

Monthly

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CenterForDisabilityInclusion.org

Partnering for Workplace Solutions



December 2022

## 2022 Champions Celebration

 Annual  
Signature  
Event



December 7  
8:45-10:30 am Central  
Hybrid event

**Deadline to register 12/2**

In-person breakfast program at Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and virtual via Teams. Keynote plus moderated panel with past Champion Award businesses sharing highlights of their work to advance disability inclusion in the workplace.

**[Register HERE Today](#)**

**Keynote: "Disability is My Culture"**  
with Matthew Edwards, Ph.D

**Award Companies on Panel:**

- Blue Cross Blue Shield KC
- Performance Contracting
- Allied OneSource
- Children's Mercy KC
- LMV Automotive/Magna
- UMB Bank

## Elevate Your Efforts with New Seal of Accomplishment

This unique seal recognizes business and organization partners across the US who are leaders and influencers in advancing disability inclusion.

Recipients will have worked through the CDI proprietary Disability Inclusion Process, and earned the right to leverage brand recognition by posting it throughout their organization's media. This provides a proven roadmap for businesses in the completion of milestones resulting in outcomes that elevate disability inclusion in the workforce, workplace and



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marketplace.

Getting started deadline for 2023 award process is February 1, 2023. [Read more.](#)



**Kevin Kling**  
Minnesota Playwright  
and Storyteller

### 2022 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**Date/Time:** Thursday, December 1, 2022  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm CST

**Location:** Chateau Theatre, Peace Plaza, Rochester, MN (In-person)  
Virtual option available

**Registration:** Free and Open to the Public. Registration Required.

**Register at:** [bit.ly/IDPWD22MaxAbility](https://bit.ly/IDPWD22MaxAbility)  
Please request an accommodation during registration



## 2023 Programs

### January 17 - 9:00 am Central *Disability Inclusion Network*

Virtual meeting spotlighting Glaucoma Awareness Month with CDI partners, Alphapointe and Missouri Rehabilitation Services for the Blind. [Read more.](#)

### January 19 - 9:00 am Central *"Employee Resource Groups" Webinar*

with Cara Pelletier, Senior Director of Employee Experience at 15Five. Register by January 18. [Read more](#)

### February 2 - 1:00 pm Central

*"Innovating Disability Inclusion" Webinar* with Jessica Lopez, disability advocate and full-time college student triple-majoring in Business, Economics and Communication. Register by February 1. [Read more.](#)

### February 21 - 9:00 am Central *Disability Inclusion Network*

Virtual meeting spotlighting Developmental Disability Awareness Month with CDI partner, Missouri Division of Developmental Disability. [Read more.](#)

## Did You Miss CDI's #GivingTuesday?

There's still time to make a donation of any amount before year end. Help us promote Jobs Ability, our online job board that connects candidates with disabilities to businesses who are looking for amazing talent. [GIVE HERE.](#)

## Expand Your Talent Pipeline

Our strategic partner, Jobs Ability is an international Premier Artificial Intelligence-driven system that matches people with disabilities' skills to jobs. The system includes Ableist Language Detector (Abli.AI) to filter job descriptions, make proper language recommendations and

help companies adhere to Section 508 with web and digital accessibility. This resource is included in CDI partnerships at Silver, Gold, Platinum and Pivotal Tier 3. [Learn more.](#)



**October 2022 Stats:**

- 8,916 - JobsAbility.com visitors
- 2,800+ - Jobs Ability completed profiles
- 95+ - Employers
- 93,546 - Job postings
- 2,039 - OurAbility.Jobs visitors
- 383 - OurAbility.Jobs Apply clicks

*Since January 2020,  
Our Ability sites have  
delivered 12,337  
"Apply" click-throughs to  
our corporate partners.*

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## Year End Budgeting and CDI Partnership

**Working on year end and 2023 budget?** CDI welcomes the opportunity to be included in your DE&I efforts. To learn more about partnership opportunities [CLICK HERE](#)

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## Thank You to Our New and Renewing Partners

**New**



**Renewing**



# Over 75 brands in Partnership Center for Disability Inclusion PARTNERING FOR WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS

**Platinum** ORACLE Cerner UMB PCG PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING GROUP MAGNA nebraska total care NAIC NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS

**Gold** ENTERPRISE BANK & TRUST Children's Mercy KANSAS CITY Commerce Bank Dairy Farmers of America Hallmark BLACK & VEATCH OPPD Kansas City Children's Hospital & Medical Center CVS Health

**Community** Madonna School & Community Based Services alphapointe WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP KANSASWORKS Missouri VR VETERAN READINESS & EMPLOYMENT VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. HEARTLAND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IACT DOWN SYNDROME INNOVATIONS

**Silver** NorthPoint DEVELOPMENT GEHA. GREAT SOUTHERN BANK gt independence Your life. Your choice. AXIS H&R BLOCK jack henry LOCKTON ONE Gas USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Mutual of Omaha GARMIN. Northern Natural Gas NSC National Security Campus PEAK PERFORMERS Your nonprofit's starting partner

**Bronze** THE PLEDGERS CROSSFIRST BANK McCOWN GORDON BURNS MEDONNELL. Community America DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JEDUNN ALLIED ONESOURCE unity St Luke's EEO / CONSULTING

**Strategic** DIVERSITY INCLUSION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRINGBOARD UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS GRANTHAM NAAAP FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY Kansas City Industry Leaders Group Disability:IN DC Metro TEAM KC KC CHAMBER OMAHA CHAMBER JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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