

# BE THE SPARK

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**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
BOARD OF SERVICES



## March is Developmental Disability Month!

This month is a time to celebrate the diverse abilities and achievements of individuals with developmental disabilities. There are many ways to participate and show support during this important month. You can raise awareness by sharing information on social media, volunteering at local events or organizations that support individuals with developmental disabilities, or simply taking the time to learn more about different developmental disabilities and how they impact individuals and their families. Together, we can promote inclusion, acceptance, and understanding for all.

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

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## Follow us on YouTube!



Get to know individuals like Brandon (pictured above) by checking out our YouTube channel. Discover informational videos about our services, heartfelt interviews with our individuals and families, and so much more.

Storytelling has become a huge passion of ours, and we believe in sharing these powerful narratives to create a more connected and compassionate community. Hit the subscribe button and stay tuned for inspiring and fun content!

**Subscribe below:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@johnsoncountyboardofservic9822/videos>



## Letter from the Director

It's my pleasure to share with you our second strategic priority in our Strategic Plan: **Improve Existing Services**. At JCBS, we're committed to improving our existing services through process improvements and increased efficiency. We're identifying areas for improvement and implementing changes that will allow us to deliver even more effective and responsive services.

By investing in process improvements, like our new task management software, we aim to optimize our workflow, reduce response times, and ultimately, provide a more seamless experience for both the families we serve and our staff. We understand the importance of adaptability in our ever-evolving field, and these improvements align with our mission to continually raise the bar in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. Our mission is to SPARK - Support People with developmental disabilities through Advocacy, Resources, and Kindness.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Johnson County.



## Special Olympics

### Basketball 2024



Special Olympics Basketball is thriving, with our players and volunteers having a fantastic time! A huge shout out to the University of Central Missouri for their support. We're grateful for the students and staff who have made this possible. As we brainstorm ways to improve, we're already looking forward to next season!

Still interested in playing? Join us every Sunday at 4:00 PM at the UCM Rec Center. We have 3 more weeks! The last session is March 17th.

## Get To Know LaTyra Johnson, our new Targeted Case Manager!

LaTyra is originally from St. Louis and moved to Warrensburg to attend college at the University of Central Missouri. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Child and Family Development. She is currently in graduate school majoring in Human Development and Family Science and is scheduled to complete her degree very soon!

LaTyra chose JCBS because she wants to help people. She has worked in healthcare for quite some time holding different positions and felt that JCBS would be a great next step! We're so excited to have you on our team, LaTyra!



# YAY!



# Resources

## Contact us

[www.jcmbs.com/our-team/](http://www.jcmbs.com/our-team/)

## Missouri Family to Family – A Statewide Resource Center

[www.mofamilytofamily.org](http://www.mofamilytofamily.org)

## Charting the LifeCourse Tools

Charting the LifeCourse is a framework designed to help you organize your ideas, vision, and goals, as well as problem-solve, navigate, and advocate for supports.

[www.lifecoursetools.com](http://www.lifecoursetools.com)

## Public Meeting 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. Meeting dates are subject to change with notice. Please see our website for meeting information:

[JCMBS.COM/PUBLIC-NOTICE/](http://JCMBS.COM/PUBLIC-NOTICE/)


May 21st, 2024

August 20th, 2024

November 26th, 2024



## Targeted Case Manager Satisfaction Survey!



### 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](mailto: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!**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/CF1xBgu2nk>