



DSP RECOGNITION

ABLED is blessed with extraordinary Direct Support Professionals (DSP). Our staff are the heart and soul of everything we do to support people with disabilities to access and participate in our communities.

A dedicated, caring, and innovate workforce is essential to our mission of enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities.

We would like to shine a spotlight on one in particular who has fully embraced ABLED's vision of community integration without a facility. This flexibility allows for person centered choices based on individual preferences and needs. Each day brings new opportunity to be creative, explore, try new things and encounter real life situations.



Please meet April. We love, love, love to read her Tlogs about Dalton's day and see the shared photos. She is creative and always finding new adventures. When encountering challenging situations, she is patient and has a true connection with what Dalton is experiencing to help him process and feel safe. The DHHS Service Coordinator recently gave her kudos and wrote, "You have set a high bar of how community-based services can be implemented with the goal of individual centered services being the highest of priorities."

April is caring and an inspiration to us all. She frequently shares all their trials and celebrations stating, "I want him to succeed and have a good life. And I want him to know the things he does that are good! It's important for people to hear the good things." We couldn't agree more!

Want to recognize an outstanding DSP? We would love to feature their story for others to celebrate their success and hear about their passions.

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.

UPCOMING ABLED EVENTS!

BARN BIRTHDAY BASH

March 13, Wednesday
61032 726.5, Crab Orchard NE
11:00 am-1:30 pm



HOLLYWOOD BOWL

March 14, Thursday
920 N 48th St, Lincoln NE
2:00-3:00 pm



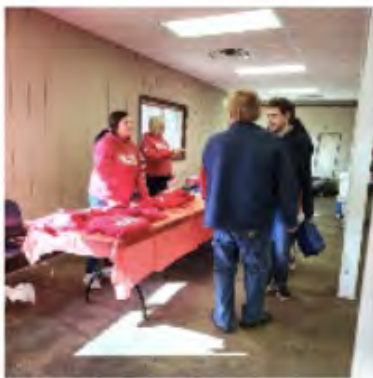
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March 18, Monday
345 Riverfront Dr, Omaha NE
11:00 am





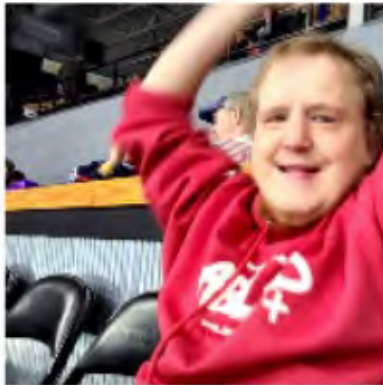
CELEBRATING OUR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FEB 14





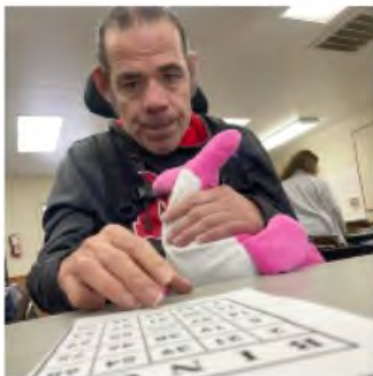
LINCOLN STARS HOCKEY GAME FEB 18

TICKETS PROVIDED BY ABLED





PLAYING BINGO AND WINNING PRIZES MAR 13



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEBRASKA

HERITATE HEALTH

Healthy Blue is no longer a current Managed Care Organization of Nebraska Medicaid. Current health plans are provided by;

- **Nebraska Total Care**
- **United Healthcare**
- **Molina Healthcare**

More information can be found online at:

<https://www.neheritagehealth.com>

DD AWARENESS MONTH

March is Developmental Disabilities awareness month. It's a month to bring awareness and celebrate. Get involved and show your support at these events.

- **March 12—noon; DD funding rally and press conference at the Nebraska State Capitol in the Rotunda**
- **March 19—9am to noon; Lincoln Buddy Walk at Gateway Mall**

FAMILY SUPPORT WAIVER

This new waiver began on March 1, 2024 and will provide services to 850 children, ages birth to 21 years with intellectual or developmental disabilities currently on the Registry. Each participant has a maximum annual budget of \$10,000.

The Division has been in contact with these families and provided information and support regarding their eligibility for services.

2024 QUALITY INITIATIVES

DHHS is working with Liberty Healthcare and providers to improve the quality and delivery of services to ensure safety and standards are met.

- **Mortality Review**
- **Critical Incident Management**
- **Human and Legal Rights Advisory**
- **Technical Assistance Program**
- **Onsite Provider Review & Report Card**
- **Utilization Review**



SHARE PHOTOS TO WIN GIFT CARDS FOR MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



The Lamb of God

In the New Testament, we hear about Jesus being the Lamb of God a lot, especially at Easter. Though it is one of the most tender images of Christ in the New Testament, the phrase "Lamb of God" would have conjured far more disturbing pictures to those who heard John the Baptist hail Jesus with these words.



JOHN 1:29 "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Lambs were required as a yearly sacrifice for all Jewish families. This was for the celebration of Passover. This holiday looked back to the days of Moses, when lambs' blood covered the doors of Israel, and allowed God's judgment to "pass over" them as God delivered them from bondage under Pharaoh.

EXODUS 12:13 "The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will come upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

The connection to Passover is the primary reason Jesus is referred to as "The Lamb of God." The Bible says believers have symbolically applied the sacrificial blood of Christ to their hearts and thus have escaped eternal death.

HEBREWS 9:12 "and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all time, having obtained eternal redemption."

Just as the Passover lamb's applied blood caused the "destroyer" to pass over each household, Christ's applied blood causes God's judgment to pass over sinners and gives life to believers. As the first Passover marked the Hebrews' release from Egyptian slavery, so the death of Christ during the celebration of Passover over 2000 years ago marks our release from the slavery of sin.

The Old Testament Passover lamb, although a reality in that time, was a mere foreshadowing of the better and final Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ. Through His sinless life and sacrificial death, Jesus became the only One capable of giving people a way to escape death and a sure hope of eternal life.

On March 31, 2024, Christians around the world will celebrate Easter to remember, glorify and give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus on the third day after His death and burial, marking His victory over sin and death. HAPPY EASTER!