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INDIVIDUALS
WITH DISABILITIES



There are nearly 155,000 children and adults under the age of 65 in the KC area with a disability. This reference guide is meant to highlight opportunities for individuals with disabilities to find their community right here in KC. While not comprehensive, this guide should serve as a great starting point. We hope you feel at home here and encourage you to partake in these available resources, amenities and opportunities.

FRIENDLY FACES/AMBASSADORS

These are a few locals who are friendly, accessible and ready to welcome you to Kansas City. Don't hesitate to reach out to them to become more familiar with the community of individuals with disabilities in Kansas City and to help you make new connections.



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RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

GREATER KANSAS CITY BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK

The Greater Kansas City Business Leadership Network's mission is to help business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace and marketplace in the Greater Kansas City area. Their SHiFT program helps individuals with disabilities by matching workplace capabilities and preferences with compatible job descriptions.

THE WHOLE PERSON

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community. They have an extensive list of KC metro area resources by topic.

ABILITY KC

Ability KC strives to build brighter futures for children and adults with disabilities by providing comprehensive educational, vocational, therapeutic and employment services.

CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Kansas City provides information about independent living resources for transportation, employment and other topics. In addition, they compile a comprehensive list of nearly 80 nonprofit organizations serving people with disabilities in the Greater Kansas City area.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Variety the Children's Charity of Greater Kansas City provides children with developmental disabilities adaptive equipment and opportunities for activity and inclusion. They also extend a large resource list of area equipment providers and other organizations.

INCLUSION CONNECTIONS

Inclusion Connections is a Kansas City nonprofit which serves teens and young adults with disabilities by creating inclusive opportunities for community involvement, access to meaningful employment, and better options for independent living.

CAP4KIDS | CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT OF KANSAS CITY

The mission of The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP) is to help bridge the gap between the many quality social service agencies in the Kansas City area and the families that need their help the most by providing user-friendly, comprehensive listing of those social service agencies.

MISSOURI PARENTS ACT

Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) is Missouri’s Parent Training and Information Center and has a mission to empower families to advocate for themselves so that children with special educational needs can reach their full potential in education and life – through support, training, and education.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GROUNDHOG RUN	January 2018
GALA FASHIONABILITY	February 2018
ABILITY LUNCHEON	April 2018
VARIETY SHOW	April 2018
DISABILITY INCLUSION SUMMIT	April 2018
DISABILITY CHAMPION AWARDS LUNCHEON	April 2018
HATS OFF TO MOTHERS LUNCHEON	May 2018
NIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE GALA	September 2018
KANSAS CITY DISABILITY MENTORING DAY MISSOURI	October/November 2018
KANSAS CITY DISABILITY MENTORING DAY KANSAS	October/November 2018

Information on this guide was sourced from survey responses of individuals in the KC region who self-identify with this community.