

Spotlight on Staff

Please welcome Jennifer Clemons, the most recent addition to the CCDDR family. Her commitment to “other-abled” individuals is apparent from her work history. Jennifer served as a paraprofessional (a.k.a. teachers’ aide) in Special Education classrooms in Laquey for 4 years. That was followed by 3 years with Phoenix Home Health helping a variety of people successfully live in

their own homes rather than move to a nursing home, etc... For a brief time she worked in an ISL, so she has a well rounded background and is ready to help families with IEP meetings at school, signing up for home health services or Personal Assistant services, or get the equipment needed

to help each person be as self-sufficient as possible.

While providing direct care services for almost 8 years and caring for 2 growing boys who make her life interesting, Jennifer tackled and accomplished another goal. She obtained her BA in Psychology from Columbia College for the purpose of gaining more skills that would allow her to continue working with people in Camden County that she has grown to care about. Jennifer does not know the concept “impossible,” she merely finds a way and she can use that skill to help her clients in the same way. When you see her in the community, stop and say hello.



March 2016

Calendar

- **Share the Harvest food pantry**
Tuesday, 3pm to 7pm, Wednesday & Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm 689 Missouri Hwy 7 Phone 573-873-5855
They also hold a budget class the third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Call to sign up.
- **OATS** Camden County trip to Share the Harvest Food Pantry. Driver: Nancy Newham third Wednesday of each month. To schedule a ride call the Mid-Mo OATS office at 1-800-269-6287. The cost is \$7.00
- **Mobile Food Pantry Camdenton:** Lake Ozark Amphitheatre entrance, call 573-346-8303 for more information. Please arrive by noon on the second Friday of the month.
- **Good Neighbors** at *First Baptist Church of Eldon* (third Monday night of each month) 209 S Aurora St, Eldon, MO 65026 573-392-3124
- **People’s First** meets the second Thursday of each month in LODC at 4:00 pm. The meal is potluck, all welcome.
- **Rising Abilities** is happy to announce a new venue with more options for activities. They will meet at 2:00 pm on the last Sunday of each month at the YMCA of Osage Beach located on 950 Airport Road. **March 27th, 2016 - Open Gym at the YMCA in Osage Beach**

Disability Rights Legislative Day

Disability Rights Legislative Day will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. A rally with speakers will be held in the Capitol Rotunda from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Individuals and groups are encouraged to visit with legislators (it does not need to be your personal legislator) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please make appointments with legislators prior to March 10 so the legislators can make time in their schedules to meet with you. Please join the Governor’s Council on Disability and other disability organizations at the Capitol for this important event!



Volunteer Opportunity

Alice Richter is a very dedicated lady in Osage Beach who trains and places service dogs to help people with autism, PTSD, or other similar disabilities. She and her staff could use a few volunteers (1-2 at a time, no large groups) to help keep the facility clean and play with the dogs. People working with Community Inclusion staff are welcome.

If you like working with dogs, you have transportation, and you want to help others, contact your Support Coordinator for more details



TouchPoints of Autism

**TouchPoints of Autism 1
March 21, 2016**

**TouchPoints of Autism 2
March 28, 2016**

Time:

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Registration:

Registration is limited and is taken on a first come, first served basis. When you attend this workshop, you will gain valuable knowledge and strategies for working with individuals with autism. This workshop will discuss Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), functions of behavior, basic behavior change strategies, and visual strategies. The evenings are designed for both parents, professionals and community members.



Please RSVP by the Friday before to Alissa Marlow at alissa.marlow@esmw.org or (573) 447-8310.

Participants may choose to attend one or both workshops.

Location:

The Church at Osage Hills
5237 Osage Beach Parkway
Osage Beach MO 65065

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