

# Special Needs/Disability Resources

## **Local Resources**

### **AbilityKC**

Address: 3011 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: 816-751-7700

Serves adults and children with disabilities - educational, vocational, and therapeutic services and evaluations. [Visit the AbilityKC website](#) for more information.

### **Autism Society - The Heartland**

The University of Kansas, Edwards Campus

Address: 12600 Quivira Road, Regnier Hall, Suite 270A, Overland Park, KS 66213

Phone: 913-706-0042

Sponsors support groups and training for parents and adults, and sensory-friendly movies and activities for children, adults, and families. [Visit the Autism Society Heartland website](#) for more information.

### **Down Syndrome Innovations**

Address: 5916 Dearborn Street, Mission, KS 66202

Phone: 913-384-4848

[Visit the Down Syndrome Innovations website](#) to learn more about caregiver education classes and support groups, youth fitness classes, youth Special Olympics, therapeutic services (OT, speech & language, behavioral, mental health), vocational training, and more.

### **The Farmer's House**

Locations in Weston, Platte City, and North Kansas City

Offers programs for youth and adults with developmental disabilities, including early work experience, employment services, community integration, and social enrichment.

[Visit the Farmer's House website](#) for more information.

### **Joshua Center for Neurological Disorders**

Address: 1010 Carondelet Drive, Suite 120, Kansas City, MO 64114

Phone: 816-763-7605

Provides services & support to children and young adults with Tourette syndrome, anxiety, OCD, ADHD, and high-functioning autism, including social skills classes, life skills classes, parent support groups, email and phone support, summer camp, and monthly newsletter. [Visit the Joshua Center for Neurological Disorders website](#) for more information.

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### **Kansas City Regional Office (KCRO)**

Address: 821 East Admiral Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64106

Phone: 816-889-3400

KCRO is a state agency that serves children and adults with autism, developmental disabilities, and/or cognitive disabilities and provides funding for services. Call to receive an application. Eligible Clay County residents receive service coordination through the Center for Human Services in Liberty (816-736-9990). [Visit the Kansas City Regional Office website](#) for more information.

### **Life Unlimited**

Address: 320 Armour Road, North Kansas City, MO 64116

Phone: 816-474-3026

Serves adults with disabilities through a variety of programs, including community living and support, day program (My Day), employment services, ABA (applied behavior analysis), and therapeutic recreation program. [Visit the Life Unlimited website](#) for more information.

### **Missouri Family to Family**

UMKC Institute for Human Development

Address: 5030 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

Phone: 1-800-444-0821

Free program that supports and mentors parents of children with disabilities and special medical conditions. [Visit the Missouri Family to Family website](#) for more information.

### **Missouri First Steps**

Early intervention services for children ages birth to 3 who have disabilities or developmental delays.

Phone: 1-866-583-2392

- Extension 3 to make a referral or;
- [Visit the Missouri First Steps Referral website](#) for more information.

### **Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation**

Kansas City North Office

Address: 8030 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64118

Phone: 816-467-7900

[Visit the Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation website](#) to learn more about educational and employment services for youth (high school age) and adults with disabilities.

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### Northland Connections

Jeffrey Janney, LCSW, MSSA, Executive Director

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Address: 7110 North MO-9 Highway, Kansas City, MO 64152 (located in the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer)

Phone: 816-379-1936

Supports and services for teens and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families, including social hang-outs at NeuroDiverseCity at Zona Rosa, social skills camp, family-focused consultation, individual therapy, equine-assisted therapy, and life skills training. [Visit the Northland Connections website](#) for more information.

### Social Security - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI provides monthly cash payments to help meet the basic needs of children who have a physical or mental disability or who are blind. If you care for a child or teenager with a disability, and have limited income and savings or other resources, your child may be eligible for SSI. You can start the application process by going online or calling:

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

[Visit the Social Security SSI website](#) for more information and to start an application.

You may also [visit the Supplemental Security Income SSI for Children website](#) to see if your family meets income limits for SSI.

### Special Olympics

Phone: 816-535-9610

[Visit the Special Olympics website](#) to discover more about sports programs for children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

### Vocational Services Inc. (VSI)

Address: 935 Kent Street, Liberty, MO 64068

Phone: 816-781-6292

Provides employment options for individuals with developmental disabilities, including sheltered workshops and community-integrated employment. [Visit the VSI website](#) for more information.

### YMCA Challenger Sports

Area YMCA locations

Phone: 913-642-6800

Sports programs and adaptive swim lessons for individuals ages 4-30 with special needs. A volunteer buddy is partnered with each athlete to offer assistance as needed throughout the game, allowing parents to relax and cheer from the sidelines. [Visit the YMCA Challenger Sports website](#) for more information.