

October 2019 e-news from Developing Potential, Inc.



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Congratulations to our 2019 Individuals of the Year: Natrice Grayes, Kansas City Site; Michael Holden, Lee's Summit Site; Colton Higginbotham, Independence Site; Aaron Gwinn, DPI Employment Connections.



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Coin Drive



The Kiwanis Aktion Club of Lee's Summit at DPI is collecting coins and change during the month of October in conjunction with Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. All money collected will be donated to UNICEF to help fight neonatal tetanus. Please send in your loose change and coins by Friday, November 1st if you would like to help us out!!

About Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF: Since 1950, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF funds have helped save and improve children's lives around the world. UNICEF works in 190 countries and reaches millions of children with immunizations, education, health care, nutrition, safe water and sanitation, emergency relief, and more—with the help of your support!



Drop donations at:

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Lee's Summit**

**251 NW Executive Way
Upper Level**

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DPI Employment Connections From Volunteer Service to Employment

Courtney is a bright individual with a love of life and her community. She has volunteered at Starlight Theater for the past three years where she assists in customer service. Courtney enjoys the shows and being around people. Courtney has also been a longtime volunteer with Children's Mercy, St. Joseph Medical Center, and local churches. During her time at Children's Mercy, she advocated for an accessible power door button to be installed outside the restrooms in the volunteer office.

Courtney continued advocating for herself and her desire to have a paid job in her community. In March 2019, Courtney began services with DPI Employment Connections. Courtney worked with staff to identify opportunities within her community where she could earn a competitive wage. In June 2019, Courtney accepted her first ever paid position working at AMC 14. In a short time, Courtney has been able to build relationships with regular customers and her co-workers. Courtney works hard to ensure she is providing excellent customer



service. Customers can always count on a joyful smile when they come visit Courtney at AMC. Courtney has been able to work with her job coach and DPI's occupational therapist to make certain job tasks easier. Courtney was introduced to exercises to increase endurance and different assistive devices to allow her to work independently. Courtney will continue to have support from DPI Employment Connections to ensure her success within her employment.



DPI Health and Wellness: Getting the Care You Need, A Guide for People with Disabilities

Did you know health care providers are required to offer everyone access to medical services without discrimination on the basis of disability?

People with disabilities have the right to access the same medical care services as everyone else. People with disabilities have the right to reasonable modifications, auxiliary aids, and services. Federal law protects your rights and prohibit discrimination.

[Click here](#) for a guide provided by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Sensory Room A great addition with support from the Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation

A generous grant from the Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation provided funding for a multi-sensory room at our Lee's Summit location. This room is based on the Snoezelen concept and provides a sensory cocoon corner with interconnected bubble tube and fiber optic lighting system. It also includes an essential oils scent diffuser and a remote that controls the lighting and scents, providing for an experience using all senses.



The bubble wall is a favorite for those who are looking for a more focused sensory experience. There are a variety of textured tools to touch in the sensory room and lots of comfortable seating.

Individuals are able to explore one option or any number of options to meet their sensory needs with a single staff member, a few friends, or their entire team. The variety of options in our new Sensory Room have truly thrilled staff and individuals at DPI. Thank you Greater Lee's Summit Healthcare Foundation for your generous support and KC Constructors for your installation.

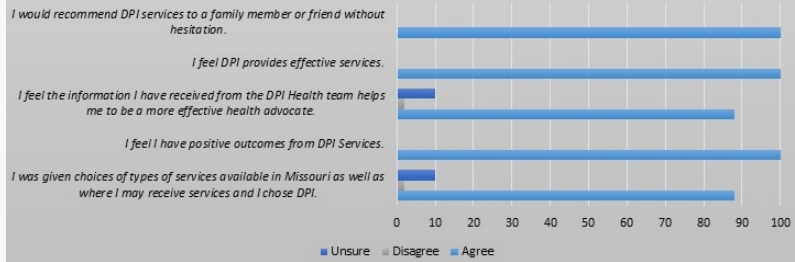


Autism Insurance Coverage Now Required in All 50 states!

[Click here](#) to read more from the Disability Scoop.



2019 Stakeholder Survey Questionnaire Results ~Persons Served/Family Survey~



Developing Potential, Inc. January-June 2019 Outcome Results

Outcome: People are able to choose health resources and are supported in making informed decisions regarding their health and well-being.

- Percent of individuals receiving onsite day services who have a Comprehensive Health Assessment Completed Jan-June: 55%
- Average number of medications passed/month Jan-June: 1,127
- Percent of medications passed correctly Jan-June: 99.97%

Outcome: People are connected to their communities.

- Number of new volunteer opportunities made available Jan-June: 17. Individuals had the opportunity to connect through volunteering at various places around the community such as filling hummingbird feeders at George Owen Park, packing dog food and making blankets for a local animal shelter.
- Percent of people who met community goals as set: 98%.
- Number of community outings Jan-June: 432. Community outings ranged from organized trip to the zoo, visiting Jefferson City during Disability Legislative Day, dropping off goodies to the local police station, and going to McDonalds to enjoy a tea.

Outcome: People are satisfied with the services they are provided.

- Percent of individuals/guardians who reported being satisfied with DPI services during annual planning meeting—100%
- Percent of TCM Support Coordinators who report being satisfied with DPI services after Service Monitoring Visit: 100%
- Percent of Employers who report being satisfied with DPI Employment Connections Division—100%

Outcome: People are competitively employed in their community.

- Number of individuals who are competitively employed as of June 30, 2019—30 individuals
- Number of jobs held as of June 30, 2019—30 jobs
- Longest duration of secured employment—79 months

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

DPI Employment Connections is pleased to provide competitive, supported employment opportunities for individuals in our community. As we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month, please watch our social media for videos and photos from some of our individuals employed in the community and their employers.



Thank you to our donors September 2019

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Each year the Governor's Council on Disability distributes a Legislative Priorities Poll to assist in understanding issues important to Missourians with disabilities and those who work and live with them.

The 2019 Poll is open! [Click here](#) to fill out the poll. Poll responses must be received by **Friday, November 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**



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