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UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE

Did you know that individuals receiving Social Security Disability benefits are automatically enrolled in Medicare after two years—even if they're under 65? This is a little-known fact that often leads to confusion. Families may not realize why Medicare is showing up in their mail, how it impacts their existing coverage, or whether they even need it. Understanding Medicare is just as important for the disability community as it is for those nearing retirement age.

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

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Understanding Medicare cont.

To provide clarity, we're hosting a free Medicare presentation with **Kim Mills**, a local Senior Benefit Specialist with years of experience helping families navigate the system. She will explain what Medicare is, how it affects individuals with disabilities, and what choices are available when it comes to coverage. Whether you're a caregiver, family member, or someone receiving disability benefits, this session will help you feel informed and empowered to make the best decisions moving forward.

Join us **Thursday, June 5th, at 5:30 PM** at the JCBS office — **200 N Devasher Rd** in Warrensburg. This event is free and open to the public.



Letter from the Director

At JCBS, we value transparency, I'd like you to know how we use public funds to support individuals with developmental disabilities right here in our community. JCBS is primarily funded through local tax dollars and a state Medicaid contract. Every dollar we receive is invested back into the people, programs, and services that make Johnson County stronger and more inclusive. The largest portion of our budget goes to Targeted Case Management—where our case managers work directly with individuals and families to build person-centered plans, connect them to supports, and advocate for their needs. We also use local funding to match Missouri state Medicaid dollars for the Partnership for Hope Waiver and fund the JCBS Waiver, which helps pay for respite care, transportation, and summer camps.

Beyond waiver support, JCBS proudly invests in community programs that promote inclusion and accessibility. In 2025:

- We awarded **\$485,000** to RISE Community Services for transportation, insurance, and capital improvements
- We granted **\$8,000** to The BARN Therapeutic Riding Center to fund scholarships for therapeutic horseback riding
- And we awarded **\$20,000** to Warrensburg Parks & Recreation to move forward with Phase 2 of the Inclusive Sensory Garden Project.

Every funding decision is reviewed carefully by our Board of Directors to ensure we're making the most meaningful impact with the resources we're entrusted with.

At JCBS, we're proud to be financially responsible, community-focused, and committed to improving lives. If you have questions or ideas, we'd love to hear from you.



Staff Spotlight: Molly Glover

Meet Molly—our powerhouse advocate who brings energy, empathy, and determination to every family she serves. A former teacher, Molly has been with us for 2 years, and it shows. She's taken her classroom skills and put them to great use—communicating clearly, thinking creatively, and always staying ten steps ahead.

Molly is passionate about making sure individuals and families have what they need to thrive. She works hard, speaks up, and isn't afraid to take on a challenge. We're grateful for her dedication, her big heart, and the spark she brings to our team!

Mark your calendars! Our annual Summer Foam Party is happening on Saturday, July 26th from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Johnson County Board of Services.

Get ready for foamy fun, a giant water slide, and sweet treats—including ice cream! This family-friendly event is open to the public, and all proceeds go to our Foundation, which helps support individuals with developmental disabilities in Johnson County.

Thanks to generous community support, our Foundation helps fund things like therapy, adaptive equipment, sensory tools, respite care, and community memberships—making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Come cool off for a cause and help us make an impact, one bubble at a time!

Save the Date: Summer Foam Party



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!

 **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!
[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:

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August 19th, 2025

November 18th, 2025

February 17th, 2026 (tentative)