



National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week

National Direct Support Workers Week is a special time to celebrate the dedication and hard work of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) who provide essential care and support to individuals with developmental disabilities. From assisting with daily activities to offering companionship and advocacy, DSPs play a vital role in helping people live more independent and fulfilling lives. Their commitment and compassion make a significant difference in the lives of those they support, and this week is an opportunity to honor their invaluable contributions.

As we recognize National Direct Support Workers Week, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all DSPs for their unwavering dedication and the incredible impact they have on our community. This week serves as a reminder of the vital role DSPs play in enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Join us in celebrating these outstanding professionals who make a positive difference every day!



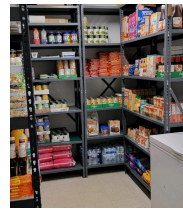
International Day of Sign Language

International Day of Sign Languages is observed annually on September 23rd to promote awareness of the importance of sign languages in realizing the human rights of people who are deaf. This day highlights the cultural and linguistic identity of deaf communities and emphasizes the significance of sign languages in fostering inclusivity and accessibility. It serves as a global platform to advocate for the recognition and support of sign languages in all aspects of life, including education, employment, and public services. By celebrating this day, we acknowledge the diversity of sign languages worldwide and the vital role they play in enabling effective communication and equal opportunities for all.

For more information, please visit [UN | JSL Day](#) and [StartASL](#).

National Food Bank Day

National Food Bank Day is observed on the first Friday of September each year to raise awareness about food insecurity and the critical role food banks play in supporting individuals and families in need. This day highlights the importance of community support and generosity in addressing hunger and ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious food. Food banks across the country rely on donations and volunteer efforts to distribute food to those who are struggling to make ends meet. National Food Bank Day encourages people to donate food, funds, or their time to help fight hunger and make a positive impact in their local communities.



Compassionate Behaviors Workshop

We're thrilled to invite you to our upcoming workshop, Compassionate Behaviors Solutions with the amazing Dr. Amy Baue-Titone! This workshop is designed to equip you with practical tools and skills to enhance your interactions and success in the classroom, community, and at home.

Date: Friday, September 20, 2024
 Time: 8 AM - 4 PM
 Location: Centene Center, Farmington, MO
 Registration is extended through September 12!

Whether you're an educator, community leader, or just eager to improve your everyday interactions, this workshop is perfect for you. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and grow!

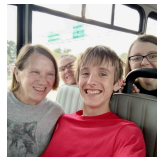
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Interested in being a vendor or sponsor? Check out our website or call Kaitlin Smith at (573) 747-1596.

August Flashbacks

Muny Night

It was a beautiful night at the Muny. Couldn't ask for a better weather or a better group! Thank you to everyone who went!



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