

Titles and Descriptions of Presenters & Exhibitors

Title: "Central Connections Case Management 101" The presentation will share how case management connects people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to services and supports to enable them to live fully as members of the community.

Title "Cultivating Your Abilities" Gibbs Center An overview of what's happening at UCP Gibbs Center. The presenter will be giving information of what this Day Program is all about from schedule, to community outings and goals for the clients.

Title: "Transitioning from High School to College Accommodations" State Tech: Transitioning from high school to college will undoubtedly bring up many changes in students' (and parents') lives and the accommodations process is no different. This session will help prepare you for the academic and legal differences between the accommodations process at the high school level and the college level. Presenters will outline the accommodations process at State Tech as well as answer common questions.

Title: "Bear POWER Missouri State University"

Bear POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Work, Education and Resilience) is a program for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities after high school graduation. The student will earn a non degree certificate when he/she completes this two year, five semester program (excluding summer). After graduation, you will be ready to find a job that matches your skills and dreams. Presenters will discuss the courses offered through Bear POWER, how students will gain independence and job readiness skills and information on FERPA in college.

Title: "Center for Human Services-Fulton"

Center for Human Services is a non-profit organization serving people of all ages across Missouri. Our primary services help individuals develop their skills to overcome physical, mental, and financial challenges. We do this by providing resources and services for child care and education, jobs, therapy, housing, counseling, and socialization. The presenters will discuss specifically the services provided for Callaway County.

Title: "Legal Guardianship-What does that mean?"

Attorney Scott Evans will discuss what it means to be become a "legal guardian." He will have an open discussion to answer questions in regards to guardianship, power of attorney, and partial guardianship.

Title: “Day Solutions Inc.”

Day Solutions Inc., is an independently owned and operated day habilitation program for adults with both intellectual and developmental disabilities located in Jefferson City, Missouri. Our mission is to provide a safe and stimulating day program where adults with disabilities can learn, grow, and develop relationships with their peers, and actively participate in the community around them. We strive to meet the unique social, emotional, and educational needs of individuals with a wide range of disabilities. Day Solutions provides services to clients from Jefferson City and the surrounding area, including: Cole, Miller, Osage, and Callaway counties.

Title: “Independent Living Resource Center” (ILRC)

Encouraging greater independence and empowerment for individuals with disabilities through advocacy and resources. The presenters will discuss their program and the process to access services.

Title: “Job Point”

Job Point is Missouri’s premier employment center and Community Development Corporation. Since 1965, they have been linking people and jobs by providing career planning and job placement assistance. They specialize in preparing individuals to enter the workforce while meeting a critical need of the business community. The presenter will discuss the services and programs offered.

Title: “MERS Goodwill”

MERS Missouri Goodwill’s mission is “Changing lives through the power of work.” MERS Missouri Goodwill provides a variety of programs and services to help support this mission. Some of the many programs and services offered are career counseling, skills training, education and literacy programs, employment services, and more. The presenter will discuss how they provide assistance for Summer Work Experience and other community rehabilitation program services.

Title: “Vocational Rehabilitation(VR) and Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)”

VR helps eligible individuals with physical, mental or learning disabilities prepare for a career. Pre-ETS provides an early start at job exploration and opportunities for real-world work experience to help identify career interests. Services and activities include one or more of the following areas: job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on opportunities for enrollment in postsecondary education programs, workplace-readiness training and instruction in self-advocacy.

Title: "SSI Benefits"

SSI-Supplemental Security Income. The presenter will discuss the process of SSI benefits and how it may impact employment.

Title: "THRIVE-UCM"

The THRIVE Program at the University of Central Missouri expands opportunities for students with disabilities so they can live a more independent life. Through the THRIVE Program, the University of Central Missouri prepares students with disabilities to transition to independent living and find employment that fits their individual goals and abilities. During the program, students are required to live on the UCM campus. They work on improving their academic abilities and peer interactions while learning computer and job skills. They also participate in career-focused internships. THRIVE graduates earn a Certificate of Success along with a personal portfolio. Some students may go on to earn a degree at UCM with the proper student support services in place for their success.

Title: Central Missouri Regional Office

The Presenter will be discussing the eligibility criteria and services that are offered and available through the Central Missouri Regional Office.

Title: Success 1,2,3 (Lincoln University)

There are some profound differences between laws/policies for ADA rights for high school students vs. college students. Some of the differences are the types of accommodations, self-identifying, and success vs. access., and more! We will discuss all of these factors and more in Success 1, 2, 3 workshop.

Title: Make Their Day (One For All Day Program)

Topic: Making Smiles and Building Memories I will be talking about how our program promotes more of the social and community aspect of quality of life after school. We focus on participant "choice" and what personal goals each individual wants to achieve. We also incorporate healthy social relationships with friends, family and our community. We strive to give participants the individualism that they need to be successful.

Title: Real Education, Real Purpose. Presenter Mr. Brian Jobe

Currently an administrator at Nichols Career Center, over the last 20 years Mr. Jobe has been an elementary principal, a high school principal, and a business owner. "Students, parents, and educators should always remember Swindoll's 10% rule, *Outcomes are 10% of what happens to us and 90% of how we react to it.* Career and Technical Education is a game changer. In our programs, education is applicable, and we care about our 90."

Title: The Five W's and How of Transition Planning

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates that transition planning for students with special education services must begin by age 16. Jacquie Bowles, EdD, Process Coordinator for Jefferson City School District will explain the transition process and the importance of understanding the why, what, where, when, who, and how of transition planning.

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Capital Projects (Sheltered Workshop) - mission is to provide meaningful and dignified employment for individuals with disabilities

Special Olympics of Missouri -provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Spring Health

Springhealth Behavioral Health and Integrated Care provides in-home/ school/ and community Applied Behavior Analysis services to youth and adults of all ages throughout the state of Missouri. We serve clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder as well as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We assist with fostering and growing functional communication skills, self help skills, social skills and more. We accept most private insurances including Medicaid. More information about our services and contact information can be found on our website <https://springhealthbehavioral.com>

JCSD Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)

Families with children who have special needs often seek out opportunities to meet other parents in similar circumstances. JCSD's SEPTA provides this opportunity and often brings together families of students who attend different schools in a district under one PTA umbrella. Becoming a SEPTA provides families with an organizational structure, resources and the opportunity to be a collective voice for their child and for all children.