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**BLUE VALLEY
SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL
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*Parents, Special Education Staff and
Administrators, and BOE Members Working
for All Special Education Students in the
Blue Valley School District and Beyond*

2022 Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair

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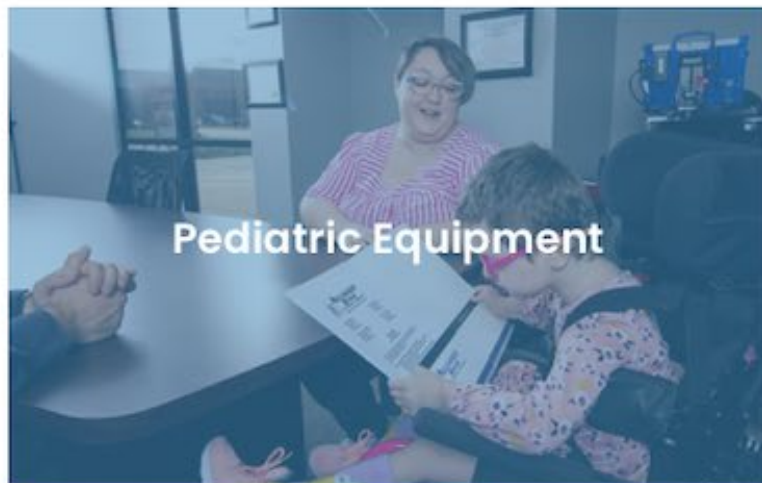
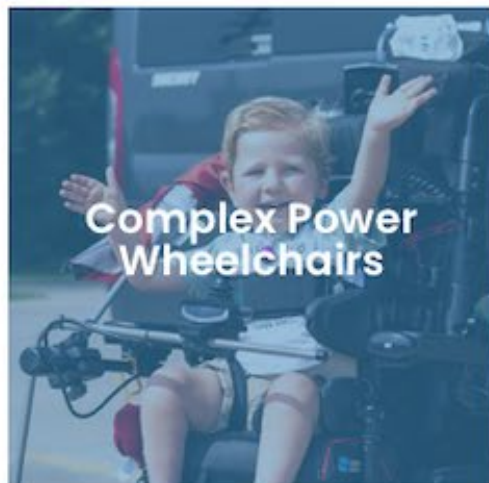
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info@alliancerehabmed.com

Scott Lopez, OTR/L, ATP, CRTS

Our Services

Welcome to Alliance Rehab and Medical Equipment! We provide Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) services and equipment for individuals with significant disabilities and mobility needs. We have locations in Missouri, including Ozark (Springfield), Fenton (St. Louis), Poplar Bluff and Columbia as well as Lenexa, Kansas, serving Kansas City. We have convenient locations to serve anyone in Missouri's largest cities.

[Our Services](#)





What Do We Do? We Make Lives Better. Every Day.

We educate, we employ and we empower people who are blind and visually impaired so that they can live their best life. Every day, we diligently pursue our vision of a world where everyone with vision loss rises to their desired full potential.

How Do We Do It?

Alphapointe provides goods and services to tens of thousands of people. We make lives better every day because we're one of the largest employers of people who are blind in the U.S. as well as one of the largest providers of rehabilitation services for people of all ages with low vision in the country.



OUR MISSION

Empowering people
with vision loss to
achieve their goals
and aspirations.

Will you help us?

alphapointe.org

Alphapointe - Kansas City 7501 Prospect, Kansas City, MO 64132
Alphapointe - New York 87-46 123rd Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418



Rehabilitation



YOUTH SERVICES

Alphapointe provides children and teens with the skills they need to succeed. We serve hundreds of children every year through our camps, our youth experiences program, our student transitional employment program and much more. Our goal is for children with vision loss to not fall behind their sighted peers.

"Alphapointe is the best experience someone could ever have."

CHANDRA,
Alphapointe Client

"I do not let my challenges hold me back anymore because of Alphapointe."

HUNTER,
Alphapointe Client

ADULT SERVICES

Alphapointe empowers people with the tools they need to lead independent, productive and fulfilling lives. We help thousands of people every year through our low vision clinics, our expert-guided rehabilitation programs, our employment placement program and much more.

Manufacturing

Alphapointe strives to create employment opportunities for those with vision loss. Each year through our manufacturing facilities in Kansas City and New York, we produce millions of products used by the government, military and commercial companies. We are proud to produce a diverse line of products – from prescription bottles for the Department of Veterans Affairs to office products for the federal government to tactical/medical products to the military to janitorial products for the state of New York and much more. Alphapointe has a proud work force capable of providing kitting, assembly, sewing and general production services to more than 400 customers throughout the United States.



"Alphapointe goes above and beyond. For us, it's a no-brainer to get parts from Alphapointe."

JOEL JOHNSON, BlueScope Steel

Retail

What if you could change lives while buying items you use every day? You can! With thousands of office and cleaning products available, all purchases from alphapointeonline.org go toward creating good jobs and providing services for people who are blind. This is also the case for Base Supply Centers operated by Alphapointe at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and Little Rock Air Force base in Arkansas.



"Alphapointe Base Supply Centers provide us with a one-stop solution for all of our operational needs. They have the knowledge and ability to source virtually any product, and that has become increasingly convenient to our military customers, saving us critical time and money. They understand our needs and are willing to do whatever it takes to support our mission."

RALPH GRINNELL, Arkansas National Guard

Contact Centers

Alphapointe provides premier customer support for businesses, government agencies and universities. We create great conversations for our clients based on enthusiasm, sincerity, listening skills and experience.

"NCR partnered with Alphapointe on the statewide Missouri payment processing contract. They maintained an exceptional record, conclusively resolving 95% of all issues within 1 day, and 97% within 2 days."

MATT HELMS, NCR Payment Solutions

Partnering with Alphapointe means good jobs and rehabilitation services for people who are blind.

Why People Choose Another Day



Worker Pay

Consumers want to ensure their workers get the maximum pay for the service they provide. Another Day is one of only a few agencies that give Consumers the choice to set their worker's pay rate, including setting the highest available pay rate in the State for parents who are workers. Giving Consumers the choice to set their worker's pay rate also provides the flexibility to pay overtime and give bonuses to their workers. In addition, Another Day helps workers maximize their pay by identifying qualified tax exemptions, giving them more after-tax money.

Information and Resources

Another Day staff have extensive knowledge of the State and Federal requirements for the Self-Direct model used in Kansas and take the time to provide details about how the program works and discuss options, so each Consumer can make informed decisions about their services.

What people Say:

"You've provided more information than I've received from any of the others on the list, it's much clearer now."
— current Another Day Consumer

Additional benefits of choosing Another Day as your FMS provider:

- **Fast and Easy Set-up:** We have a streamlined process for completing packets and forms required to establish services. Packets are customized for each Consumer and Worker and our staff are ready to help answer any questions.
- **Background Checks:** We cover the cost of worker background checks, including the biennial checks that are required every two years.
- **Quick Access to Service Records and Resources:** Our Consumers have quick and easy access to their service records, monthly service utilization, and worker pay period totals. With just a few taps of the finger on a smartphone or tablet, or a few clicks of the mouse from a home computer, Consumers can securely access their service records, submit adjustments, and access forms and resources they need to effectively manage their services.
- **Automated Service Notifications:** We send notifications directly to our Consumers when their worker misses a Check-In or Check-Out, when they approach their monthly authorization limits, as well as providing weekly and monthly visit summaries. All of these are sent automatically and are customizable for each Consumer to choose what they want to receive, providing them straight forward information and saving them time so they can focus on their services.
- **Help Finding Workers:** Another Day has access to hundreds of active workers across the State of Kansas. When requested, we help our Consumers connect with workers in their area who have already passed background checks and have experience providing care through the Kansas Self-Directed Services program.



Life Care Plan

Many families whose lives are impacted by disability worry about the future. Have you ever found yourself asking:

- ***Who will care for my loved one when I am gone?***
- ***Will he have the resources and services he needs?***
- ***Who will look out for her well-being?***
- ***Who will make important medical, treatment and life decisions?***

If so, the Life Care Plan may be just what you need to achieve peace of mind regarding the future of your loved one with a disability.

A Plan in the Making

The Life Care Plan provides individualized planning services for families whose lives are affected by disability. Through the development of a personalized Life Care Plan, our trained professionals help families ask and answer difficult questions about the future. The process allows you to consider the financial, legal and social resources your loved one may need now and in the years to come while detailing an accurate picture of his or her wants, needs, and preferences. Additionally, it helps identify caregivers (including individuals, groups, associations, facilities and/or institutions) early on who are available to provide continued support as your loved one ages, serving as a stable presence and circle of support.

The Life Care Plan is a living document that should be updated annually or as circumstances change for you or your loved one. By providing direct services and support to its clients when family members cannot manage alone or are unavailable, the Life Care Plan fills a critical void for families planning for loved ones with a disability. It can also relieve family members and close friends of overwhelming responsibilities and help keep difficult situations from arising.

Key Life Care Plan Components

- **Monitoring:** We will be there when the family can no longer maintain oversight of the living, learning, working and healthcare environments.
- **Advocacy:** We ensure that the system is fully meeting the needs of the client, and the client is receiving the benefits to which he or she is entitled.
- **Guardianship:** We can assume responsibility for surrogate decision-making for clients who have been deemed in need of a guardian.
- **Payee Representation:** We will manage public benefits monies, including those from the Social Security Administration, to pay the client's bills and issue spending money.
- **Conservatorship:** We can manage the client's financial resources when the court has deemed it to be necessary.
- **Coaching:** With proper support and guidance, we can help the client cope with life's demands and responsibilities, including money management.
- **Recordkeeping:** We record and provide a permanent repository of medical information, family and individual data, and plan desires.
- **Trusteeship:** We provide trusteeship within our pooled trust program and for stand-alone trusts.

Contact us today
for more information
or to begin developing a
Life Care Plan for
your loved one.

913.648.0233

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

- **BREATHE**

A respite care program offered each month for families in order to have a break from care-giving.

- **SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY CAMP**

A weekend experience each summer for families at Prairie Star Ranch.

- **TOTUS TUUS**

An adapted version of the Totus Tuus program that is offered every summer in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

- **THE LEAVEN**

Audio access to the weekly Archdiocesan newspaper by the University of Kansas Audio Reader Service or the Archdiocesan website.

For more information please visit:
archkck.org/special-needs
or call
913-647-3054



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



Dance with Arts En Avant



Movement Wellness

Students with different abilities enjoy dynamic movement paired with popular music for an exciting dance experience.

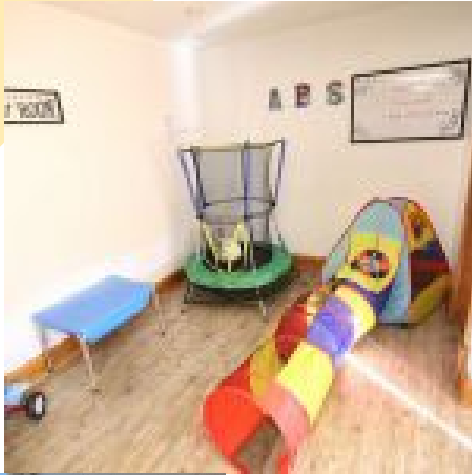


Teen Dance Ability

A ballet based class for teens and young adults with special abilities. The class introduces students to the fundamental movement and vocabulary of classical ballet. Dancers gain strength and improve coordination.



www.artsenavant.org



ABA treatment: clinic, in-home, community, clinic and group specific sessions

- ✧ Providing treatment for young children diagnosed with Autism
- ✧ Comprehensive & individualized plans & goals
- ✧ Focused on balancing family and child needs
- ✧ Qualified providers with extensive experience

Call us at 913-802-2227
or email us at info@abskc.com

Autism Services of Kansas

Our mission is to provide a comprehensive program using the research based interventions of Applied Behavior Analysis to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by autism.



SERVICES PROVIDED

Home Based Services

Our home-based services are designed to help your child in an environment where they are comfortable and feel secure. During our first meeting with parents, we encourage them to identify the fears and hopes they have for their child. This helps us to begin to understand your current priorities as a family for your child.

We will also work with the entire family to identify goals that are relevant to day to day life – such as communicating, sleeping, eating, playing and community-based goals. We will cover what your child is able to do and is not yet demonstrating through an assessment and begin to develop a customized plan that highlights your child's strengths and needs.

Each program developed is focused on the individual and specific needs of the family and child. With our plan in place, we will work to close the gap between their existing skills, including their behavior, compared to that of their typically developing peers.

We will work with you to find therapists that are right for your home based program. We will also continually monitor the progress your child makes.

Parent Training Services

Caring for a child with autism can be challenging. Our parent training services are customized and based on parent priorities to treat socially significant behaviors such as aggression, self-injury, communication, and adaptive skills that enhance the lives of the individuals, such as dressing and toileting. We offer parent training inclusive of home-based services; however, it is also provided alone in situations where needed.

School Consultation

At Autism Services of Kansas, we also offer school consultations. We encourage collaboration and coordination with other professionals that may be working with your child. We believe that consistency across all team members will increase your child's success.



3-Year Accreditation

Contact us at

913-777-9718

info@autismservicesofkansas.com



AutismServicesOfKansas



autismservicesofkansas

Scan QR Code
for more info



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Autism Society

Heartland



The connection is you

Autism Society - The Heartland is a local organization that provides services and support for our members and partners in Kansas and Missouri. We provide resources, education, and support to families, businesses, and organizations that serve the autism community.



WHAT WE DO:

- Information & Referral
- Monthly Citywide Support Group Meetings
- Sensory Friendly Movies at AMC Theatres
- Adult Social Group (A.W.A.R.E.)
- T(w)een Social Group
- Sensory Friendly Events
- Saturday Seminars
- Lending Library
- Just Like You Autism Film
- Worry-free Family Activities (i.e. Splash Cove event, Pictures with Santa and All Abilities Day at the KC Zoo)
- Autism Awareness Activities
- Grant/Scholarship Funds for Camp, Therapy, and other Support

CONTACT US!

913-706-0042
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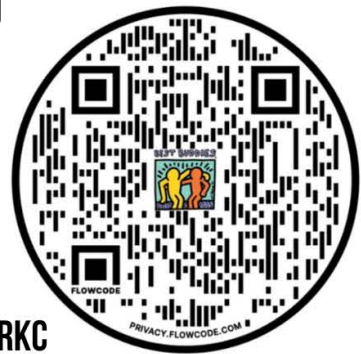
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS / JOHNSON COUNTY

BEST BUDDIES CITIZENS CREATES ONE-TO-ONE FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN ADULTS (18+) WITH AND WITHOUT INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (IDD). FRIENDSHIP PAIRS KEEP IN TOUCH WEEKLY, SPEND TIME TOGETHER, AND ATTEND MONTHLY CHAPTER EVENTS.

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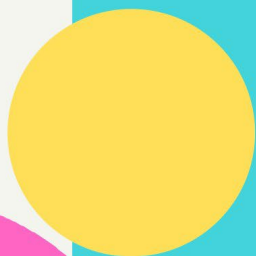


SCAN QR CODE
TO APPLY



"I remember searching for help for my child as we navigated life with our unique needs. I longed for a place where I felt I was listened to and respected as a parent, instead of being seen as a patient or chart number. I wanted real help and support in a welcoming, and hopeful place"

-Sherry Levota, Founder



CONTACT US

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11032 S Green Rd, Olathe, KS
66061
www.beyondfunctionllc.com



A PLACE OF HOPE

Beyond Function, LLC is a pediatric therapy clinic that **empowers** families and helps children reach their full potential. Beyond Function has been serving families in the Kansas City metro area since 2002.

Community Outreach

Beyond Function partners with other professionals on-site and in the community to make it easier for you to get the services and support your family needs.

SERVICES

- Occupational Therapy
- Feeding Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Play Therapy
- Parent Coaching
- Physical Therapy

Our Specialties

FEEDING THERAPY

Beyond Function provides tested strategies to help your child develop safe and healthy eating skills to support them throughout their lifetime.

SPEECH THERAPY

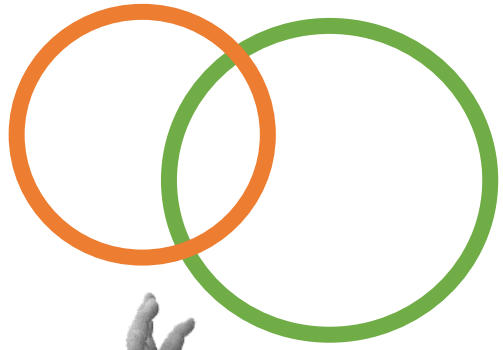
Beyond Function is able to provide help with AAC language devices, Apraxia of Speech, language delay, articulation errors and so much more.

PRIMITIVE REFLEX INTEGRATION

Beyond Function's therapists are trained to evaluate and treat retained Primitive Reflexes through fun, simple activities, and exercise.

SENSORY INTEGRATION

Beyond Function can evaluate and treat your child for sensory processing differences and provide strategies to help you understand and support the unique way they see and feel the world.



Blue Valley Parents as Teachers

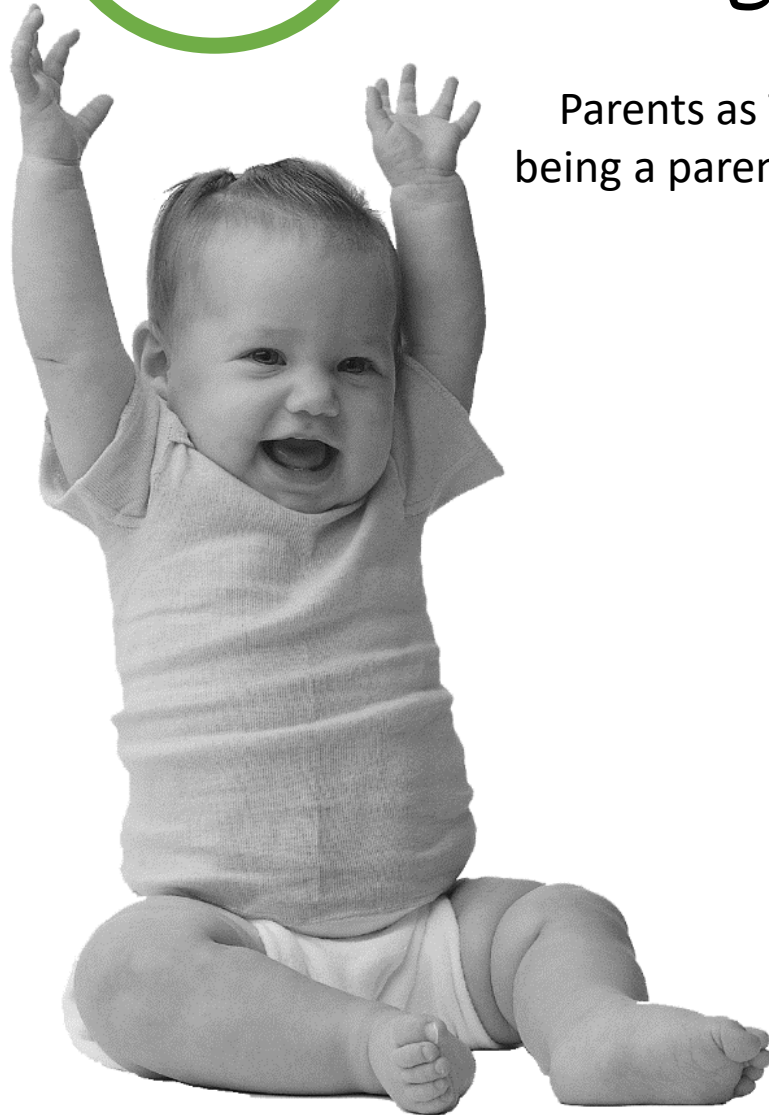
Every Child is Born to Learn

Parents as Teachers helps reduce the stress and increase the pleasures of being a parent. If you are interested in enrolling your child (birth-36 months), please scan the QR Code.



What is FREE?

- Home Visits
- Playgroups
- Developmental Screenings
- Helpful handouts and information
- Age-appropriate activities
- Resource center with library
- Family fun events



BSA Troop 11

What We're About

Our unique Scouting program is tailored for special needs youth and families. It provides the opportunity for special needs youth to participate in the Scouting program offered by the Boy Scouts of America, regardless of his (or her) disability. We move at a pace appropriate for and respectful of our scouts. Rank advancements are earned while we enjoy the journey.

A by-product of our Scouting program is our social network. Youth, parents, and siblings with similar circumstances can share life's adventures and celebrate successes. We have developed strong bonds with the youth and the parents. And we have fun!!

Eligibility

11 year and older boys **and** girls who wish to pursue rank advancement towards Eagle Scout (no upper age limit for special needs Scouts)

Meetings, Events, Buddy System

Scout & Crew Meetings – 4th Thursday of each month from 7-8 PM

Committee Meetings (adult troop planning sessions) – 4th Thursday of each month from 6-7 PM

Events – weekend campout once each spring and fall, encourage attendance at summer 5-day Rotary Scout Camp, attend occasional civic, church or other events (TBD) as a troop

Buddy System – each Scout must be accompanied at meetings and events by a parent or guardian

Key Contact

Scoutmaster – Jim Baska, 913-219-1678, myndirish@yahoo.com



OVERLAND PARK

NON-MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

for

Anxiety, ADHD, Sensory and Processing Disorders

CALL 913-627-9400



A Week You'll Never Forget

We invite friends with special needs and chronic illnesses to enjoy a week full of fun, fellowship, and inclusion!

- Each week of Camp Barnabas is geared to a specific age range and a set of diagnoses so that each Camper is in a cabin with similar friends.
- Every activity is adapted so all Campers, regardless of ability, can participate.
- We match our Campers with a one-on-one trained volunteer.
- Equipped with an on-site medical team, we are dedicated to maintaining the health and well-being of campers.

Here are just a few highlights of some of the fun at camp:

- | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| • Zero-Entry Pool | • Zipline | • Arts & Crafts | • Mini Golf |
| • Waterslides | • Accessible Lake | • Archery & Rifles | • Court & Field Games |
| • High Ropes Course | • Canoeing & Fishing | • Paintball | • Nightly Theme Parties |

Weekly camps run June 5 - August 12, 2022

Scholarship opportunities are available.

Register and find out more:

campbarnabas.org/campers

Kelli Hinderliter

Camper Registrar

kelli@campbarnabas.org

417-708-5298



A lifetime of memories.



Join us in 2022 for joy, growth, acceptance, and adventure!



empowers campers with autism spectrum disorder to:

- Increase skills of independence
- Increase one's own personal self-esteem, self-understanding, and awareness
- Increase awareness of recreation opportunities and skills of recreation
- Increase social abilities and connections
- Strengthen emotional wellness

Application deadlines are drawing near.

Register online at CAMPENCOURAGE.ORG.

We're starting the camp season with a day camp in March and will continue to monitor the pandemic. COVID updates will regularly be posted on our website. We operated safely in 2021 due to our strict covid mitigation strategies and we plan to continue such diligence. Providing a safe environment while maintaining quality programming is always a priority at Camp Encourage.



March 19
June 15-18
July 20-23
September 3*
October 15-16



**NEW in 2022!
alumni reunion, ages 19+*





at-home
**Virtual Fly Day
Experience**

March 5th, 2022

**Registration
NOW OPEN**

#GiveKidsWings

Challenge Air For Kids and Friends

Join Us
Virtually on

Saturday, March 5th 2022

- Children and youth with special needs between the ages of 7 and 21 are invited to join us virtually on Saturday, March 5th, 2022
- This event is limited to the first 200 NEW participants
- Returning Virtual Co-pilots can register for a certificate
- The week before the event, a kit with a virtual reality headset, Challenge Air T-Shirt, Co-pilot certificate and wings will be mailed, along with instructions.

Visit www.challengeair.org to register!

- Using 360-degree cameras mounted to the inside and outside of an aircraft, Pilot Glenn will take each co-pilot through the Palo Duro Canyons in West Texas just as if they were seated next to the pilot. With the use of a Virtual Reality headset, the co-pilot will have the ability to place a smartphone in the headset and look through it to experience the flight. The video is recorded to react to the viewer's movement. If the child looks up, the video looks up. If the child looks out the window, the video looks out the window.



The next in-person
fly day in Kansas
City will be held on
September, 10th

#GiveKidsWings

at home
**Virtual Fly Day
Experience**



Sign Up!

Registration is
now open

SUMMER CAMP

GRACE & ACCEPTANCE



CHARIS HILLS



For children with Asperger's, HF Autism, ADD/HD, and learning differences

Charis Hills is a residential, recreational and educational summer camp for 7-18 year old children with learning and social difficulties. Our campers make new friends, discover a highly personalized, fun-filled and nurturing environment while meeting their heart's desire to be accepted and succeed in new activities. Located in the Cross-Timbers of Sunset, TX.

PLAYING WITH A PURPOSE

JUN: KIDS 7-14
Session 1

START SAVING:

-\$200 Early Bird
(and in full by Feb 1st)

-\$100 for

-\$100 for

-\$100 for

JUL: TEENS 13-18+
Session 4

START SAVING:

-\$200 Early Bird
(and in full by Feb 1st)

-\$100 for sibling

**1 TO 4 WEEK
SESSIONS**

**940.964.2145
CHARISHILLS.ORG**



Medical and Rehabilitation Services Tailored for Children and Young Adults with Disability

New and Hopeful Athletes

- Physical activity and exercise recommendations
- Access to resources
- Rehabilitation medicine
- Advocacy

Current Athletes

- Injury prevention/management
- Performance and training routines
- Equipment
- Competition guidance

Mark Fisher, MD, FAAPMR

- Fellowship trained
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Project RISE (Reaching for Independent Successful Employment) creates employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities through:

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- Career Guidance

For more information, please visit <https://www.childrensmercy.org/in-the-community/project-rise/> or contact Angela Bright at ajbright@cmh.edu or (816) 855-1869

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Health care transition, or HCT, is the process of getting your child ready for health care as an adult.

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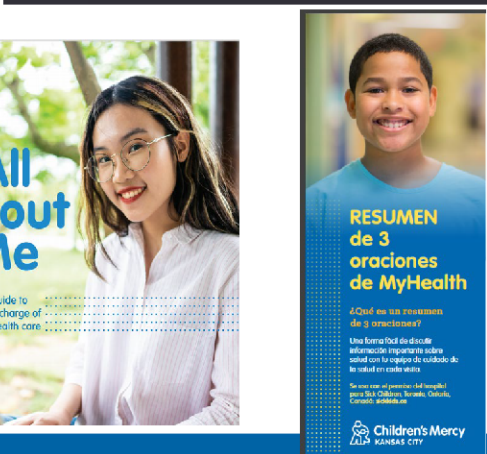
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ADULT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Adults with mental health needs often experience a difficult transition to adult care. Children's Mercy offers a variety of services to help with this transition, including: mental health assessments, medication management, and therapy. For more information, please contact the Adult Community Mental Health team at 816.760.5550.





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At Eeroma Resources, our goal is to assist individuals to achieve the best quality of life possible. We understand that one solution does not fit every situation so we take the time to listen and learn about each person's individual needs and preferences. This enables us to maximize the individual's potential, independence, and dignity.

Our [Services](#) Include:

- Residential Services
- Personal Assistant Services
- Adult Day Services
- Targeted Case Management Services



For more information, please contact:

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About Us

Families Together is Kansas' federally designated Parent Training & Information Center (PTI) and Family-to-Family Health Information Center (F2F). We provide support for families and their children who have disabilities, and/or special health care needs.

Our Parent-to-Parent program matches parents who have experience raising a child with a disability with parents who need someone to listen, encourage and support them.

Programs and Services for Families

- Services are free to families that include a child/youth with learning, behavioral, physical, emotional, and/or health challenges.
- Individualized assistance and support to families throughout their child's journey birth through age 26.
- Training and resources for transition age youth (14-21) related to postsecondary education/training, employment and independent living.
- Safe and confidential support that will help families brainstorm and problem solve.
- Assist families and professionals to understand the complex systems of early intervention, special education, community services and health care.
- Workshops and training to increase advocacy skills and strengthen family-school partnerships.
- Connect families and youth to agencies, organizations, and community resources.
- Match parents who have experience raising a child with a disability with a parent who needs someone to listen, encourage and support them.



Organizational Notebooks



Families Together provides many resources and services at no cost, in both English and Spanish, on these topics and much more:

- Special Education Services
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- Advocacy
- Family-School Partnerships
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How can Families Together help me?

Families Together staff provides families with training, resources, and tools in order to become empowered advocates with and for their sons and daughters.

What can I expect?

By contacting Families Together, you're taking a step toward finding more support for your family. Our staff are parents and/or family members of individuals who have disabilities themselves; we understand what you are experiencing and are ready to help.



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GOODLIFE AT A GLANCE

GoodLife is a national leader in the creation of innovative, enriching, and cost-effective service and support models. Since 1977, our mission has been to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. We provide a full spectrum of community-based supports across the lifespan of need developed and supported through our ongoing partnership with The University of Kansas Applied Behavioral Sciences Department.

GoodLife Outcomes

We measure the care we provide against specific performance outcomes to create exceptional standards of care. Our outcomes are:

1. Pleasant and safe surroundings
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8. Community involvement
9. Effective communication
10. Pleasant social environment
11. Satisfied individuals

Everyone has different needs which is why we compare our quality of care to our 11 standards and your loved one's personalized care plan to make sure we're providing the best service possible.

Day Services

Day Services are adult programs and activities that provide meaningful engagement designed to enrich their lives.

Individuals enrolled in Day Services participate in a variety of activities at our centers and in the community and they enjoy learning opportunities such as daily-living skills, health and recreation programs, and volunteering opportunities.

We offer Day Services across our sites and centers.

Service Coordination and Targeted Case Management

Targeted Case Managers (TCM) provide leadership, advocacy, and expertise to ensure individuals connect with and benefit from needed services and supports. Case managers and Service Coordinators provide quality assurance oversight and help individuals and their families or guardians obtain funding, medical, health, psychiatric and community services, and resources that enhance their preferred lifestyle.

For those who dual-enroll GoodLife Residential and targeted case management services, representative payee services are available at no fee.

Behavioral Support Services

Our goal with our behavioral support services is to reduce barriers to independence for adults with I/DD posed by problem behaviors and skill deficits.

Through our Quality Behavioral Support Services Clinic, our team of doctoral students supervised by a doctoral-level board certified behavior analyst (BCBA-D), consult with targeted case managers and other behavior analysts about severe problem behaviors and complex cases, make sure staff is following behavior support plans, and help to develop programs that assist in meaningful skill building.

Children's Services

Children's Services include North Star Academy and the Johnson County Montessori School and both programs reside on a shared campus.

North Star Academy provides Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) through Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children ages 2.5 to 12 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other intellectual or developmental disabilities.

At North Star Academy, our goal is for children to acquire the skills necessary for inclusion in public schools, and meaningful social relationships. Children (and their families) have access to on-site behavioral training, on-site speech-language therapy, and occupational therapy with highly credentialed clinicians.

The shared campus with Johnson County Montessori School provides opportunities to interact with typically developing peers in a supportive and inclusive setting.

Midnight Farm

Midnight Farm allows individuals with disabilities to work, learn, and grow in the natural beauty of a rural, 40-acre farm setting in Douglas County, KS.

Programs at Midnight Farm teach life, social, and job skills through hands-on activities like animal care, gardening, pottery, printmaking, cooking, musical theater, exercise classes, and more.

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Residential Services

GoodLife's residential programs offer a variety of living arrangements developed around the level of need of the individual. Our residential models include our award-winning Neighborhood Network model, our Family Teaching model, our Intensive Support Homes, and our Professional Family Teaching model.

Each person served benefits from a Quality of Life Plan and an individualized schedule of preferred daily activities. GoodLife specialists, including nurses, behavioral analysts, therapists, and other clinicians provide additional support when needed.

iLink Technologies

iLink Technologies is GoodLife's innovative in-home technology system that maximizes an individual's privacy and self-direction capabilities to enable greater independence.

iLink is an extension of the GoodLife caregiver team, operated by staff who know each individual personally and who provide a virtual presence in each home. Using iLink, staff can remotely monitor and support health, behavioral, and safety needs, control home automations, and can deploy and supervise in-home help. iLink Technologies allows us to reduce unnecessary intrusions and offer more opportunities for independence and privacy.

Questions?

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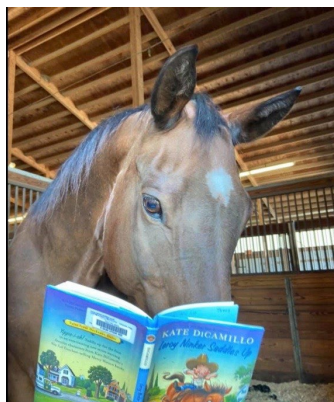
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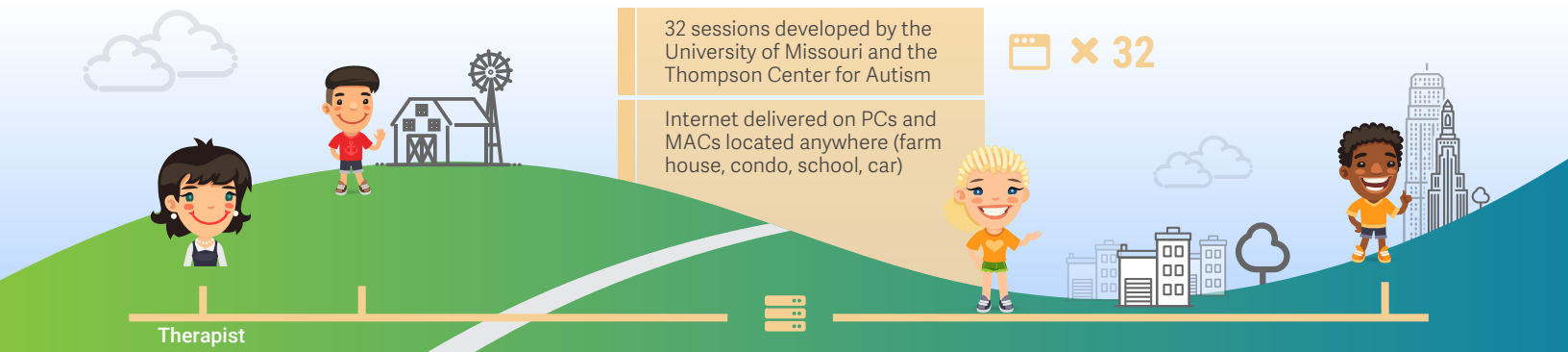
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iSocial Fundamentals

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PROVEN EFFECTIVE: Eight university tests show that iSocial helps children with autism develop the social skills they need for independent living. *

TECHNOLOGY

- Any PC, Mac or iPad will work
- Internet based using Zoom so sessions can occur at home, school, a car or anywhere in the state

FUNDAMENTALS

- 32 fifty minute sessions conducted twice a week.
- Grade, Middle and High School young adult versions
- Conducted by licensed professionals with years of experience working with children with autism

"He became more self-aware of how he comes across to people. He can make adjustments if something happens. He can think of the other person's reaction and how he contributed to it."

*Parent of an iSocial student**

iSocial Functionality

THREE STEPS

- Assessment: Needs and interests are charted
- Placement: Individuals are matched with 5 others with similar skill levels, needs and interests
- Therapy: The group learns and works together as a team in acquiring and practicing new social skills

RESULTS (ask us for details)

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- Excellent results are possible. In one university study 65% of the children improved in all 5 Social Responsiveness Scales (SRS).

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CONVERSATION**

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- Completes intake and referral
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The **Take Me Home** program is a database maintained by the Johnson County (Kansas) Sheriff's Office and is only accessible to law enforcement personnel. The system includes a picture, disability, physical description, emergency contact information, and map of all registered individuals. If a person in the **Take Me Home** program is encountered alone by a police officer, or is reported missing, the officer can access the database by the person's name or description to locate their enrollment record. With this information at hand, the officer can appropriately assist your loved one.

Questions?

Master Deputy Eric Wright

Take Me Home Program

Johnson County Sheriff's Office

913-782-0720 direct

800-766-3777 TDD

Who can enroll ?

- Any child OR adult who may have difficulty communicating due to a developmental or cognitive disability.
- These individuals tend to be at risk for wandering and may include people with disabilities such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Dementia, Down syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), etc.
- As of the end of April 2021, there were approximately 726 people enrolled in the Johnson County Take Me Home Program.

Enrollment

- Johnson County Sheriff's Department started our program in 2011. It is free to citizens and voluntary to enroll.
- Enrollment forms can be filled out on our website, printed and mailed or dropped off to us.

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- We also do enrollments on the spot at community events for those interested.

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- 2/21 - Superhero Party
- 3/7 - PJ & Movie
- 3/21 - Around the World
- 4/4 - Birthday Party
- 5/2 - Talent Show
- 5/16 - Carnival
- 6/6 - Minute to Win It
- 6/20 - Under the Sea
- 7/18 - Sports Night
- 8/1 - Endless Summer
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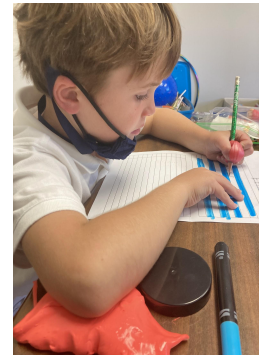
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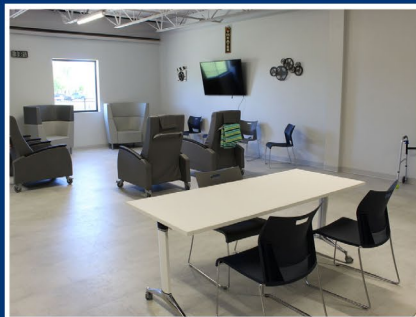
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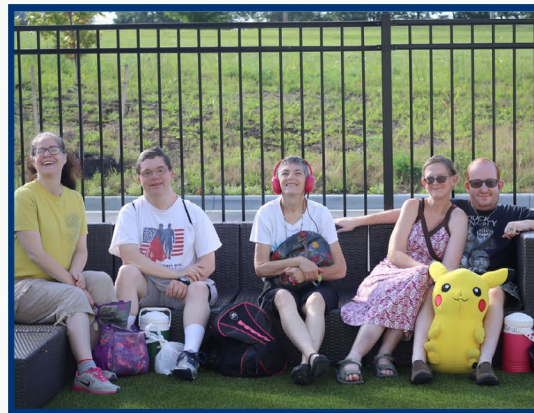
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LIFE CENTERS OF KANSAS

Residential
and Day
Program
Services

Changing
lives one
day at
a time.

ABOUT US

Life Unlimited was formed when multiple long-term organizations serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Kansas City area realized they would be stronger as one. Immacolata Manor, Concerned Care, and Open Options brought together their best programs, practices, and people to create Life Unlimited. We provide the highest quality of support to over a thousand individuals through a variety of programs and services.

Want to join our team?

We are always looking for qualified, caring people to join our growing organization! We offer flexible, full and part-time schedules, convenient locations across the metro, competitive pay, and meaningful work. Scan the QR code below or check out our website at LifeUnlimitedInc.org/Careers to learn more about our job openings.

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Life Unlimited supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they experience life with unlimited possibilities.



PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY LIVING

Life Unlimited provides housing in a variety of residential settings. In Community Living, we provide individualized services in every aspect of life—personal care, money management, transportation, medication administration, and more. Our homes are not just places for our individuals to live but places for them to reach personal goals, pursue their dreams, and live to their fullest potential.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

ABA uses the science of behavior to promote meaningful and positive change in the lives of people. ABA uses data-based decision making and relies heavily on caregiver involvement. Caregivers are trained to collect data and implement interventions through sessions with their behavior analyst.

DAY SERVICES – “MY DAY”

At our day service program, called My Day, a participant's day might include volunteering at a soup kitchen, social skills development, or exercise at the local community center; there are unlimited options. Our dedicated support staff work creatively with each individual to help make their goals and outcomes a reality. Most of these goals are focused in the areas of skill development, community integration and volunteering.

COMMUNITY THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Our Community Therapeutic Recreation program serves more than 500 individuals every year through hundreds of activity opportunities that promote physical well-being, social skills development, and community integration. Some of our activities include bowling, cooking and fitness classes, music therapy, volunteering, and more.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Life Unlimited provides individualized employment services, including job skills training, placement, and coaching, to help individuals find and maintain meaningful jobs in their community. Every individual, regardless of disability, has abilities and talents that can make an impact through employment.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT OPTIONS

Our CSO program provides individuals with support to attain and maintain independent living at home. CSO is comprised of 3 types of services: individualized skill development, community integration, and personal assistant services. Encouraging and teaching individuals how to advocate for themselves and maintain independence is an integral part of all three services.

AND MORE...

For a full list of our programs and services visit our website LifeUnlimitedInc.org





MISSION STATEMENT

Marian Hope provides a **'whole child'** philosophy and offers dynamic educational, therapeutic, nutritional and emotional supports through a variety of programs based on individual needs.

MISSION FULFILLMENT

We use a **model of inclusion** where children with and without special needs can learn, grow and honor differences while achieving individual and collective success.

ABOUT US

Marian Hope is a faith-based organization dedicated to giving each child the skills they need to achieve their potential. We believe every child is special and every child has needs.

All children are encouraged to discover their unique gifts, challenged to overcome their individual barriers and inspired to see others through eyes of love and acceptance. We also invite peer models to experience our integrated approach to education. We serve more than 400 children ages birth to 21 from Missouri and Kansas through four main programs.

THERAPEUTIC CENTER

- Individual Therapy (Speech-language and/or Occupational Therapy)
- Individual Therapy within small class settings
- Skill development for family unit and community systems

CREATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY

- Individualized Education Planning
- Small Class Size
- Academic Excellence
- Character and Life Skill Development

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Therapy sessions in natural environments
- Education and Support for Family Strengthening
- Training for Daycare, School and other Community Programs

HEALTH AND NUTRITION SUPPORT

- Feeding Classes
- Individualized Nutrition Counseling



MARIAN HOPE WORKS!

TESTIMONIALS

"I used to think I was dumb. Then I came to Marian Hope and found out that I just learn differently and that is not a bad thing."

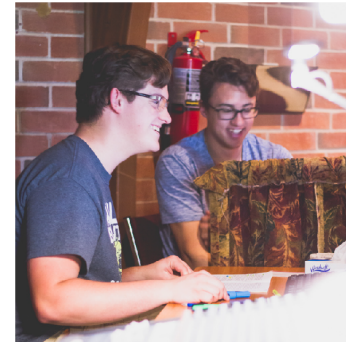
— Anthony, student at MHA

"My child was diagnosed with 3 different labels: ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder and Apraxia. We had been doctor to doctor and therapist after therapist until we found Marian Hope. Through the services at Marian Hope, I have been able to see past the labels and see my child. She is not broken and her diagnoses do not define her. We are grateful to Marian Hope for opening our eyes to all of her gifting and strengths."

— Jennifer, parent

"Over the past two years my son has been a peer model at Marian Hope and he has learned alongside a child who was non-verbal, a child who wore cochlear implants, a child in a wheelchair, a child who wore glasses and meanwhile he was the child that always came to school in pajamas. And although he attends class far less than my other kids did at his age, he is academically right on the mark and in some ways, he's above the mark. The experience of inclusion has created a life defining foundation for my son. He has more compassion, awareness and acceptance of people who look and learn differently than him. What a life blessing!"

— Karen, parent



GET STARTED!

CURRENT OPENINGS

- Individual Therapy
- Integrated Classes
- Peer Models

ENROLL TODAY!

To schedule an evaluation or a tour, contact Heather at

hruoff@marianhope.org or 816.695.1255

Contact us to learn more
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Services Offered

Angel Care

To ensure a successful Sunday school experience, students receive one-on-one support.

Angel Care Class

Trained staff and volunteers support individuals who require extra care during worship services.

Bible Study

Youth and adults join in an adapted bible study during worship services.

Family Night Out

Respite night with fun activities allows caregivers to have a night off.

Sonflower Adult Learning Program

A Christ-centered program where participants engage in fellowship, enriching activities and serving the community.

Family Fellowship

A place where parents and caregivers join together, learn from one another and share in fellowship.

Volunteer Opportunities

Angel Care volunteer

Provide one-on-one support to a student to ensure they have a successful Sunday school experience.

Bible Study volunteer

Teach a lesson or just join in fellowship!

Family Night Out volunteer

Be a friend to an individual with special needs and allow their family/caregivers to take a night off!

Sonflower Adult Learning Program volunteer

Serve with the learners and assist with the Sonflower Bakery, art, exercise and mission activities.

Contact

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MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Pediatric Home Healthcare



Skilled Care

Our nurses (LPN, LVN and RN) provide private duty care and treatments for chronic and acute illnesses and disabilities.

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Private duty nursing
- School nursing
- Tracheostomy and ventilator management
- Enteral care and management
- Complex intravenous therapy management

WHAT DOES A PRIVATE DUTY NURSE DO?

A private duty nurse provides one-on-one care tailored to a patient's unique health challenges and needs. A private duty nurse is skilled at performing clinical interventions for patients with complex medical needs including:

- Ventilator care
- Tracheostomy care
- G-tube care and feeding
- Other special medical equipment and technology needs.

The Maxim Advantage

- 24-hour services, including all holidays and weekends
- Trained, screened and certified caregivers
- FREE in-home consultation
- Flexible payment options, including the acceptance of most insurances
- Certified by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC)



Mission Creek Camp & Retreat Center



Mission Creek Camp & Retreat Center

- Located at the 7240 SW Douglas Road, Topeka 6610— Formerly the Girl Scout Camp
- 187 Acre camp with 5 cabin areas, newly remodeled dining hall seats 135 people, lodge with meeting space and kitchen with a nurse's station and offices, horse facility with indoor arena, natural playground, sprinkler park, lake for fishing and pedal boats and canoes
- Operated by a 501c3 Non-Profit—Mission Creek Camp & Retreat Center, Inc.

BRIEF HISTORY

- In 2018, the staff and Directors of Hope Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center, a riding center that specializes in horseback riding for individuals with various disabilities, visited the camp and took a tour as the camp was presented as a sale property.
- After careful consideration the decision was made to procure the property and start a camp for individuals with disabilities.
- Our first camp was held in the summer of 2019 and was a true example of watching campers with special needs develop relationships and gain self-confidence.
- Summer of 2020 COVID 19 was in full-swing and camp had to be cancelled due to COVID 19.
- Summer Camp 2021 saw a huge increase in campers as well as many firsts for the camp. We had for the first-time campers that stayed over the weekends to continue their camp experience. We will retool to provide this in the future summers. We also had to close registration on a couple of weeks due to the ratio of campers to staff members. This will be worked through when we start hiring for Summer 2022.



GOALS

- Mission Creek Camp & Retreat Center is raising the bar for camps for individuals with special needs with the idea of working through each person's individuality and achievement activities. Therefore, our motto is, "Inspire the Possible."
- Providing an atmosphere where a camper's disability is perceived as normal, and achievement is possible
- Our short-term goal for 2022 Camp Season is to have 35 to 50 campers per week of camp in the summer. This would increase the camper numbers by over 100% for the summer camp session.
- Our long-term goal is to have 1250 campers throughout the summer months, averaging 120–130 campers per week during the summer camping season. There also should be an additional 650 individuals participating in retreats and conferences during the rest of the year.
- Develop plan to renovate the camp to be accessible to individuals who are in wheelchairs or use walkers

Mission Creek Camp & Retreat Center was started to give the camp experience to individuals with disabilities through an innovative camp program that incorporates the freedom to try activities they normally are not able to do, specifically in the areas of horseback riding, fishing, boating, camp sports, art and music. For more information visit missioncreekcamp.org or call 785-256-6357.





Our Mission

The Mission Project enables capable adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live independently and safely in their community with individualized support.

Our Purpose

Participants have their own apartments in Mission, KS. Like others their ages, they hold jobs, pay bills, cook meals and socialize with friends. They exercise, travel together and serve their community. In short, they live fully.

Our Goals

Mission Project participants have numerous opportunities for growth and development including:

- Finding and maintaining employment
- Developing Healthy Lifestyles
- Developing Leadership Skills and giving back to their community
- Socializing with peers and participating in recreational and cultural activities
- Learning new skills in a variety of classes (including acting, art, social skills, developing healthy relationships and computer use.)



www.themissionproject.org

Who is Involved

Parents, guardians, families and friends of adults with developmental disabilities, as well as dedicated professionals, have joined forces to realize the goals of the project.



Why Mission, Kansas?

The mission project, Inc. Is based in Mission, Kansas because it's a well-run community that has jobs, services, entertainments and a community center within walking distance of apartment complexes, decreasing participants' need for transportation. The first participant moved into her apartment in Mission in summer 2004. The Mission Project works to create a community that not only supports participants but encourages them to succeed. The organization has 32 participants with expected future growth in other parts of the metropolitan area.

To Learn more contact Executive Director, Ashlyn Frederick at
executivedirector@themissionproject.org
or (913) 777-6722

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Project Highlights

- Employment Specialist available to provide counseling and career development
- 96% Employment Rate
- Transportation Provided to and from Work
- Families can contract with licensed independent living skills providers





Families play an integral role in the development of children. The First Steps system provides families the tools they need to help their children be successful.

Contact your local First Steps System Point of Entry (SPOE) office for more information by calling toll free:

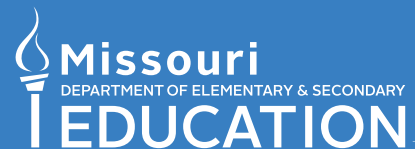
866-583-2392

Missouri First Steps Program

The goal of First Steps is to make sure that the family has the necessary supports, services and resources needed to raise a healthy, happy and successful child. Family members know their needs best and have the greatest influence on the child's development. They know the child's **likes, dislikes, family activities and routines**. They know which daily routines flow smoothly and which are more difficult, and they can prioritize their needs.

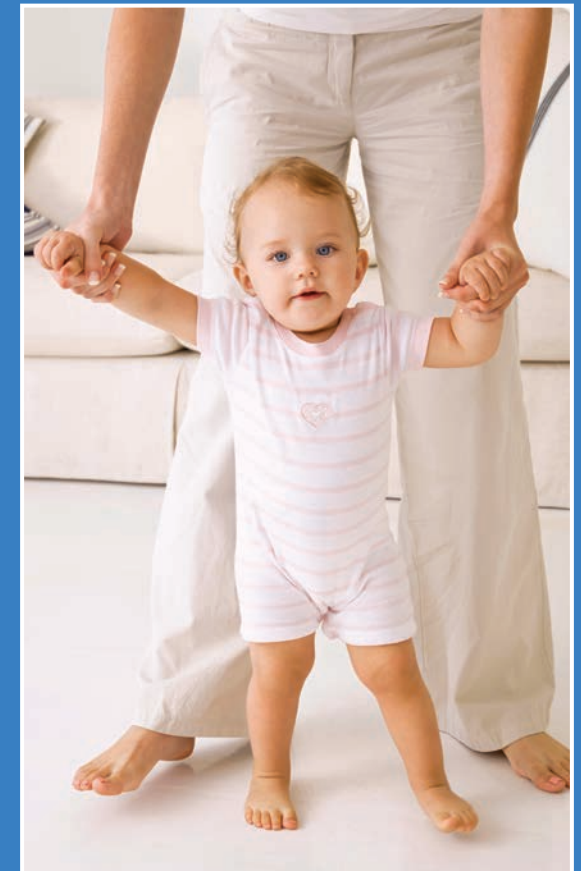
The First Steps system is responsive to these priorities and helps the family:

- Understand the child's needs.
- Increase the child's participation in family and community life.
- Obtain the assistance needed to deal with situations related to the child's development.
- Provide the best conditions for the child to learn.



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Missouri First Steps Early Intervention
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Bear POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Work, Education and Resilience) is a two and a half year (five semester) inclusive college program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Missouri State University. The program was created to offer a post-secondary education opportunity for students transitioning out of high school. Bear POWER is an approved Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) by the United States Department of Education and is listed on thinkcollege.net.

Four Pillars of Bear POWER

Academic

Students engage in the equivalent of 12 credits per semester through the combination of audited courses, support sessions and internships. They choose an “area of concentration” using person centered planning methods. After completion of five semesters in the program, students will get a Bear POWER certificate and walk in the graduation ceremony with their peers.

Social

Ambassadors are Missouri State student volunteers who provide a “circle of support” and integration within academic and social settings for each Bear POWER student. Mentors provide support in the areas of academic, social, health and wellness.

Independent Living

It is a requirement for students to live on campus during their enrollment in the program. This provides them with countless opportunities to learn independent living skills. Through hands on experiences, they will learn time management, basic cooking, cleaning and chores while living in a shared space.

Job Readiness

Career guidance and support is a critical part of the Bear POWER curriculum. Students will create a Person-Centered Plan and identify their interests in employment areas upon graduation. Support sessions will assist students in developing a resume and practicing interview skills. Students will also be required to participate in internship experiences, both on campus and within the community.

Bear POWER Admissions criteria, checklist and a timeline can be found on our website missouristate.edu/bearpower.

Questions? Email bearpower@missouristate.edu

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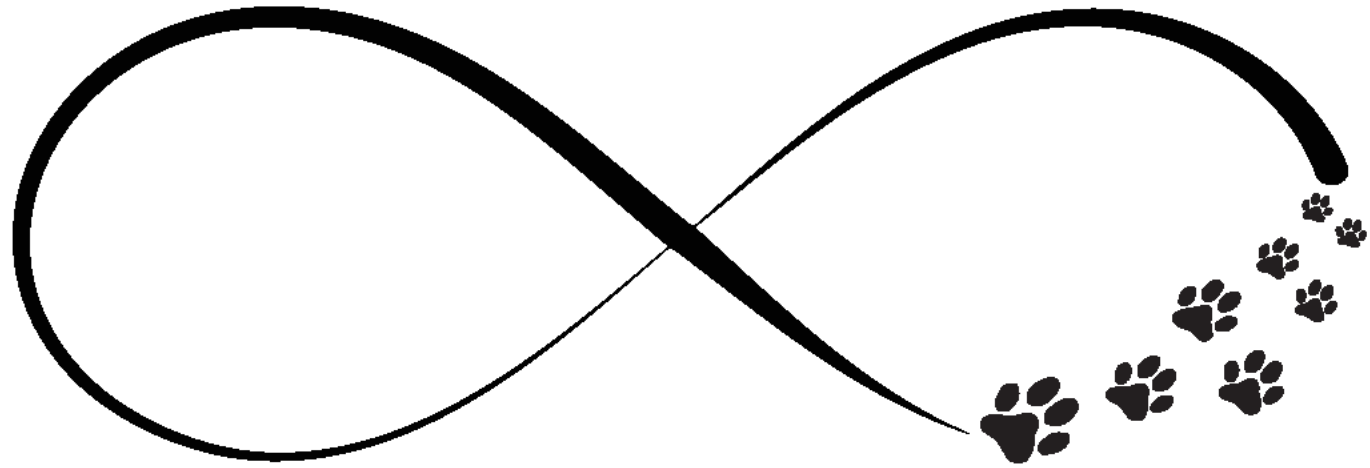
*The Overland Park Police Department is committed to creating and maintaining positive relationships with the Special Needs Community.
Your feedback, questions, and concerns matter to us!*

S.W.A.N.

Special Needs With Address Notification

The S.W.A.N. program allows families to voluntarily submit information about any individual in their household with special needs to Emergency Services (Fire, Police, Medical), in the event that they need to respond to your home during an emergency. This information would be attached to the family's address on the Computer Assisted Dispatch system and visible only to the Emergency Responders that are en route to the call. For example: 123 ABC Street – "17 year old teen diagnosed with Autism, non-verbal. Uses a Talk Tablet. Loves the police but will be slow to communicate. Please, no lights/sirens."

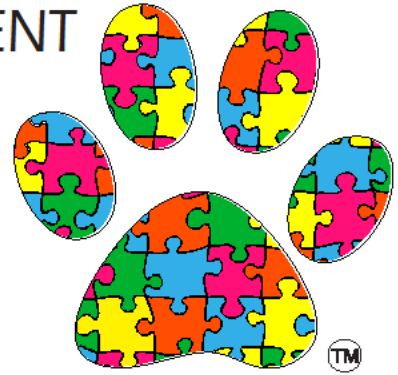
If you would like to register a family member in the program or would like more information, please contact Officer Adam Vendetti at adam.vendetti@opkansas.org, with "S.W.A.N. program" in the subject line.



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PBS Corp. provides the highest standard of care for our clients in home, school, and community settings.



We understand that navigating the world of ABA can be confusing which is why Team PBS prioritizes support for our caregivers in addition to the focus individual.

READY TO APPLY?

Our application process is fully online to make working with Team PBS as easy as possible. Visit TeamPBS.com and be ready with the following:

- Basic demographic information for the parent/caregiver and individual who will receive the services
- Pictures of your insurance/Medicaid card (front and back) and diagnostic reports verifying a qualifying diagnosis

WHY CHOOSE PBS?

- ✓ Accepting clients for ABA services across the US and Canada
- ✓ Providing services to all age groups
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Pre-Employment Transition Services

Empowering youth with disabilities to achieve their highest employment potential is one of the major goals of Rehabilitation Services (RS). To help achieve this goal, RS is providing Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), which were authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Pre-ETS are designed to provide job exploration, counseling and other services to help young people prepare for employment and self-reliance, rather than dependency on public benefits.

Coordination/collaboration between VR and Special Education is essential to assure that students with disabilities have access to the continuum of services they need to become employed and self-reliant. Students with disabilities are defined as individuals who are not younger than age 14 (the earliest age for the provision of transition services under IDEA) and not older than age 21.

- In addition, the student must be participating in a secondary, post-secondary or other recognized education program. Educational programs include: secondary education programs; non-traditional or alternative secondary education programs including home schooling; post-secondary education programs; and other recognized educational programs, such as those offered through the juvenile justice system.
- The student meets one of the following criteria to verify disability: The student is eligible for and receiving services under an Individual Education Plan (special education) OR the student is an individual with a disability as defined under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
 - An individual with a disability as defined in Section 504 means: any person who:
 - (1) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;
 - (2) Has a record of such an impairment; or
 - (3) Is regarded as having such an impairment.Major life activities include walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, caring for oneself, and performing manual tasks.

Students with disabilities may request Pre-ETS services directly or be referred by the Local Education Agency (LEA). RS will not implement any arbitrary age or time frame limit on when a student with a disability (as defined above) can submit request for Pre-ETS services. RS will coordinate with the individual, the LEAs and the individual's IEP regarding initiation of and provision of services.

Services are designed to be an early start at job exploration and to assist students with disabilities in making the transition from secondary to post-secondary education/training and competitive integrated employment.

Continued on the next page

JOB EXPLORATION COUNSELING

Provides students with disabilities the opportunity to explore how their skills and interests match with jobs available in the labor market.

- Administer vocational interest inventories.
- Review labor market information.
- Explore jobs/careers in the community.
- Connect the student to other resources in the community.

SELF ADVOCACY

Empowers students with disabilities to express their needs and goals in a variety of settings such as school and work.

- Help students learn their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- Identify self-advocacy skills and why they are important.
- Help the student build their own advocacy skills.
- Connect students to other resources in the community.
- Help students learn to request accommodations or services and supports.

WORKPLACE READINESS TRAINING

Supplies students with disabilities with the opportunity to learn power skills necessary for success on the job, such as customer service, how to interact with co-workers, supervisors, being on time, etc.

- Connect students with local career centers.
- Identify social and independent living skills.
- Identify and discuss employability skills.
- Connect students to other resources in the community.

COUNSELING ON COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION OR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Provides a clear path to an employment future for students with disabilities.

- Provide information to connect students to education opportunities including disability support services.
- Discuss reasonable accommodations for success in training and academic settings.
- Educate and inform students about post-secondary training programs.
- Connect students to other resources in the community.

WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Provides work-based learning experiences where youth can learn the skills necessary to succeed in the workplace and experience the benefits of earned income.

- Facilitate job shadowing and/or mock interviews.
- Connect students to career track and/or other work-based learning programs.
- Identify local businesses for work-based learning experience opportunities.
- Facilitate volunteer and internship opportunities in the community.

For referral to the Pre-ETS Transition Specialist serving your community, please call the Rehabilitation Services toll-free Customer Service Line: 1-866-213-9079.



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6/5 CONNECTIONS

8/7 CRUISE FOR CONSCIOUSNESS CAR SHOW

10/2 CONNECTIONS

10/31-11/2 EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY AT DISNEYLAND

11/1-30 EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

11/20 BOWLING FOR PURPLE PEACE

12/4 CONNECTIONS



Purple Peace Foundation is a 501(c)3 non profit organization that was founded by the Brady family in 2012 in memory of Amanda Brady, who died of epilepsy. PPF is dedicated to raising awareness in the community about epilepsy and seizures, and providing support to those who are diagnosed.



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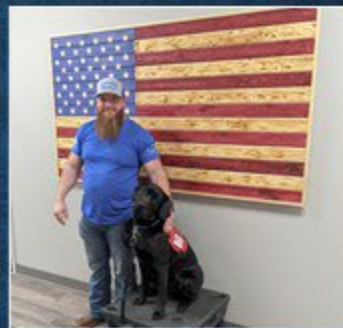




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For information on establishing a special needs trust and applying for Medicaid and SSI, please contact Shepherd Elder Law Group at 913.333.3533 or visit shepherdelderlaw.com.

For information on independent professional trustee services and care management for an individual with special needs or other forms of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), please contact Assured Trust Company at 913.521.9200 or visit assuredtrustcompany.com.

Lastly, to learn more about our charity, Special Needs Assured, please visit our website, specialneedsassured.org or call 913.521.9200.

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special needs and abilities.



Special Pediatric-to-Adult Need (SPAN) program

A primary care program for adults with special needs, including Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and genetic disorders



Welcome to AdventHealth Medical Group

The Special Pediatric-to-Adult Need (SPAN) program at AdventHealth Medical Group Primary Care at Shawnee Mission is Greater Kansas City's only primary care program that provides comprehensive, patient-focused care for adults with a chronic condition that persists from childhood to adulthood. With the SPAN program, these special patients have a consistent, reliable medical home.

Convenient care

Our expert team provides primary care for adults with special needs every weekday in the same location, including same-day appointments and daily physician availability. Our office is conveniently located on the campus of AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, in the Gateway Building. Additionally, family members and caregivers can receive primary care in the same location, allowing an integrated approach to care.

Contact us

To make an appointment, call our office at 913-632-2900 and let the scheduler know you are interested in the SPAN program. Please be prepared to provide your name, date of birth and phone number. For more information on the program, visit MyHealthKC.com/SPAN.

Meet Our Team



Laura Gaffney, MD, is medical director of the SPAN program. Board-certified in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, Dr. Gaffney has been focusing much of her practice on adults with special needs since 1996. She has earned numerous awards for excellence in patient care and she has been with AdventHealth Medical Group since 1997.



Danielle Carmitchel, APRN, FNP-C, is a certified family nurse practitioner who provides care for patients of all ages, with a special emphasis on patients in the SPAN program. With a background in home health care, wound care and pediatric private duty care of children with special needs, Danielle is a skilled and passionate provider for patients with a wide range of unique needs.

A social worker and other clinical associates round out SPAN's specialized, patient-focused medical team. In the event a referral is needed, the team has direct access to experienced, respected specialists across the AdventHealth Shawnee Mission network and beyond.



spinningtreetheatre.com | [@spinningtreec](https://www.instagram.com/spinningtreec)

Spinning Tree Theatre provides opportunities for young artists – with disabilities and without disabilities – to collaborate with professional artists in creating, rehearsing, and performing plays and musicals.

T.E.A.M. SOCCER

*Training **E**nthusiastic **A**thletes with **M**entors*

***Sporting Blue Valley's
program for ALL special
needs players ages 5-18!***



What is the T.E.A.M. Soccer Program?

TEAMSoccer is a program designed for players with physical and/or mental disabilities, who wish to learn and play the game of soccer. Players are paired up with youth and adult mentors, when needed, to help learn the game as well as to share their mutual passion for the sport.

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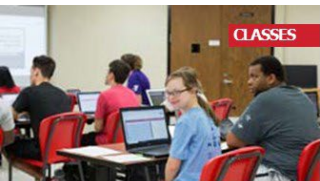
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**LEARNING
THROUGH
MUSIC.**

We offer quality, evidence-based music therapy, lessons, and groups, specialized to your needs!

- ☐ Birth to 18+ years
- ☐ Flexible Scheduling
- ☐ We Travel to You
- ☐ All Materials Provided
- ☐ Individualized Plan & Learning Goals
- ☐ Developmentally Appropriate
- ☐ Learning Through Play
- ☐ Sing, Move, and Explore Instruments!
- ☐ Multiple Group Styles, Available for Special Events and Birthday Parties
- ☐ Resource for Parents and Teachers



CLASSES

At the University of Central Missouri we believe the opportunity for a higher education should be available for all that desire it — our THRIVE program embodies this value. This program:

1. Empowers students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be independent, participating members of their communities.
2. Focuses on self-determination driven by the six core threads in the THRIVE program:
 - Transformation
 - Health
 - Responsibility
 - Independence
 - Vocation
 - Education

Program success is measured by student outcomes that demonstrate equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and self-sufficiency.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be 18-25 years old at the time of application.
- Have been diagnosed with an intellectual, cognitive or developmental disability prior to the age of 18.
- Possess sufficient emotional maturity and stability to participate in all aspects of a supported residential college-based program.
- Have been eligible for a free, appropriate public education and have the ability to participate in an independent living environment.
- Demonstrate the ability to accept and follow reasonable rules and behave respectfully toward others.

To apply, submit an application packet to the THRIVE program.

The application packet should include:

- Four letters of reference
 - Disability documentation
- Priority is given to applications received by Dec. 31.

For more information, visit ucmo.edu/thrive.



STUDY HALL



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



INTERNSHIPS



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CENTRAL MISSOURI

THRIVE is a Comprehensive
Transition and Postsecondary
(CTP) program.



What makes THRIVE unique?

- It's offered on a major, public university campus.
- Students receive full integration into residential, social and community life.
- Experienced instructors, advisors and counselors support each student.
- UCM has collaborative partnerships with educational agencies and community businesses.
- Core classes emphasize life and social skills, independent living, academic enrichment and career development opportunities.
- Campus residence hall living is supported by THRIVE student mentors.
- Person-centered planning and internships are provided.
- Students experience employment opportunities that match their skills and interests.

Students graduate from the
THRIVE program with a two-year
certificate of success!



TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE

Semester One

- THRIVE Seminar I: University Foundations
- Individual and Family Health and Relationships
- Beginning Bowling (eight weeks) or Valuing Differences (eight weeks)
- Technology Literacy Class and Lab
- Career Exploration
- PLATO (computerized program for academic skills)
- Recreation or fitness
- Person-centered planning, communications, study halls

Semester Two

- THRIVE Seminar II: Learning Strategies
- Workplace and Community Skills
- Daily and Independent Living Skills
- Elective class (credit or non-credit based on student interest or career path)
- PLATO (computerized program for academic skills)
- Recreation or fitness
- Person-centered planning, communications, study halls

Semester Three

- THRIVE Seminar III: Transition Planning I
- Personal Finance I
- Elective class (credit or non-credit based on student interest or career path)
- Internship I (individualized, 12–20 hours per week)
- PLATO (computerized program for academic skills and work skills)
- Recreation or fitness
- Person-centered planning, communications, study halls

Semester Four

- THRIVE Seminar IV: Transition Planning II
- Personal Finance II
- Elective class (credit or non-credit based on student interest or career path)
- Internship (individualized, 12–20 hours per week)
- PLATO (computerized program for academic skills and work skills)
- Recreation or Fitness
- Person-centered planning, communications, study halls

THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR PROGRAM OPTIONS

UCM now offers third- and fourth-year programs for THRIVE students to continue learning and developing skills after earning their two-year certificate of success.

THIRD YEAR

Transition Planning III—Topics include employer and employee expectations, desired basic employment skills, business and job etiquette, and the responsibilities of independent living.

Foods and Nutrition I—Topics include basic elements of food and kitchen safety, wellness, eating disorders, food preparation, purchasing food, reading labels, meal planning and recipes, and basic cleaning. Students will also learn how to use and care for appliances.

Internship III (15-18 credit hours)—Based on each student's interests and skills, an appropriate internship site will be selected at UCM or in the Warrensburg community.

Additional components of the third-year program include:

- Person-centered planning with assistance from local agencies to help with realistic job expectations in the student's home area
- Adapt PE plus
- An academic elective



FOURTH YEAR

THRIVE Seminar VI: Senior Portfolio I-Project/Job Search—Students will continue to develop and collect documents for transition to their home area including résumés, cover letters, recommendation letters, applications, etc. Students will continue to develop a working/living plan for home transition. Course topics may include employer/employee expectations, basic employment skills, business and job etiquette, and the responsibilities of independent living.

Other components of the fourth-year program include:

- Continued Foods and Nutrition II
- Increased internship hours
- Person-centered planning with assistance from local agencies to help with realistic job expectations in the student's home area
- Adapt PE plus
- An academic elective



UNA CANTAMUS

♪ We sing together as one ♪



DO YOU LIKE
TO SING?

GRAB A FRIEND
AND JOIN US!!!

Una Cantamus is an all-inclusive community choir for teens and adults with disabilities, as well as their friends and family members. All skill levels are welcome! We are a fun and casual group who perform around the Kansas City area.

WHEN: Rehearsals are every other Monday @ 7 PM

WHERE: Matthew's Ministry Room
COR (Building B)
5001 W 137th St
Leawood, KS 66224
or over Zoom when necessary

Visit us on Facebook @unacantamuskc or email UnaCantamusKC@gmail.com for more information, to book a performance, or if you'd like to join us!

University of Iowa - UI REACH

HELLO! From Michael Petkewec, Senior Program Specialist - Recruitment
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Main Phone: 319-384-2127

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PXCbt_k3hHQ

INTERNSHIP VIDEO PROFILE – Danny

McGregor-Huyer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krtaPlpleH8>

Contact us for more information, or to set up a presentation at your school or district or organization!



Your future is within REACH!

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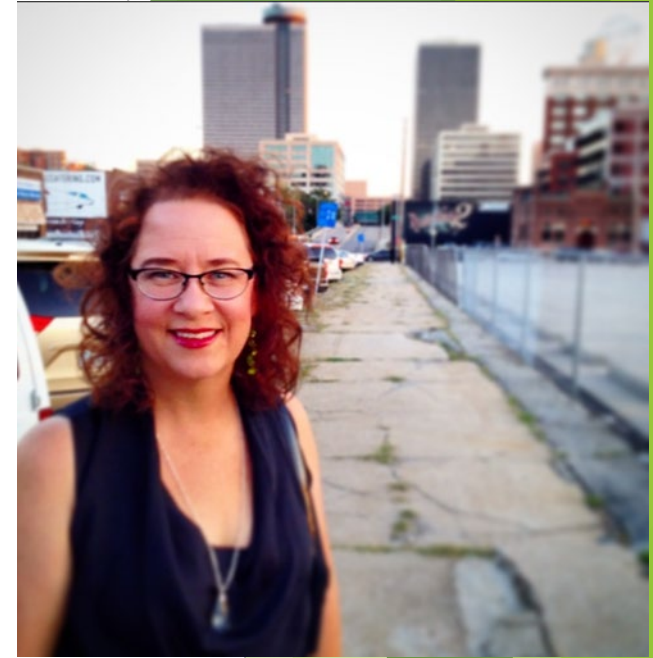
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 - Medicaid, SSI/SSD, School, Waivers
- **Alternative Disagreement Resolutions;**
 - negotiating formal meetings of significance

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- *SEMI-PRIVATE THERAPIES**
- *PRIVATE THERAPIES (PT/OT/SLP)**

SKILLS SUPPORTED IN OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**MOTOR DEVELOPMENT, SENSORY INTEGRATION, SPEECH ~~AND~~ LANGUAGE,
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YOUTH Services

The Whole Person's Youth Services provide services that meet the transitional, educational, and social needs of youth with disabilities. Their goal and ours is to help youth with disabilities learn the independent living skills needed to make a successful transition into adulthood.



Our current program features the following:

- DIY Life Skills Class
An 8-week course for youth 18-24 years old, offered four times per year. Youth will learn to advocate for themselves, how to budget, how to cook, how to do laundry and self care.
- High School Youth Transition to Independence Program
An 8-12 week high school course that provides students with skills and resources necessary to have for transitioning from high school into adulthood.
- The Whole Family Project
Individualized instruction in sign language for infants and children up to 12 years. The Whole Family Program seeks to increase the ability of families to communicate with their children who are deaf or nonverbal while increasing their knowledge and understanding of deafness, the deaf community and other available options for their children.

**If you are a youth, parent of a youth with a disability, or caregiver,
call 816-561-0304**

For more information on Youth Services, visit our website at
www.thewholeperson.org

Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

Core Values

The core values will influence how we interact with each other, guide how we go about our work and fulfill our mission.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Committed
- Collaboration

Who We Serve

- People with disabilities
- Parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- Schools
- Businesses
- Local government agencies
- Volunteer organizations
- Hospitals, health organizations and the medical community
- Civic organizations
- Churches/religious organizations
- Veterans
- Any individual or organization seeking assistance

Programs

- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment Services
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- The Whole Family Project
- Transition Services
- Telecommunications Access Program (TAP)

Support Groups

Through peer groups there is a full exchange of brainstorming, problem solving, and sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues. Peer groups meet 1-2 times a month. Visit our website for more information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information for each facilitator.

Community Outreach

The Whole Person provides education on disability etiquette, including reasonable accommodations and accepted social interaction, as well as why disability awareness is important. Visit our website to arrange a presentation for your company or organization.

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To learn more about TWP, visit
thewholeperson.org | info@thewholeperson.org



EVERYONE DESERVES TO CAMP



Wonderland Camp has been serving individuals with disabilities ages 6 and older for over 50 years at Lake of the Ozarks.



What makes us special?

- Accessible activities including; climbing wall; ropes course; archery; swimming; nature trail; boat rides and more!
- Air-conditioned and heated cabins
- Registered and licensed practical nurses on staff 24 hours per day
- On-site health clinic equipped with first aid, emergency supplies, oxygen and AED
- Accepting campers up to age 99!

WONDERLAND *Camp*

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CHALLENGER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

BOWLING, JANUARY - MARCH

Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. at Retro Bowl, Liberty, MO
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Tiger Bowl, Excelsior Springs, MO
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at AMF College Lanes, Overland Park, KS
Thursdays, 6-7p.m. at Premier Bowl, Raytown, MO

SOCCER, MARCH - APRIL

Mondays, 6-7 p.m. at Hartman Park, Lee's Summit, MO
Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Pryor Family YMCA Challenger Sports Complex, Kansas City, MO
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Arrowhead Administrative Center, Overland Park, KS

BASEBALL, MAY - JUNE

Mondays, 6-7 or 7-8 p.m. at Hartman Park, Lee's Summit, MO
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6-7 & 7-8 p.m. at Pryor Family YMCA Challenger Sports Complex
Wednesdays, 6-7 or 7-8 p.m. at College Blvd Activity Center (CBAC), Olathe, KS

BOWLING, JULY - AUGUST

TBD, 6-7 p.m. at Retro Bowl, Liberty, MO
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at AMF College Lanes, Overland Park, KS
Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. at Premier Bowl, 11400 E. 350 Hwy, Raytown, MO
Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. at Tiger Bowl, Excelsior Springs, MO

FLAG FOOTBALL, SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Mondays, 6-7 p.m. at Hartman Park, Lee's Summit, MO
Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Fred and Shirley Pryor Family YMCA Challenger Sports Complex
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Arrowhead Administrative Center, Overland Park, KS

BASKETBALL, OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Sundays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Harris Park Community Center, Lee's Summit, MO
Tuesdays, 6-7 or 7-8 p.m. at Barry Middle School, Kansas City, MO
Saturdays, 9-10 or 10-11 a.m. at Harmony Middle School, Blue Valley School District

YOUNG ADULT BOWLING, OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at AMF College Lanes, Overland Park, KS

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES, AGES 12+

Enjoy friends, food and fun as we visit different locations around Kansas City for fun-filled outings and events. Socialize with friends and peers! Inclusive program! Pre-register for all events.

Challenger Swim Programs- please contact the Aquatics Director at the following locations:

Bonner Springs YMCA 913-422-9348
Cleaver Family YMCA 816-285-9622
Platte County Community Center North-YMCA 816-858-0114
Olathe Family YMCA 913-393-9622
Paul Henson YMCA 913-642-6800
North Kansas City YMCA- 816-300-0531

Please visit our website at www.KansasCityYMCA.org for updated information and program details or join YMCA Challenger on Facebook.

Raegan Schurr, Senior Director Adaptive Programs, North Kansas City YMCA, 1999 Iron St., Kansas City, MO 64116
816-300-0531, RaeganSchurr@KansasCityYMCA.org

Volunteer buddies are always needed to support athlete while they participate. We match up either 1 on 1, or with a small group of athletes to encourage, lead, prompt and get to know!! Fun for all!!