**Center for Disability Inclusion Monthly News & Updates for April 2022**

**Expand your disability inclusion knowledge with Webinars and Learning Sessions.**

* April 14from 10:00 - 11:00 am CST. "Neurodiversity in the Workplace: Practical Tips for Success". Presenter: Dr. Erin Young, Creighton University.[Learn more and register](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/webinars.html) at <https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/webinars.html>
* May 19 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm CST. "Assistive Technology & Accommodations: Simpler Than You Think". Presenters: Meaghan Walls, Assistology, LLC and Chris Miller, Madonna School & Community-Based Services. [Learn more and register](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/webinars.html) at <https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/webinars.html>

**Disability Inclusion Network** meetings are 3rd Tuesday of month from 9:00 to 10:00 AM CST.

Features partner spotlights from two CDI partners sharing about their disability inclusion efforts, insights, challenges and successes. Free for CDI partners; prospective partners may attend two times
as a guest.

* March 15 - Burns & McDonnell and Missouri Dept of Mental Health
* ﻿April 19 - Hallmark Cards and Missouri Rehabilitation Services for the Blind
* May 17 -GEHA and Kansas City VA Medical Center

[Learn more and register](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/upcoming-events.html) at <https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/upcoming-events.html>

**Neurodiversity in the Workplace Webinar.**

Join us for this info-packed interactive webinar on April 14 at 10:00 am CST. Dr. Erin Young, Asst Professor of Occupational Therapy at Creighton University will lead this session with a focus on establishing a basic foundational knowledge of neurologically-based diagnoses, as well as strategies to support neurodiverse talent in the workplace. You don't want to miss this session**!**Click the following link to [Learn More and Register](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/webinars.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Message from our CEO Darla Wilkerson.**

Happy Spring! How exciting to begin to see signs of spring? March madness is always my key that spring has arrived; well flowers sprouting too. First quarter has passed and hopefully our intentions have become reality. How are you doing with being intentional about your disability inclusion efforts?

We are committed to offering amazing programming that inspires others to continue their work and strengthen their commitment to disability inclusion. Whether you are trying to launch an employee resource group (ERG) or promote self-identification to enhance your workplace culture, you will find tips, resources, tools and assistance by being engaged in the opportunities offered each month. If you have a specific need and cannot find an answer, please reach out so we can assist you.

April has three excellent opportunities for you to get connected. First, on the 14th at 10:00 am CST, Dr. Erin Young will be sharing about "Neurodiversity in the Workplace". Second, also on the 14th from 3:00-7:00 pm we are co-hosting a Career Fair with the Transition Academy. See below for details. Third, our Disability Inclusion Network meeting is the 19th at 9:00 am featuring Hallmark and Rehab Services for the Blind. ﻿You won’t want to miss these.

Being present and engaged is key to being intentional. *“When your intention is clear, so is the way”.* Alan Cohen.

I look forward to seeing you this month at one or more events.

**Thank You to our New and Renewing Partners.**

* New – Kansas City National Security Center, managed by Honeywell
* Renewing – Dairy Farmers of America

**Upcoming College and Career Fair.**

CDI is co-hosting the [KC DiversAbility College and Career Fair](https://www.thetransitionacademy.org/event-details/kc-diversability-college-career-fair) for Missouri and Kansas youth with disabilities. Employers, colleges and resource organizations are invited to deliver interactive services to students and families. April 14, 2022 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at MCC-Penn Valley Education Center, 3201 Southwest Trafficway, Kansas City Missouri 64111. Join Us. Employers, colleges, and resource organizations are invited to deliver interactivities to students and families such as: creating an online profile; completing an application for training or apprenticeship; or completing a job or admissions application. If interested, contact Kate at kduffy@thetransitionacademy.org to get more info and to register.

**Proud to Announce.** We're pleased to announce the Center for Disability Inclusion ﻿has earned the GuideStar 2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency! ﻿Check out our GuideStar profile at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/26-4700449>

**Did You Know?**

* New "Boost Your Job Search" Workshop on April 27. We are holding our first free virtual workshop ​for candidates with disabilities. Attendees receive guidance to maximize their online presence in Jobs Ability to accelerate their job search. Community agencies, colleges and universities - invite your clients and students with disabilities to [register and participate at](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/boost-your-job-search-workshops.html) <https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/boost-your-job-search-workshop---attend.html>. Want to help support this program? Your $35 donation pays for one candidate to attend by covering costs for instructor time, and as applicable, meeting space and transportation. Click to following link to [Donate Here!](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/boost-your-job-search---support.html)
* 2022 Planning Resource Available. The 2022 Calendar of Disability Awareness-Related Dates helps you stay up-to-date on important events and be proactive and intentional in your disability events planning. Check it out on our [Resources](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/resources.html) page at <https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/resources.html>.
* Tiered Partnership Options for Business and Community Agencies. CDI offers a variety of tiered partnership options for business and community agencies. Select the level of benefits and services that best fits your organization's disability inclusion focus. Want to learn more? We welcome the opportunity for an exploratory conversation. View your [Partnership options](https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/business-partners.html) at <https://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org/business-partners.html> or or contact Darla at dwilkerson@centerfordisabilityinclusion.org

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