



Guardian's Newsletter

2021 Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver Amendments. Changes were approved effective Oct 1, 2021. Below is a summary of service changes that may affect participants at ABLED. To view the full presentation from DHHS go to: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DD-Agency-Providers.aspx>

Behavioral In-Home Habilitation • The provider must be in the residence and only available to participants receiving Residential Habilitation. • Limited to 90 calendar days per occurrence.

Community Inclusion • Removed daily rate. • Provider is primarily in the community, providing a combination of habilitation, supports, protective oversight, and supervision to bill hourly units.

Independent Living • Personal care activities that only require verbal cueing may be performed remotely, but cannot be performed instead of providing habilitation and needed supervision.

Medical In-Home Habilitation • The provider must be in the residence and only available to participants receiving Residential Habilitation. • Limited to 90 calendar days per occurrence.

Prevocational • Service ends when job seeking begins. • Can take place at the same location of other waiver services, but must be provided by separate provider staff.

Residential Habilitation • Removed the partial daily rate. When the provider is in the residence less than ten hours in a 24-hour period, ½ the daily rate will be paid.

Supported Family Living • Added an additional provider type. • Personal care activities that only require verbal cueing may be performed remotely, but cannot be performed instead of providing habilitation and needed supervision.



“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

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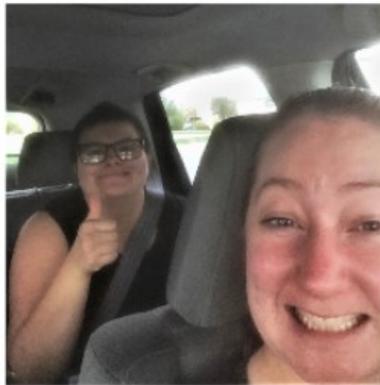
ABLED's MISSION

“Serving Jesus Christ by enabling developmentally disabled individuals to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities.

Thank You for joining us in our mission.



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Husker Football Fans

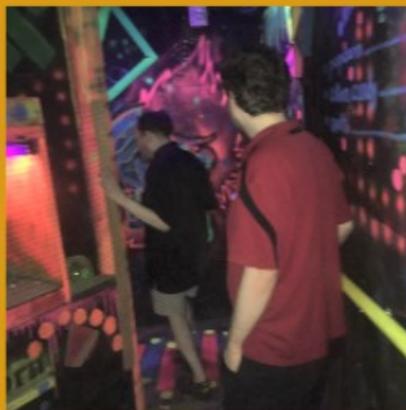
Are you ready for some football?

ABLED would like to send some participants and staff to a Husker game!

You read that right! Let us know if you're interested in tickets. Go Big Red!



ROCA BERRY FARM



Drive In Movie

Lincoln airport is featuring Hocus Pocus for an outdoor movie night on Oct 14 and 15 at 6pm. Food trucks will be available. There will also be a kid's Halloween costume contest.

Food and Fun will begin around 6:00 p.m. and the movie will play at dark. The event is located on the west side of the airport, in an open green space.

The movie will be projected on the side of an old WWII hangar, attendees will be allowed to stay in their cars or bring blankets and chairs to sit in the grass.

3801 NW 34th St, Lincoln NE 68524

The movie event is free to the community but you need a ticket to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lnk-october-movie-featuring-hocus-pocus-tickets-173035492817>



Flu Shots

Everyone has done a great job getting COVID vaccinated. Thank you! Flu season is just around the corner. Have you asked your doctor about getting your flu shot? Flu shots are available and free at most pharmacies including CVS, Walgreens and Neighborhood Pharmacy who all welcome walk-ins.

Why get a flu shot?

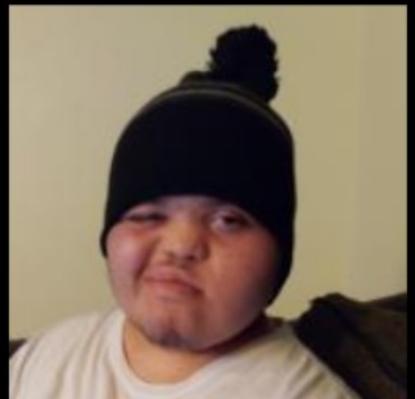
- Flu shots reduce your risk from serious illnesses, including hospitalization.
- By getting a flu shot, you avoid exposing those around you, especially those unable to get a flu shot.
- With influenza viruses always changing, the flu vaccine is reviewed annually and updated as needed.

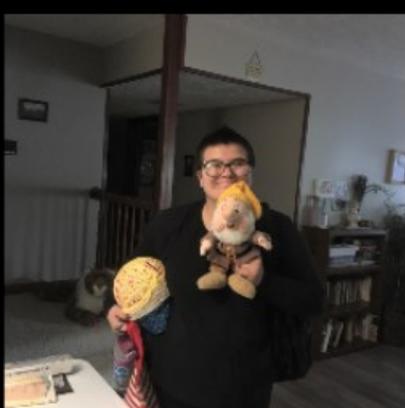


Walgreens

**FREE flu shots for
the whole family.**







GOT QUESTIONS

Suppose someone asked you the question: What is the kingdom of God? How would you respond? The easy answer would be to note that a kingdom is that territory over which a king reigns. Since we understand that God is the Creator of all things, the extent of His realm must be the whole world. Manifestly, then, the kingdom of God is wherever God reigns, and since He reigns everywhere, the kingdom of God is everywhere.

Certainly the New Testament gets at something else. We see this when John the Baptist comes out of the wilderness with his urgent announcement, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." We see it again when Jesus appears on the scene with the same pronouncement. If the kingdom of God consists of all of the universe over which God reigns, why would anyone announce that the kingdom of God was near or about to come to pass. Obviously, John the Baptist and Jesus meant something more about this concept of the kingdom of God.

At the heart of this theme is the idea of God's messianic kingdom. It is a kingdom that will be ruled by God's appointed Messiah, who will be not just the Redeemer of His people, but their King. So when John speaks of the radical nearness of this breakthrough, the intrusion of the kingdom of God, he's speaking of this kingdom of the Messiah.

At the end of Jesus' life, just as He was about to depart from this earth, His disciples had the opportunity to ask Him one last question. They asked, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6b). Jesus said, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8). What did He mean? What was He getting at?

When Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world," was He indicating that His kingdom was something spiritual that takes place in our hearts or was He speaking of something else? The whole Old Testament called attention not to a kingdom that would simply appear in people's hearts, but to a kingdom that would break through into this world, a kingdom that would be ruled by God's anointed Messiah. For this reason, during His earthly ministry, Jesus made comments such as, "If I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Luke 11:20). Similarly, when Jesus sent out seventy disciples on a preaching mission, He instructed them to tell impenitent cities that "The kingdom of God has come near you" (Luke 10:11b). How could the kingdom be upon the people or near them? The kingdom of God was near to them because the King of the kingdom was there. When He came, Jesus inaugurated God's kingdom. He didn't consummate it, but He started it. And when He ascended into heaven, He went there for His coronation, for His investiture as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

So Jesus' kingship is not something that remains in the future. Christ is King right this minute. He is in the seat of the highest cosmic authority. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to God's anointed Son (Matt. 28:18).

For Christians, the kingdom of God trumps every earthly kingdom. In your daily walk do you strive to make the invisible kingdom visible? We can live in such a way to bear witness to the reality of the kingship of Christ in our jobs, our families, our schools, and even our checkbooks, because God in Christ is King over every one of these spheres of life. The only way the kingdom of God is going to be manifest in this world before Christ comes is if we manifest it by the way we live as citizens of heaven and subjects of the King. Let us live in the kingdom of God in such a way that it provokes others to seek that which we possess!