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DHHS Wants To Hear From You!

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has contracted with Optumas and Myers and Stauffer (known as the System Evaluation Team) to perform an evaluation of Nebraska's Developmental Disability (DD) Service System, as required by Legislative Bill 376.

The System Evaluation Team are excited to announce the addition of an open listening session on June 15, 2023, for stakeholders to share their feedback on the developmental disability (DD) system in Nebraska. This session is open to individuals, families, advocacy organization, providers, and any other interested person who would like to make their voice heard. DHHS invites you to share this information with friends, families, and other interested participants.

When: June 15, 2023, from 12-1:30 PM CST

Who: All stakeholders who were unable to attend a previously scheduled listening session or who have not yet provided feedback on the DD service system.

Info: Stakeholders will not need to participate for the full 90 minutes. The open listening session is meant to be flexible and work with stakeholders' busy schedules.

How to Register: Go to the LB376 page on the DHHS website.
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Initiatives-for-LB376.aspx>

DD System Feedback Questionnaire: Also on the DHHS-LB376 website.
https://mslc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aWakxaJMSgeXGWa

Thank You for joining us in our mission!

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

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FEEDBACK

We want to make ABLED the best agency. Please use the link at the top of this email to let us know how we're doing and provide suggestions. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name.

You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website at
www.abledinc.com.

On May 22nd, everyone was invited to our

PIONEERS PARK COOKOUT

We made our way to the top of the hill, spotted the buffalo, ate Jimmy John's, shared smiles, shared stories and had a lovely time!



On May 19th everyone was invited to



UPCOMING ABLED EVENTS

JUNE 15 MEMORIAL STADIUM TOUR, 11AM

JUNE 22 PLATTE RIVER LUNCH/FISHING, 11AM

JUNE 29 SALTDogs BASEBALL GAME, 7PM

EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Jazz in June — every Tuesday 5-9pm

Lincoln Summer Performance Series—every Wednesday 12pm

Haymarket Farmers Market — every Saturday 8-12pm

Lincoln Haymarket Art Festival — Jun 17 & 18

Firth Fun Days — Jun 24th

Homestead Days Parade — Jun 24th

Beatrice BMX Stunt Show — June 25th

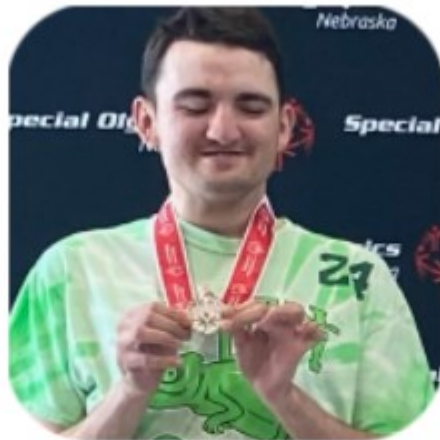
Crete Community Fireworks Show — June 30th

Arbor Day Farms Music Series — July 8, 15 and 22nd

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Summer games ran from May 18– May 20th in Omaha. Congrats to our swimmers and volleyball players!

Swim!



V-ball!



Congrats!



**On June 6th, everyone was invited to
DECORATE A POT & PLANT A FLOWER
We have artists and gardeners galore!**



SHARE PHOTOS • ENTER A DRAWING • WIN A PRIZE

IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,
HE IS A NEW CREATION.
THE OLD IS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Those who place faith in the redemptive work of Christ undergo a spiritual transformation courtesy of the Holy Spirit.

Followers of Christ are united to Him and form His body. Thus, our baptism into Christ makes Him our representative. When He was crucified, our old selves were crucified as well. When He resurrected to live for God, we too were resurrected to live a new life for God. Old things have passed away.

In 2nd Corinthians, Paul has written that Christ's death for sin has changed the way he regards people. Instead of looking at each person as a mere human being, he must view those who are in Christ as something entirely different.

Those who are "in Christ" are those who have faith in Him, credited with Christ's righteous life, and their sin forgiven by Christ's death in their place. Such people are new creatures. Those "in Christ" have become something they were not before. Their identity has changed from being the fallen version of themselves, to being associated with the righteousness of Christ. That's who they are now.

In fact, the old version of a Christian, who they were before they were "in Christ," is not recoverable. The old is gone, Paul writes. The new has come. All the old dreams and ideas and agendas and purposes have ceased to exist and have been replaced by Christ's ideas and agendas and purposes in an entirely new creature called "Christian."

Grace not only pardons us from the penalty of sin but also possesses a transformative power to break sin's hold on our lives. Some Christians experience an instant transformation, while others progress gradually.

Either way, the truth remains the same: old things have passed away for those who are in Christ. We are reconciled to God and called to live for Him.