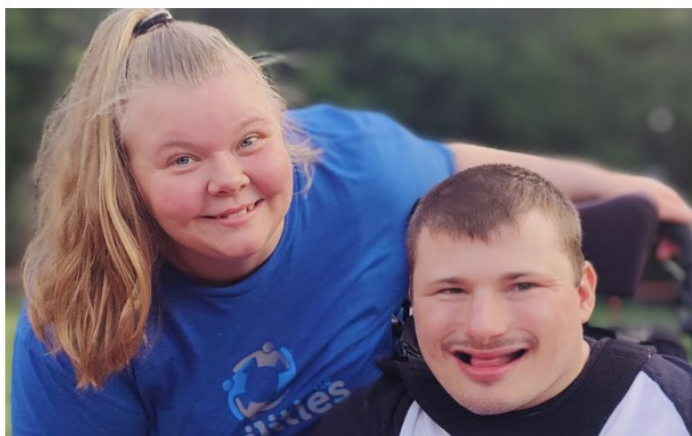
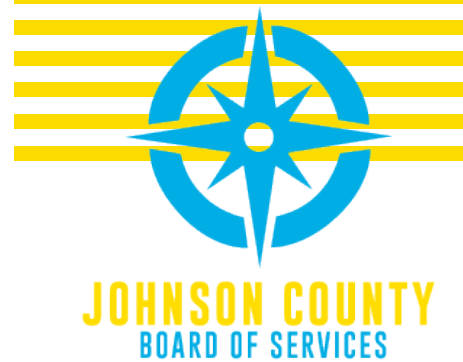


BE THE SPARK

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

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GOODBYE BRIGHT SOX, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

As another incredible season ends, it's time to reflect on the amazing memories and achievements we've made together! The Bright Sox Softball League has once again proven itself as a hub of excitement and sportsmanship. Throughout the season, we witnessed exceptional athleticism, and a ton of teamwork, not only from our players, but our volunteers, too! The dedication and passion displayed by each player brought energy, and excitement.

Our players showcased their talent and determination, making every game a memorable experience for everyone.

Behind our league, there have been individuals who selflessly devoted their time and effort to make it all possible. To our coaches and our volunteers, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you all for your invaluable contributions. We would like to thank the Warrensburg Parks and Recreation for donating the use of Lion's Lake, and ensuring we had access to our equipment throughout the season.

Furthermore, none of this would have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We cannot thank you enough for believing in our league and investing in our community.

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letter from the director



I recently came across this tweet from @CoffeeSpoonie:

- Ramps should be the standard.
- Automatic doors should be the standard.
- Elevators in multi-story buildings should be the standard.
- ASL interpreters at events should be the standard.
- Braille menus at restaurants should be the standard.
- Live captioning should be the standard.
- Adult-sized changing tables should be the standard.
- Accessibility should be the standard.

The message was a stark reminder that, even today, accessibility is not the standard. It is critical for us to advocate and move others toward accessibility as the standard, rather than an afterthought.

By removing physical and communication barriers, we create a society that respects the rights and dignity of all individuals. We have to work together to promote equality and foster an inclusive world where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive.

Remember, accessibility is not merely an option; it's a reflection of our commitment to human rights. Together, let's advocate and build a better and more inclusive future and, as always, I like to close with our mission statement, SPARK, Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities through Advocacy, Resources, and Kindness.

JCBS RESPITE REIMBURSEMENT

Respite care for caregivers is very important as it provides much-needed support and relief to individuals who care for their loved ones. Caregiving is a demanding and selfless role that often involves round-the-clock responsibilities, physical and emotional challenges, and a significant amount of stress. In such situations, respite care offers a lifeline, allowing caregivers to take a well-deserved break and recharge.

The JCBS Respite Reimbursement program recognizes the critical role caregivers play in maintaining the well-being of their loved ones. Each year families can request up to \$500 in reimbursement. Depending on funding an additional \$250 may be requested. If total funding has been requested, our Foundation may approve additional funding.

If you are interested in respite funding, please contact your Targeted Case Manager! Funding will end on November 30th.

GET TO KNOW MOLLY, OUR NEW TARGETED CASE MANAGER!

Molly grew up in South Kansas City, but now currently lives in Warrensburg! She is married to her husband, Joe. They have three children, Connor (16), Chloe (12), and Atzlee (4). Molly has been a teacher for 11 years, and spent the last 4 years teaching Robotics, Biomedical Engineering, App Development, and Design at Clinton Middle School. Nearing the end of the 2023 school year, Molly wanted to have greater work-life balance and spend more time with her family which is why she changed careers at started at JCBS! Molly also stated, "advocacy is one of my core values, and I wanted to move into a career that would allow me to continue advocating for people."

Outside of work, Molly enjoys reading, scrolling through TikTok, and spending time at sporting events with her children. Her daughter participates in football, softball, soccer, wrestling, and band so she's constantly on-the-go!

Molly, we're excited to have you on our team!



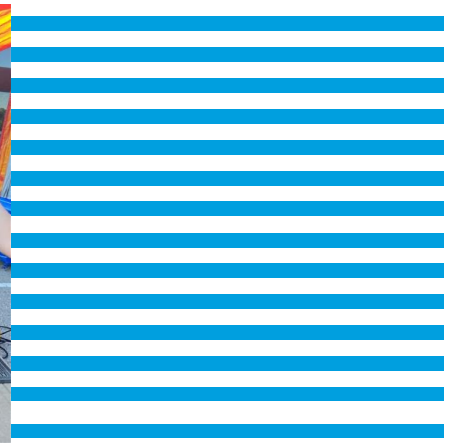
You scream, I scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!

We are thrilled to announce our much-anticipated event of the year – our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social! Mark your calendars and get ready for an evening of fun, games, delicious ice cream, and fantastic face painting.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for our individuals and families to come together, get to know other people, connect with our local direct care agencies, and get to know our amazing team.

This event is for our individuals, their families, and direct care staff! We cannot wait to see you there!

(Ice cream alternatives will be available)



JCBS FOUNDATION PRESENTS



SATURDAY / JULY 29TH / 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

FOAM PARTICIPANTS \$10

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SERVICES
200 N DEVASHER ROAD,
WARRENSBURG**

**PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN
4 AND UNDER INTO THE FOAM AREA**

JCBS FOUNDATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for the most refreshing and exciting event of the summer- the 3rd Annual Summer Foam Party, hosted by the Johnson County Board of Services Foundation. Get ready to dive into the fun on July 29th as we create a splash for a worthy cause. Not only are we bringing back the water slides, but we'll also have an ice cream truck ready to serve delicious treats to cool you down on a hot summer day. For those craving an extra touch of whimsy, we have a cotton candy vendor spinning delightful clouds of sugary goodness! You won't want miss this.

RESOURCES

Contact US

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

Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council Resources

The MDDC has many different resources located on their website. One resource that stuck out is Disability Benefits 101. MDDC has released the DB101Benefits and Work Calculator and transparency tool. For more information and to review more resources please visit their website!

<https://moddcouncil.org/resources/>

Charting the LifeCourse Tools

Charting the LifeCourse is designed to be used for your own life, for your family members, or in the work you do. The framework and tools will help you organize your ideas, vision, and goals, as well as problem-solve, navigate, and advocate for supports.

<http://www.lifecoursetools.com/>

Public Notice

Quarterly Board Meetings are held via Zoom or in person at the Johnson County Board of Services office located at 200 N Devasher, Warrensburg, MO 64093. Meetings are held quarterly on the third Tuesday of that month. Meetings dates are subject to change with notice. Please see our website for meeting information: **JCMBS.COM/PUBLIC-NOTICE/**

August 15th, 2023

November 21st, 2023

February 20th, 2024

May 21st, 2024

Need help with Medicaid?

Contact Liz Hargrave

ehargrave@jcmbs.com

(660) 240-3343 EXT 708



Sandy with the help of her coach, Allie (pictured on the right), is ready to knock it out of the park!



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@jcmbs.com.

This survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete

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

shorturl.at/qtwn8