

SUNFLOWER ECHO PRESENTATION



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Super Mom to Matthew John, 29

- Graduate of University of the Ozarks
- Licensed driver at 23
- Future KC Royals cameraman

Our Motto ~ don't tell me it's impossible until after I'm finished!

TRANSITIONING TO ADULTHOOD

Milestones take time

- College
- Driver's License
- Jobs

Focus on the positive

- Promote what she/he does well
- Stay patient and positive

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

- Pre-ETS (Kansas)
- Job assistance/Job Coaching
- Employment Training/Education
- Competitive Integrated Employment
- Working Healthy Program (Kansas)



POST- SECONDARY

KU – TPE

Thrive – UCM

Access Services – JCCC

Clear Program - JCCC

Arkansas – Autism Program

University of Ozarks – Jones Learning Center

Think College - <https://thinkcollege.net/>

CDDO/REGIONAL CENTERS

- Home and Community Based Services
 - I/DD Waiver – KS 11-13 year wait list
 - In-home supports to live independently
 - Residential Services
 - Targeted Case Management
 - [https://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/programs/i-dd](https://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/programs/i-dd)
 - Community Support Waiver (2026)
 - <https://www.kansascsw.com/>
- Kansas – Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO)



SOCIAL SECURITY

- Supplemental Security Income
 - How to apply <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/>
 - Use for any expense related to individual
 - May work
 - \$2000 resource limitation
 - Receive up to \$943 month
 - SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance – this is for those who have worked

SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

ABLE ACCOUNTS

- **Special Needs Trust**
- Protected Asset
- Consult with Attorney and Financial Advisor
- **ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Accounts**
- Limits – 19,000/100,000/475,000
 - 100,001+ balance – SSI counts
- Investing, Grows tax free
- Age 26 (46 starting 2026)
- https://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/able_savings.html

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GUARDIANSHIP VS. SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING

- Supported Decision Making
- Medical Power of Attorney (POA)
- Limited POA – Financial
- Release of Information (ROI)
- Guardianship – Full vs. Limited
 - Voting/Driving/Marriage Rights can remain intact
- Revoking Guardianship

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- DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES
 - JCCC
 - Ability KC
- FREE STATE ID TO THOSE REGISTERED TO VOTE
 - DE-VIDI

[HTTPS://WWW.KSREVENUE.ORG/PDF/DE-VIDI.PDF](https://www.ksrevenue.org/G/PDF/DE-VIDI.PDF)

DRIVERS LICENSE/ STATE ID – KANSAS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Families Together,
Inc

Disability Rights
Center

- Kansas Disability Rights Center

SACK – Self-
Advocate Coalition
of Kansas

Kansas Council on
Developmental
Disabilities

Special Olympics –
not just sports

Autism Society –
Heartland
Down Syndrome
Innovations

Independent Living
Centers

- The Whole Person –
Offices in KS and MO

SUPPORT GROUPS

- Form your own
 - Start with one person then each invite another
- Kansas City Autism Spot – Facebook
- Autism Society – Heartland
<http://www.asaheartland.org/>
- Check your local place of worship
- Peer to Peer Programs (Childrens Mercy, Families Together, Kansas Family Support Center (coming soon))



KANSAS FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

- **Tier 1: Primary Education**

1. ECHO/Webinar Series

- **Tier 2: Secondary Support**

1. Referral Services
2. Modified OASIS Direct Service Provider training
3. Child Adult Relationship Enhancement (CARE) workshops

- **Tier 3: Individualized Treatment**

1. OASIS Parent Training
2. Parent Child Interaction Therapy
3. Other care/training as needed

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The Family Education Series Presents:

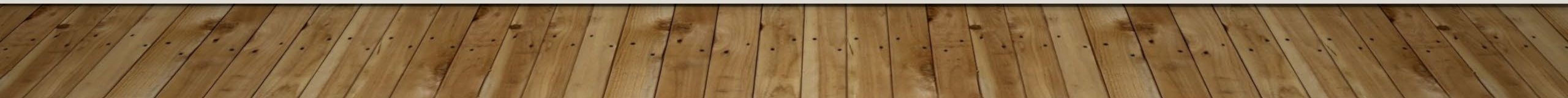
SOCIAL SECURITY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

with David Seymour, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, from the Social Security Administration

Join us on Zoom or Facebook!
Thursday, October 10, 2024
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Register at: www.tinyurl.com/EducSeries

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CHARTING THE LIFECOURSE



Core Belief:

All people have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations in their community.

- Principles
- Star
- Trajectory
 - Individual
 - Family
- www.lifecoursetools.com



SHARE INFORMATION, CREATE ADVOCATES, CREATE SYSTEM CHANGE





QUESTIONS



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