

ABLED Inc

NEWSLETTER

SHARED LIVING PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT



We are pleased to introduce Carrie, an EXCEPTIONAL Shared Living Provider who has partnered with ABLED for six years! Her dedication and excellence have earned her high praise from a guardian who describes her as "absolutely phenomenal." Carrie's journey into caregiving is deeply rooted in her childhood experiences. Carrie grew up watching her grandmother care for her grandfather with multiple sclerosis and her great-uncle with Down's syndrome. Carrie was inspired by her grandmother's servant heart, love for Jesus, and dedication to others at the City Mission and Christ's Place Church.

At 18, Carrie began working as respite staff for her great-uncle, giving her grandmother a much needed break. Carrie was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom and help run the family business, Lincoln Metro. In 2015, she applied to become an Extended Family Home (EFH) provider, despite having no group home or day services experience. Recognizing her potential, the agency took a chance on her!

Carrie was initially apprehensive about the safety of her family when placed with a high medical needs elderly woman under protective services. However, she quickly formed a close bond with her client and the client's guardian, who became a mentor. The client's passing after five wonderful years deeply affected Carrie, but God quickly asked her to acknowledge her gift and care for another medically fragile elderly woman.

Carrie now fully embraces her calling, focusing on providing a safe, loving, and compassionate home for individuals with high medical needs. She advises those interested in becoming Shared Living Providers to understand the significant sacrifices involved. She emphasizes the importance of prayerful consideration, transparency, and building trust.

Carrie is immensely grateful for ABLED's leadership and kindness. She plans to dedicate the rest of her life to serving in this field, unless directed otherwise by her faith. Her journey is a testament to the profound influence of her grandmother and her unwavering commitment to her faith and caregiving!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

Thank You for joining us in our mission!

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FEEDBACK

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You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website.

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JOIN US AT ABLED EVENTS!

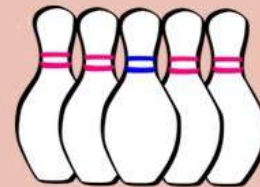
Painting in the Park

Aug 19, Monday
1900 Van Dorn St, Lincoln
10:30 am



Seward Bowling

Aug 28, Wednesday
123 S 4th St, Seward
11:00 am



Mahoney State Park

Sep 6, Friday
28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland
11:00 am



- - Free Activities for Staff and Participants - -

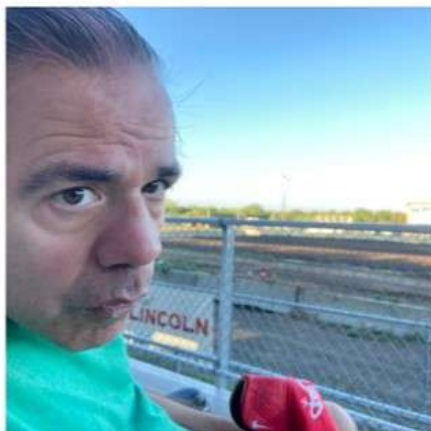


**ABLED HAS NO DAY CENTER!
PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE
FREEDOM TO CHOSE WHEN
AND WHERE THEY WANT TO
GO AND HOW LONG TO STAY.**

**ABLED EVENT
HENRY DOORLY ZOO
JUL 10**



**ABLED EVENTS
EAGLE RACEWAY
& DEMOLITION
DERBY
JUL 27 & AUG 1**



**SPECIAL TICKETS!
HUSKER
NIL GAME
AUG 3**

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DON'T MISS OUT!

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS
AND ENTER A
DRAWING TO WIN
A GIFT CARD!



**ABLED EVENTS
GAGE & LANCASTER
COUNTY FAIR
JUL 26 & AUG 5**



EVV CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14th

The 21st Century Cures Act mandates that states implement Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) of services that primarily occur in a participant's home to reduce Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- A recent statewide audit determined that Nebraska providers are out of compliance.
- DHHS has given providers information, training and guidelines to come into compliance by Aug 14th.
- Claims can only be submitted when the caregiver follows the requirements to verify their presence.
- Unmatched or incomplete claims will be denied or payment delayed through an appeals process.
- Caregivers must use GPS location services to clock in and out.
- Caregivers must start and end the shift at the scheduled location and time.
- Signatures are required by the participant/legal representative and the caregiver.

DD Services Requiring EVV

- 2639 Independent Living
- 7494 Supported Family Living
- 1796 Behavioral In-Home
- 9220 Medical In-Home
- 2656 Respite

A&D Services Requiring EVV

- 1691 Chore Service
- 9510 Companion Service
- 5761 Personal Care Service
- 7395 Respite Care
- 1113 Respite In-Home

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE VERIFIED FOR EACH DELIVERY OF SERVICES

- The type of service performed → *approved service authorization verification*
- The individual receiving the service → *signature verification*
- The date of service provided → *scheduled date verification*
- The location of the service delivery → *scheduled start/end GPS verification*
- The caregiver providing the service → *signature verification*
- The time the service begins and ends → *scheduled start/end time verification*

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT PARTICIPANTS

- Your staff have received training by ABLED administration on the required changes.
- You should plan ahead with your staff to decide when and where you want to start/end your visits.
- Your staff will need to contact an ABLED administrator to make a change to a scheduled visit.
- You may need to wait while the administrator and staff complete same day changes to your visit.
- You or your legal representative will be asked to sign off on each visit to verify it occurred.



TWINNING!

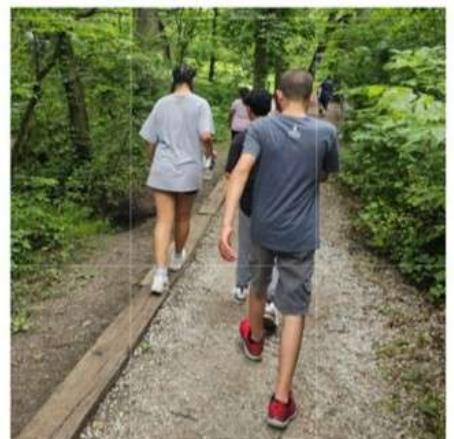


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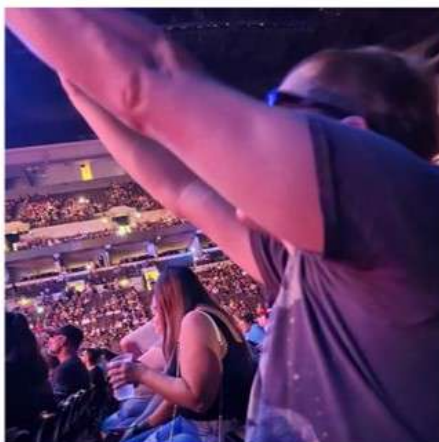
CRUIZIN'!



**OUTDOOR
FUN!**



PEACE OUT!



WWE!

**LINCOLN
PARKS!**



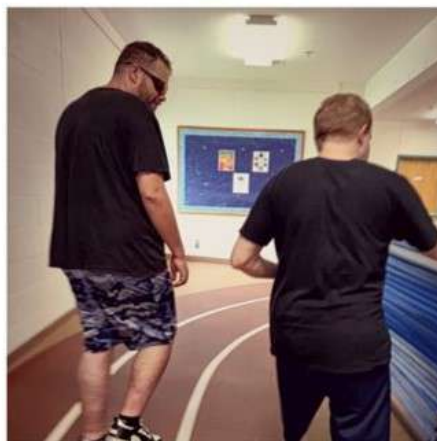
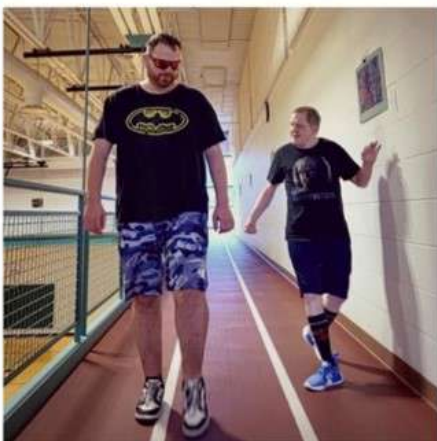
BIRTHDAY!



**SUNKEN
GARDEN!**



**STAYING
COOL!**



FRIENDS!

Can God Use Our Failures?

Three Promises: Peter's interaction with Jesus as after the Passover meal in the upper room is characterized by threes. Peter promises Jesus three things: he will not fall away from Jesus, he would follow Jesus into prison, and he would rather die than deny Jesus.



Three Temptations: In the garden, Jesus tells Peter three times to stay awake, watch, and pray that he does not fall into temptation—that Peter would be able to fulfill his oaths. Three times, Peter falls asleep, instead. By the time the soldiers had come to arrest Jesus, it was too late to pray for the strength to endure the ordeal to come. In the garden, Peter was brave but rash enough to draw his sword and cut off the ear of the priest's servant.

Three Denials: To his credit, although all the others had fled, Peter still followed Jesus after His arrest, but he kept his distance so as not to be identified with Him. There's no question that fear gripped him. From the courtyard, he watched Jesus being falsely accused, beaten, and insulted. Peter is afraid of being punished for his crime while Jesus is being punished without reason. Peter was afraid Jesus would die, and he was fearful for his own life as well. The world hated Jesus, and Peter found that he was not prepared to face the ridicule and persecution that Jesus was suffering so he denied knowing Jesus three times.

Three Admissions: After the resurrection, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, near where Jesus first asked Peter to be His disciple, Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Him. Three times, Peter readily admits he has *phileo* for Jesus; that is, he loves Jesus dearly. In his humility, he admits he does not have *agape* love for Jesus; he is not able, in himself, to pick up his cross and follow Him. It is here that he finally becomes open to Jesus' work in his heart so that Peter can, ultimately, follow Jesus to his death.

Peter's story is recorded throughout all four Gospels. We might wonder why Jesus allowed Peter to fail so miserably. Jesus could have easily protected Peter and not allowed Satan to sift him, but Jesus had a higher goal. He was equipping Peter to strengthen his brothers. Not only did Peter strengthen the other disciples, but he became the pillar of the early church in Jerusalem, exhorting and training others to follow the Lord Jesus.

God used Peter's many failures to turn him from Simon, a common man with a common name, into Peter, the Rock. God also gives us the freedom to fail, but our failure is never final and it can deliver life changing lessons. Failure can be God's way of pushing us into His grace. Pray for God to accomplish His greater purpose through you.

**"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6**