to support RISE Community Services transportation, building maintenance, including updating security at the RISE Vocational center, but we've also allocated to purchase a piece of inclusive equipment for the Knob Noster Park Board.

In conclusion, Johnson County should be proud of how our tax dollars are spent to support individuals with developmental disabilities in Johnson County.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN RECOGNIZE AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH!

- Advocate to create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential by increasing understanding and acceptance.
- Share your story! Sharing your story can help foster understanding and acceptance. It can also help others navigate their own life journey.
- Wear red to show your support for Autism Acceptance. Don't forget to take a selfie and add a hashtag to let everyone know you are celebrating this month.

Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world come together on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, to **Light It Up Blue** in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them. Some may choose to **Light It Up Red** in honor of Autism Acceptance. Whatever you choose join in by lighting up your home or business!

Don't forget that Autism Acceptance doesn't end April 30th. You can advocate and celebrate all year long!

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#AutismAcceptance



Service Spotlight

Vehicle modifications assist in making transportation for those with disabilities easier and more comfortable. A Medicaid waiver can potentially cover up to \$7,500 per year (calendar year starts July 1st and ends June 30th).

All modifications made to the vehicle must directly benefit the individual. Improvements or adaptations that are considered for the general utility of the vehicle are **NOT** covered.

All adaptations must be recommended by an occupational or physical therapist. The cost of the OT/PT evaluation can be covered by a DMH waiver.

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



DID YOU KNOW? SB 40 FUNDING AND PROPERTY TAXES

In 1969, the 75th Missouri General Assembly approved legislation to support individuals with developmental disabilities. The Senate Bill 40 authorized any county in Missouri to levy up to \$0.20 per \$100 in valuation property tax to support the legislation.

In 1978, the Johnson County Commission appointed the first directors to the Johnson County Board of Directors to “establish, improve, and/or maintain a sheltered workshop, and/or residence facility, and/or related services for developmentally disabled or handicapped persons.”

Traditionally we see ourselves as the “funder of last resort”, covering the costs of services, facilities, and equipment that are not paid by other sources such as Medicaid, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Senior Services, or the First Steps program. By statute, we can only provide tax funds for services to citizens of Johnson County who are deemed eligible under the definition of developmental disability and in accordance with our own local policies. Funding Policies and Procedures are attached in the funding packet.

Annually on the 1st of September, we accept applications for funding for the upcoming calendar year. All applications must be submitted by October 1st. Interested providers should visit our website in August for application instructions and our policies and procedures that cover funding. Funds can only be awarded to qualified organizations that are nationally accredited and/or certified by the state of Missouri in serving people with developmental disabilities.

Tax Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Assessed Value}}{100} \times \text{Tax Rate (levy)} = \text{Tax}$$

Info from www.jcmtax.com:

Setting Tax Rates

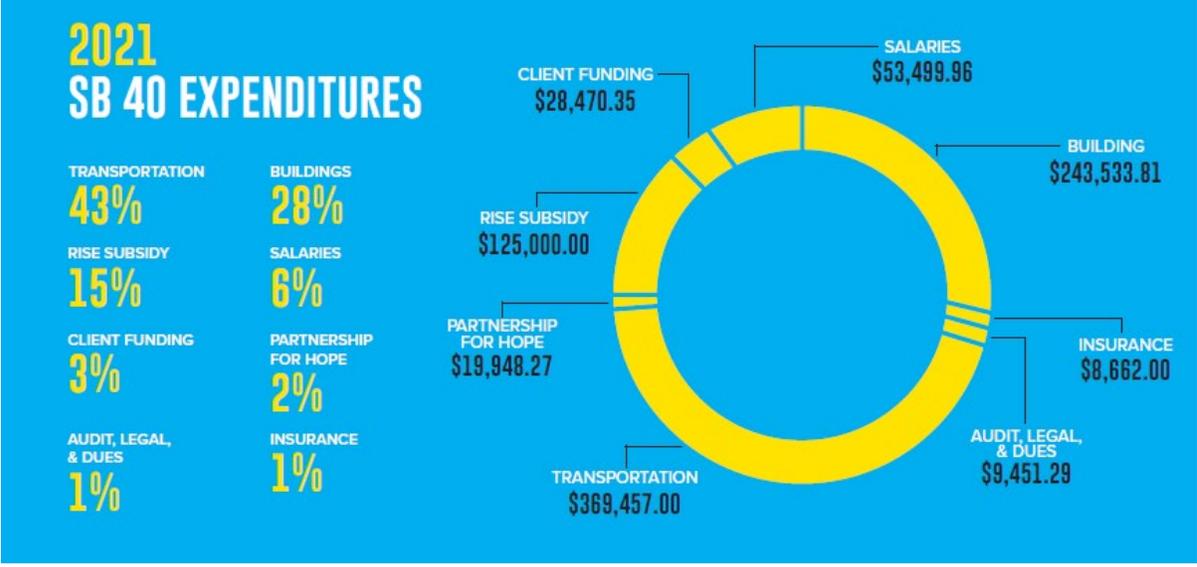
Tax rates (levies) are set each year by local taxing jurisdictions within the limits set by the Missouri Constitution and laws. Rates are based on revenues that had been permitted for the prior year with an allowance for growth based on the rate of inflation. Projected revenue needs for the current taxable year are divided by assessed valuation of the taxing jurisdiction with values from new construction and improvements, and any increments in personal property valuation, held aside. The resulting tax rate becomes the permitted rate for the year if it falls within the ceiling permitted that local government.

Levying Taxes

Taxes are levied against property based on the rates as permitted by voters, collected by the Collector and then distributed back to the taxing entities. In other words, the Johnson County Collector bill and collects property taxes on behalf of the taxing entities within the County.

Total Tax Rate

The levy is sometimes referred to as mill levy because the rate is actually set per \$100 of assessed valued. The Johnson County Assessor determines the assessed value, but your tax levy (or rate) is set by the officials within each taxing jurisdiction. To determine the total tax due, the assessed value is multiplied x each levy for each district and then a sum of all tax is displayed as a total tax due.



BREAKFAST BLAST RE-CAP

Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, donors, and community our Foundation raised **\$10,673.15!** Next year's Brunch and Bubbly will be held on Saturday, March 25th!

Follow our Facebook page to stay up to date on all Foundation fundraisers! @JCBSFoundation

Pictured (L to R): Aidan Rich, Crystal Rich, and Dave Gammage enjoying a delicious brunch by Heroes Restaurant & Pub!



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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Last year, we wore blue for Autism Awareness month! **Pictured L to R:** Liz Hargrave and Shelly Taylor



Targeted Case Management Satisfaction Survey

Identification of Researchers:

This survey is being done by the Johnson County Board of Services.

Purpose of the Survey:

The purpose of this survey will help JCBS improve our services to the individuals we serve and their families.

Request for Participation:

We are inviting you to participate in a survey on the Johnson County Board of Services.

It is up to you whether you would like to participate. If you decide not to participate, you will not be penalized in any way. You can also decide to stop at any time without penalty. If you do not wish to answer any of the questions, you may simply skip them. If you wish to withdraw, please close the browser before submitting, at the end of the survey. Once you submit the survey, we will keep the information you provided confidentially.

Privacy:

All of the information we collect will be kept confidential. Your confidentiality will be maintained to the degree permitted by the technology used. Specifically, no guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the Internet by any third parties.

Explanation of Risks:

Completing this survey will NOT negatively affect your services.

Explanation of Benefits:

Completing this survey will help provide feedback for JCBS.

Questions

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Melissa Frey at mfrey@jcbs.com.

This survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete

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

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