

# BE THE SPARK

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## CRAFTING WITH MOLLY

We're excited to announce a fun and festive event for our JCBS individuals and families. On Wednesday, **April 16th**, we'll be combining our regular **Crafting with Molly** activity with a special **Easter Egg Hunt** at the JCBS office.

Families are invited to join us for an afternoon of creativity and springtime fun. Participants will have the opportunity to paint Easter eggs during our crafting session, followed by **two scheduled egg hunts—one at 4:30 PM and another at 5:00 PM.**

This event is completely free and open to all individuals and families served by JCBS. Come and go as you please, and enjoy some time together in celebration of the season.



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

# Bright Sox Softball League

**Location: UCM Softball Fields in Warrensburg**

**Arrival Time: 5:45 PM**

**First Pitch: 6:00 PM**

**\*Start Times Are Subject To Change**

## Game Schedule



**Monday, May 12th**

**Monday, May 19th**

**Monday, June 2nd**

**Monday, June 9th**

**Monday, June 16th**

**Monday, June 23rd**

**Rain Out Dates  
To Be Determined As  
Needed**

Bright Sox is a non-competitive softball league designed for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. The focus is on having fun, building friendships, and creating a space where everyone gets a chance to play—no experience necessary!

We're gearing up for another exciting season, our 6th to be exact! Whether you're a returning player or new to the game, we can't wait to cheer you on and have some fun on the field!

**[Click here to sign up!](#)**



## Letter from the Director

Listening to the voices of the individuals and families we serve has always been at the heart of what we do. As part of that commitment, this month's letter brings you a series of updates on the progress we're making with our 2025 Strategic Plan. We're excited to share these updates with you—our community—because your insight and partnership are key to helping us move forward with purpose and accountability.

One of the most important priorities in our Strategic Plan is something we call Capturing the Voice of the Client. This initiative is all about making sure the people we support—and their families—are heard, valued, and central to every decision we make.

To begin, we're conducting Targeted Case Management satisfaction surveys designed to gather honest feedback about what's working well and where improvements are needed. These surveys will help us spot trends, uncover challenges, and make more informed, data-driven decisions that lead to better outcomes.

We're also launching Client Advisory Panels—small group sessions where individuals and families can speak openly about their experiences, share unmet needs, and offer suggestions for improving services. These conversations will give us a clearer, more personal picture of what matters most.

Finally, we're closing the loop by implementing a formal feedback process. This means the input we receive won't just sit in a report—it will be used to guide service improvements, influence planning, and be shared with families, providers, and even local legislators. Our goal is to create a system where feedback turns into action, and where the voices of those we serve truly shape the future.



## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! Our **2nd Annual JCBS Listens Session** is happening **Thursday, April 3rd at 5:00 PM at Warrensburg Parks & Rec.**

This is your chance to share feedback, experiences, and ideas to help shape the future of services for people with developmental disabilities in Johnson County—and we want to hear from you!

We're also excited to welcome members of the City Council, City Manager, Community Developer, and other local partner agencies. It's a great opportunity to come together, discuss community needs, and talk about the changes and resources that matter most.

We want to give a huge thank you to the University of Central Missouri Student Activities department for hosting this season of Special Olympics basketball. Your team went above and beyond to create a welcoming, fun, and supportive environment for our athletes to learn, grow, and shine.

Our favorite part was the final day of clinic—getting to watch the athletes put their skills into action was truly the highlight of the season. From dribbling and passing to cheering each other on, the energy in the gym was unforgettable.

It was such a blast from start to finish, and we're so grateful for your time, effort, and dedication to making this a meaningful experience for everyone involved. We can't wait to do it again!

## Shout out to the University of Central Missouri!



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# 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)



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

**[Click Here for Survey](#)**

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