

Lake Area Resources and Connections

Special Events

MPACT Training: Family Record Keeping

April 10 9:30 am - 10:30am
Camden County Library:
Camdenton Branch

89 Rodeo Rd
Camdenton, MO 65020

Dogwood Festival: 5K Fun Run/Walk 6:45 AM 4/21, Parade at 10AM Camdenton

Area Resource

Carnival: April 28, 2-4PM, 253 Keystone Industrial Park Dr., Camdenton

Foundations of Autism Training: May 8 5:30 to 7:30 PM ,CCDDR ,253 Keystone Industrial Park Dr., Camdenton

Miller County Board for Services for the Developmentally Disabled 573-348-3751

Morgan County Board for the Developmentally Disabled 573-569-4240

Camden County Developmental Disability Resources. 573-317 9233



A Call for Advocacy

Advocacy is part of the foundation in which the ARC, as an organization, is built. From the national chapter (the ARC of the United States), state chapters (the ARC of Missouri), and local chapters such as the ARC of the Lake, advocacy is central to our mission and the message we send to the community.

Advocates come from every aspect of our lives. Whether a parent, a guardian, a caregiver, or friends and coworkers, everyone can act as an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities. However, one of the most important advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities is the person themselves.

Self-advocacy is essential, and there has never been a more important time to advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities and the supports they depend on. It is important for each and every one of us to educate and inform ourselves on what is happening in our country, our state, and our communities! Reach out to your local and state elected officials and let them know what is important in your life, and where you stand on the issues that matter to you!

Right now, each and every one of us has the opportunity to advocate for ourselves, and for one another. Currently, the Missouri State Legislature is working on the 2019 budget. 2018 saw serious cuts to funding for programs that individuals with developmental disabilities depend on. The Missouri House of Representatives website offers a great tool for locating our elected officials, which can be found at <https://www.house.mo.gov/>. You can call or email your representative and voice your concerns. Here is a sample statement you can use.

Sample Statement:

Thank you for always protecting the needs of your constituents with developmental disabilities.

I know the legislature will be making critical decisions on the budget very soon. Please remember that people with developmental disabilities count on funding from the state to live and contribute to our community.

We are depending on you. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
(Your Name, Zip Code)

Check out our new website! www.arcofthelake.org.

Featuring County resources and a calendar of regional events, clicking on an event will open details about the event.

Ongoing Events

- Good Neighbors, First Baptist Church, Eldon, 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm
- People First 2nd Thursday of each at LODC/Camdenton
- Share the Harvest Food Pantry Camdenton 573-317-5855 for hours
- Hope House Food Pantry Lake Ozark 573-365-0099 for hours
- Helping Hands of Central MO, 784 Hiway 52, St. Elizabeth
- Food for Morgan County Pantry, 100 Jones Ave, Versailles
- Ivy Bend Community Food Pantry, 41569 Ivy Bend Rd, Stover

Spotlight on Success

Mason was diagnosed with Asperger's when he was very young and he has struggled with socialization, transitions and he has used sensory input numerous times daily. Early on, his IEP team implemented a peer program that followed him throughout much of his elementary years. Because of this program he developed relationships that grew and allowed for him to socialize more independently as he became older. The peer program along with his strong family and community support has allowed for him to learn compensatory techniques and confidence that have allowed him to be who he is today.



Socialization has been a difficult task for Mason much of his life and over the years he has required much encouragement and supports to attend school and community activities. There have been many days and even weeks where his family could not get him to leave his room or uncover from his weighted blanket. The struggle has been real and yet as he attended high school his confidence and socialization skills skyrocketed. He persevered and has fewer moments like these today.

Today Mason has a full-time job where he is in line for a management position. He has a girlfriend and friends that he hangs out with. He is a confident and independent young man. He is secure in his relationships and is making decisions about his future.

Mason continues to grow and learn with his disability. He possesses the confidence and coping skills to call on his family and support network when he feels the need.



Travis Milligan, Versailles, has lived in the area since December 1997. He started working at McDonalds in June 2004 a couple days a week and is now there almost every day! He always has a friendly smile and greets everyone coming through the golden arches, as he is the Lobby person for McDonalds in Versailles.

Travis was the July winner of a gift card from Smilemakers. Customers recommend an employee for outstanding performance and Travis was the winner for the month. He loves his job at McDonalds and wears the uniform proudly. He is the son of Gary and Debbie Milligan, Tip-ton.



Camp Wonderland Scholarships

6 Weekend Scholarships are available; The Gigi Maha Scholarship is for 1 week to a first time camper. We will accept letters until all are filled.

Write or email: 1. Why you want to go 2. Have you gone before? 3. When you want to go (No phone calls)

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