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A Message from the Executive Director

Recognizing Our Employees and Our Commitment to Excellence

At ABILITY, our employees play a vital role in the quality of services we provide. We are pleased to share that we recently completed stay interviews with approximately 50% of our employees, creating space for open dialogue and meaningful feedback about our workplace culture.

The information gathered is currently being reviewed and analyzed to help guide thoughtful next steps that support our teams and strengthen our organization. This effort reflects ABILITY's commitment to listening, learning, and continuous improvement.

In addition, ABILITY is actively preparing for our upcoming CARF survey. This important and comprehensive process helps ensure our services continue to meet high standards of quality and accountability. While preparation is time-intensive, it underscores our dedication to excellence.

We are proud of our employees and grateful for their ongoing commitment. By investing in our workforce and maintaining strong quality standards, ABILITY continues to move forward with purpose and integrity.



Warm regards,
Lori Schaedler
Executive Director

ABiLITY Spotlight

The team members listed below have been recognized for going above and beyond in their roles. They take pride in their work, lead with compassion, and make a meaningful impact each day. These spotlighted individuals represent the heart of ABiLITY and the values we strive to uphold.

Christina Fogg
Taylor Schaefer
Maggie Sontag
Dalilah Minard
Kelly Siess
Rachelle Nowak

Thank you for your dedication, your investment, and for making a difference every day. We appreciate you!

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Community Recreation Events – Winter Highlights!

Kick off the new year with meaningful activities, friendly competition, and opportunities to make your voice heard! Our Recreation Department has several exciting events planned for the winter months.

Mark your calendars for:

On January 18, athletes will roll into action at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, a great opportunity to cheer on participants and celebrate teamwork and sportsmanship.

In February, join us on February 25 for Disability Rights Legislative Day. This day trip to the Capitol in Jefferson City allows individuals and supporters to learn about disability-related legislation and advocate directly with state lawmakers.

Wrapping up the quarter, we will head back to Jefferson City on March 21 for a Basketball Tournament, bringing together athletes for a day of competition, camaraderie, and fun.

Whether you are interested in sports, advocacy, or community connection, there is something for everyone this winter. We hope to see you there!

ABiLITY Mission

Enhancing communities by empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)

Individuals Daily Satisfaction Survey Results

Community Supports	99.5%
Life Opportunities	100%
Residential Services	97.5%