

# Monthly news & updates

CenterForDisabilityInclusion.org

Partnering for Workplace Solutions



March 2022

## expand your disability inclusion knowledge



### Virtual Learning Sessions

**March 9 - 10:00 - 11:00 am CST**  
"Stand Up and Be Counted: Strategies to Increase Self-Identification"

Presenter: Michael Murray,  
GT Independence. [Learn more and register](#)

**March 16 - 11:00 - 12:30 pm CST**  
"Disability E/BRG Leadership Workshop"

Offered by: Disability:IN Chicagoland  
[Learn more and register](#)

**April 5 - 12:00 - 1:00 pm Eastern**  
Autism Acceptance Month:  
"Perspectives on Neurodiversity and DEIA"

Offered by: Disability:IN DC Metro  
[Learn more and register](#)

**April 14 - 10:00 - 11:00 am CST**  
"Neurodiversity in the Workplace:  
Practical Tips for Success"

Presenter: Dr. Erin Young, Creighton  
University. [Learn more and register](#)

**May 19 - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm CST**  
"Assistive Technology &  
Accommodations: Simpler Than  
You Think"

Presenters: Meaghan Walls, Assistology  
and Chris Miller, Madonna School &  
Community-Based Services.



### Disability Inclusion Network

**Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month**  
**9:00-10:00 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 2x as guest.

[Learn more and register](#)

**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

## message from our CEO



*Darla Wilkerson, CEO*

Spring is coming and I couldn't be more excited about the potential of warmer weather and our 2022 educational events. Continuing with last month's message about being intentional, I mentioned that it's crucial to bring commitment, focus and attention to something that is important to you. For CDI, our focus this month is to highlight Developmental Disability Awareness Month and to offer some additional information during our Disability Inclusion Network meeting on March 15 from Duane Shumate with the Developmental Disability Division of the Missouri Department of Mental Health. Along with Duane, our second partner spotlight is Julie Hoch with Burns & McDonnell sharing their disability inclusion efforts. Don't miss out.

All year long we will be intentional with spotlighting many business partners and community partners and their efforts to promote disability inclusion efforts so you can learn from them, embrace the strategies shared, and make new connections. I hope you will join us the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00-10:00 am CST. I encourage you to invite others to join as well. See below for details.

We realize that many businesses are still working to enhance their self-identification campaigns and are looking for continued resources. We are listening! This month, on March 9 at 10:00 am CST, Michael Murray, our Board of Directors VP and Chief Relationship Officer with GT Independence will be presenting a session titled "**Stand Up and Be Counted: Strategies to Increase Self-Identification**". See details below.

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



## thank you to our new and renewing partners

New



Renewing



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](#).

## did you know

### New "Boost Your Job Search" Workshop - 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!](#)

Want to help support this program? Your **\$35 donation pays for a candidate to attend** by covering costs for instructor time, and as applicable, meeting space and transportation. [Donate Here!](#)

### 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](#) page.

### 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 [Partnership options](#) or [contact Darla](#).

## over 65 brands in partnership with CDI

**Over 65 Brands in Partnership**

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| <b>Platinum</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Gold</b>      |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Community</b> |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Silver</b>    |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Bronze</b>    |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Strategic</b> |  |  |  |  |  |

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