

# Center for Disability Inclusion

## 2021 Year in Review Alt Text Version

To Our Partners and Supporters. The Center for Disability Inclusion wants to take this time to thank all our partners for supporting us in 2021. You are what makes this organization successful, and we are proud to walk along side each of you on your journey as we elevate disability inclusion. You have continued to show your commitment and resilience during this pandemic, proving that a diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce and workplace is essential for everyone to belong. We also want to thank our board of directors for their support and dedication to CDI.

This "**Year in Review**" helps us express our accomplishments and shines a light on all your work. Thank you again as we continue to advance disability inclusion together in 2022. Your CDI Team. Darla Wilkerson, Brenda Perkins and Meaghan Walls

In partnership with 60+ companies, the Center for Disability Inclusion commends some of the nation's leading brands like **Cerner Corporation, Performance Contracting Group, Blue Cross Blue Shield**, and many more who are committed to advancing disability inclusion in their workforce, workplace, and marketplace. Our 2021 efforts and success includes the following.

### Educational Webinars

- 37 events
- 1377 attendees
- New brand in 2021. Now serving nationwide

### Business Partnerships

- 24% increase in new business partners – 10 new business partners in 2021
- Many doing business nationally and globally

### Community and Strategic Partners

- 100% increase
- 7 new community partners
- doubled in 2021

### Partner Renewal Rate

- 99% renewal rate
- 38 renewals in 2021

### Congratulations to our CEO – July 2021

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce was proud to celebrate and honor the people advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the business community at their 2021 POWER of Diversity Awards Breakfast virtual livestream. The celebration honored the three 2021 Ace Award winners and Champions of Diversity. Ace Awards honor up-and-coming senior level managers who are advocating for expansion of their company's DEI efforts. Receiving one of the Ace Awards was Darla Wilkerson,

our Chief Executive Officer! For more info visit <https://www.kcchamber.com/what-we-do/awards-and-recognition/individual-recognition>

### **Consulting and Training**

- Delivered Extensive Disability Inclusion Training and Consultation
- 33 Businesses
- 2,000+ Attendees

### **Jobs Ability Online Job Board Usage**

- Great way to connect with Talent
- 52% more candidates build profiles
- 81% increase in job postings

### **2021 Disability Inclusion Champion**

- Performance Contracting Group
- Jessica Criss, Mike Metcalf, and Robyn Kavanagh

### **Thank you to all our Partners**

- Over 60 Brands in Partnership
- Join us at [www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org](http://www.centerfordisabilityinclusion.org)

### **Thank you to our 2021 Board of Directors**

George Calvert /President - Jack Henry & Associates

Kathleen Cooper/Vice President - Enterprise Bank & Trust

Kathy Smith/Treasurer - Children's Mercy Hospital of KC

Jennifer Hertha/Secretary - UMB

Teresa Salinas/Past President - Cerner Corporation

Larisa Brown - Hallmark

Derrick Nelson - St. Luke's Health Systems, Boise

Zachery Kissel - CVS Health

Mike Wiley - The Whole Person

Silas Dulan - Evergy

Caroline Magruder - Rediscover

Donna Ward - Federal Reserve Bank

Michael Murray - GT Independence

Cecily Bee - Performance Contracting Group