



TNC Insights

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From the Executive Director



There's no place like TNC Community.

I say that because... well... it's true. Along with a few other providers, TNC was asked to participate in a project called Person-Centered Program Design; a collaborative effort between EITAS and UMKC's Block School of Management Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership (MCNL).

The objective of the project is to develop new, innovative programs that meet the evolving needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We've been charged with garnering ideas and direct input from individuals we support, recording that data and sharing it with the team at EITAS and MCNL.



Over that past few weeks I've had the pleasure of speaking with individuals we support who have opted to participate in the data collecting. In the interviews, individuals recalled vacations, TNC Day picnics, emergency issues that were resolved with care. We talked about various interactions and occasions that occurred years ago, but were stuck in the forefront of each individual's mind that they felt compelled to share.



Although not one person was not at all shy about sharing their tips for improvement... they all said directly, "TNC is part of my family," or "TNC is my family."



That warms my heart.

Families come with members of all kinds of different sizes, ages, ability levels, ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds; every swath of the political and faith-filled spectrum.

What was communicated during the interviews was that everything we say; everything we do; how we treat each other... matters. No matter what, we take care of one another. At TNC Community we *are* FAMILY.

Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, employees and families that keep TNC Community moving forward as the premier provider of quality

care for individuals with disabilities.



Sincerely,

James Landrum, MSW
Executive Director

Sharing Our Story With the World



StoryCorps is a program that was created in New York in 2003. The program invites everyday people to share different aspects of their lives through casual recordings.

In partnership with NPR and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. (where the recordings are housed), StoryCorps has received several accolades including the rare institutional Peabody Award and collections of their stories have been listed on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

StoryCorps reaches millions of listeners with their impactful narratives and out of hundreds of entries and extreme competition, TNC Community was selected to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

During their MobileStory Tour, StoryCorps stopped in Kansas City from August 2-September 2 to gather untold stories of the wonderful people who live in our beloved Kansas City. Two TNC-supported families agreed to participate in the venture: Don and his guardians Darrel and Mike and Stephanie and her parents Judy and Doug.

Don has been receiving supporting services from TNC Community for just over two years and lives interdependently in one of our Individual Supported Living homes on the Plaza. Stephanie lives a fulfilling life with her housemates in one of our Group Homes near State line. She has been receiving supports from TNC for over 31 years.

This is only the second time StoryCorps has had the chance to stop in KC. While coordinating the interviews, we were informed that the population we support is one that "...we rarely get to hear from." We were honored to learn that TNC was the only provider selected to participate.

Be on the look out for more information. We will post the interviews when they are available.

Thank you to our amazing families for sharing your stories and NPR, the Library of Congress and Story Corps for providing an awesome platform to do so!

Incentives Floated For Treating People With Developmental Disabilities

by Courtney Perkes /
disabilityscoop.com

Federal lawmakers are looking to make doctors and other health care services far more available for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A bipartisan bill introduced late last month in Washington would for the first time designate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a “medically underserved population” and qualify this group for additional resources under more than two dozen federal programs.



Health care experts say passage of the legislation would increase access to medical and dental care, reduce health disparities and improve specialized training for medical providers. “It’s exciting to see it starting to get some traction,” Dr. Stephen Sulkes, a developmental-behavioral pediatrician and president of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, said of the proposal. “This is going to encourage health care providers to pay attention to this population and learn what it takes to provide appropriate care, to be good listeners, to be understanding and responsive in ways that will enhance care.”

The so-called MUP designation would allow doctors to receive higher payments from Medicare and Medicaid for seeing patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Give a Day of Caring on Sept. 15

In celebration of United Way of Greater Kansas City's 100th anniversary join volunteers, business leaders and nonprofit partners to demonstrate the power of giving back.

Put your caring into action by volunteering with TNC Community on

Centennial United Way Day of Caring 2018



Save the Date for TNC Day Sept. 22

TNC Community individuals, supporters staff, family members and friends are invited to attend TNC Day.

Saturday, September 22

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Macken Park

1000 E 27th Ave, North Kansas City, MO 64116

Saturday, September 15
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
[Click here to sign up!](#)

Join the effort. Day of Caring participants will work together at nonprofit partners across five counties, exemplifying our LIVE UNITED spirit.

Enjoy food, fun, music and family-friendly entertainment, games and prizes. Join #TeamTNC as we celebrate another successful year.

Call (816) 373-5060, email development@tnccommunity.com or visit www.tnccommunity.org for more information.



Save the Date for The Chamber's Halloween Parade Oct. 27

Look for TNC Community at one of the largest Halloween Parades in the Midwest! The Independence Chamber of Commerce will host a SPOOKTACULAR Halloween Parade on the Historic Independence Square.

70th Annual Halloween Parade
October 27
10:00 a.m.
Historic Independence Square

The Parade consists of close to 100 local businesses, organizations, and community leaders. We'll be there! Will you?

[Click here for more information.](#)



Now Offering CPR & First Aid Training

If you've been putting it off, don't wait any longer. TNC Community is offering CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens training.

To register, [click here](#) or visit the [Events section](#) of the [TNC website](#).

September 27
Bloodborne Pathogens @ 8 a.m.
First-Aid @ 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CPR @ 1-3:30 p.m.

October 25
Bloodborne Pathogens @ 8 a.m.
First-Aid @ 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CPR @ 1-3:30 p.m.

Grab your colleagues, friends and family. Our training sessions are open to all. Please check tnccommunity.org or call (816) 373-5060 for details.

Managing Your Child's Transition to Adulthood

by Harry S. Margolis and Eric Prichard | mychildwithoutlimits.org

As any parent of an adolescent knows, a child's transition into adulthood presents extraordinary opportunities for growth, reflection, and responsibility. The child with special needs faces all of these changes along with the added challenges brought on by his or her individual disability. It is not unusual for a child with special needs to have a specialized set of caregivers and support organizations in place for guidance and direction through these complicated years.



However, at some point in a child's early adolescence, most families suddenly realize that the services and programs that they rely on to care for the child will soon disappear. These will be replaced by radically different benefits, most of which abruptly come into play once a son or daughter leaves the public education system, which often provides the bulk of the child's care and daily structure. This may happen at any time between age 18 and 23, depending on the state and the child's particular needs. Managing this transition from juvenile services to adult care presents one of the greatest difficulties and sources of stress for parents of children with special needs.

Broadly speaking, children with special needs and their families usually deal with five interconnected types of transitions between the ages of 14 and 25:

- Financial support
- Legal and healthcare decision making
- Education to vocational training
- Health insurance coverage
- Housing

[More information](#)



Anytime is a Good Time to Give to TNC

You can have a real impact on the lives of individuals and families supported by TNC Community. Click on the links below to learn more:

- [Memorial Tribute](#)
- [Wills, Trusts, and Estate Giving](#)
- [Workplace Giving or Sponsorship](#)



Fridays and Saturdays

Live Jazz
Mutual Musicians Foundation, 1823 Highland Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
1-5 a.m.

September 8

Deaf Cultural Festival
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 4525 Oak St, Kansas City, MO 64111
10 a.m.

September 13

The CUR3 Jazz Band

Blue Room Jazz Club, 1616 E 18th St, Kansas City, MO 64108
7 p.m.

September 14

DSP Appreciation Bash
Kansas City Regional Office, 821 E Admiral Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64106
11 a.m.

September 15

United Way of Greater Kansas City Birthday party
Urban Youth Academy, 1622 E. 17th Terr, Kansas City, MO 64108
8 a.m.

September 22

TNC Day
Macken Park, 1000 E 27th Ave, North Kansas City, MO 64116
9 a.m.

September 25

eitas-Developmental Disability Services Board Meeting
8511 Hillcrest Rd, Kansas City, MO 64138
5:30 p.m.

