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BOARD OF SERVICES



CELEBRATING ACCESSIBILITY!

On February 11th, we were proud to celebrate the ribbon cutting for our newly remodeled accessible bathrooms alongside the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce. This project was a significant step in our commitment to inclusion and accessibility, ensuring that individuals of all abilities have a comfortable and accommodating space.

We are grateful for the support of our community and partners who helped make this renovation possible. Thank you to everyone who joined us to mark this important milestone—we are excited to continue improving accessibility for all!

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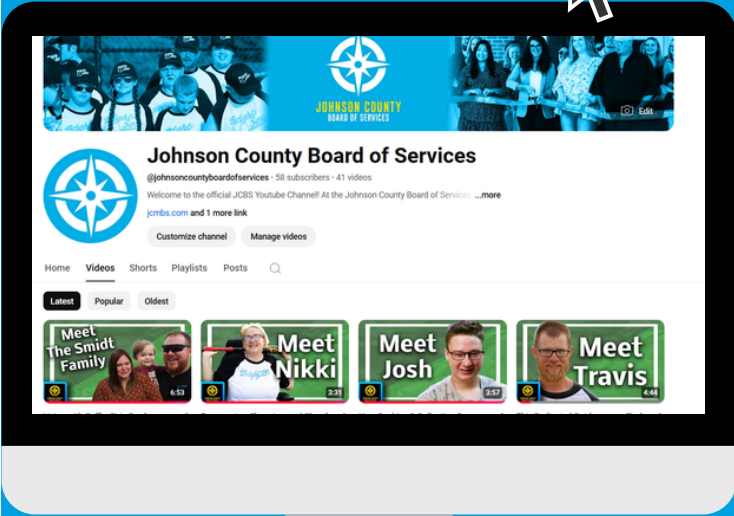
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Supporting People with developmental disabilities through Advocacy, Resources, and Kindness!



STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON YOUTUBE!

Have you visited our YouTube channel yet? We love sharing stories, resources, and events with our community, and YouTube gives us the perfect platform to do just that! From heartwarming success stories to behind-the-scenes looks at our programs, our videos highlight the incredible individuals and families we support.

Through video, we can bring awareness to important topics, celebrate achievements, and create engaging content that makes information more accessible to everyone. Whether it's a recap of a fun event, an educational feature, or an inside look at the services we provide, our channel is all about connection and impact.

We'd love for you to subscribe and be a part of our journey! Check it out and let us know what videos you'd like to see next.

Watch & Subscribe Here

click here!



Letter from the Director

As we continue implementing our 2025 Strategic Plan, we remain focused on fostering a community where individuals with developmental disabilities feel valued, included, and supported. This is the second update in our series, highlighting our progress and reinforcing our commitment to transparency and accountability. Each update reflects the steps we're taking to meet the priorities we've set for our community.

This month, I'm excited to share how we're working to strengthen community engagement and build a more inclusive environment for individuals with developmental disabilities.

One of our goals is to raise public awareness about the work we do at JCBS. Through social media, local media campaigns, and school outreach, we're sharing our stories and educating the community about the resources available for individuals with developmental disabilities.

We're also focusing on accessible and inclusive events. From workshops to dances and sports events, we're working to ensure every activity is inclusive and welcoming for all. Accessibility is at the forefront, whether it's choosing venues or planning activities.

In addition, we're collaborating with local governments to address accessibility issues in public spaces and advocate for inclusive design in new infrastructure projects. These partnerships will make our community more inclusive for everyone.

Metrics like event participation, media engagement, and accessibility improvements will guide our progress. I encourage you to get involved—whether by attending an event or sharing your ideas with us.

Together, we're building a stronger, more inclusive community for all.



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! Our 2nd Annual JCBS Listens Session is happening on Thursday, April 3rd. This event is an opportunity for individuals, families, and community members to share their experiences, provide feedback, and help shape the future of services for people with developmental disabilities in Johnson County.

We value your input and want to hear from you. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate and make your voice heard.

Date: Thursday, April 3rd

Time and Location: TBA

Our athletes have been giving it their all on the court. Over the past few weeks, they've been building skills, working as a team, and having a great time.

We would like to thank the University of Central Missouri for hosting this skills clinic again. Their support provides our athletes with a great space to play and grow.

Programs like Special Olympics are more than just sports -they provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to stay active, build confidence, and connect with their community.

Reminder: There will be no basketball on March 9th due to UCM's Spring Break.

Special Olympics Basketball is in Full Swing!



Resources

Contact us

www.jcmbs.com/our-team/

Missouri Family to Family – A Statewide Resource Center

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



Targeted Case Manager Satisfaction Survey!

A screenshot of a survey form titled "Targeted Case Management Satisfaction Survey". The form is on a white background with blue text. At the top left is the Johnson County Board of Services logo. The text includes sections for Identification of Researchers, Purpose of the Survey, Request for Participation, Privacy, Explanation of Risks, Explanation of Benefits, and Questions. At the bottom, it states "This survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete".

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 tell us how we are doing!
Complete our now online TCM Satisfaction
Survey!**

<https://forms.office.com/r/CF1xBgu2nk>

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/

May 13th, 2025
August 19th, 2025
November 18th, 2025