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DAKOTA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Dakota Challenger

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YOUTH EMPOWERING SOCIAL STATUS (YESS)



Mission Statement:

The Dakota Center for Independent Living believes in empowering people with disabilities by minimizing barriers, advocating for inclusion and promoting consumer choice.

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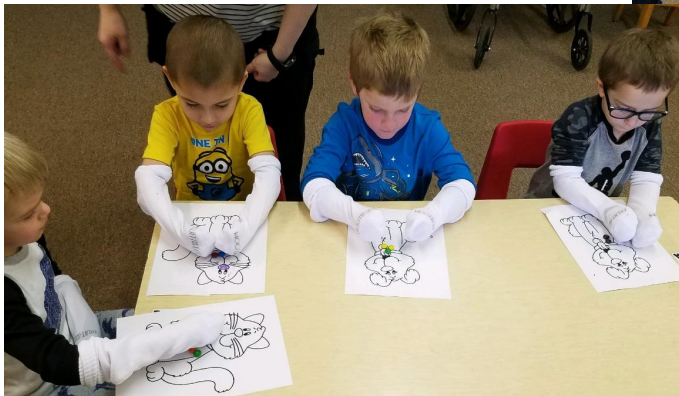
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Trying to color the dogs nose being blind folded.



Learning the DO's and DON'TS about Service Dogs.



Trying to pick up M&M's with socks on their hands.

Teaching Disability Etiquette to Kinderkidz Preschool in Dickinson



Trying to cross the room in a wheelchair.



Trying to hear what friends are saying to them with muffs on.

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9th Annual Kid's Safety and Health Fair was held on April 25, 2019 at the West River Ice Arena in Dickinson. Over 1150 individuals attended the fair with many children and their families stopping by the DCIL booth. Josh Kehr provided amazing music and entertainment for all to enjoy and the food was excellent. Over 42 different vendors were available, each with a different activity for children to enjoy while learning about resources in the area. Mary Beth, a.k.a Pinky the Star Sherriff, made sure order was kept at the DCIL Booth, while Moo Cow Chantel herded in children to play the steer toss game. Good times for all.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BISMARCK? A LOT!!!



LIVE ON

Now as I live on
Without you
I hope to keep
The pieces of you
That I loved so dearly
Your mannerisms
And compassionate character
And smiles through struggle
So that you
May live on too

-Chrissie Pinney

MEMORIAL

It is with broken hearts that we announce that our friend Linda passed away on June 14, 2019.

Rest in peace, our dear friend and DCIL volunteer.



LIZ INTRODUCING CARA MUND



LENETTE MAKING THINGS LIVELY



BRUCE



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ROBERT & AUTUMN



THEA WARD



ASTEP PANEL



YES CONFERENCE

MFP Program Helps Tyler to be Independent Again

Tyler came from California to Bismarck after his mother passed away. When his health started to fail, he found himself in a local nursing home. With no family or friends in the area, Tyler found himself starting to deal with depression. His health deteriorated and he was unable to exit the nursing facility without community services. Tyler started regaining his health and heard about the program, Money Follows the Person (MFP) through Dakota Center for Independent Living (DCIL).

MFP supported him in assisting him to find an apartment, purchasing furniture and household supplies, helped establish support services, developed a budget and helped him to make connections in the community.

Tyler states that he is starting to find happiness again. He enjoys living on his own and having freedom. MFP funds helped him purchase an electric scooter that he drives around town, which has helped him establish friendships.

Tyler has a caring and giving heart and loves to get involved in causes that he cares about. He has become a volunteer for DCIL and has been helping with our cell phone/computer classes. He even had the opportunity to speak with Governor Burgum at a Brain Injury Event held at the Capitol in March.

“I am so excited I got my permit”

“Thank you DCIL for all your help”

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ACTION





Americans with Disabilities Act

Celebrate the ADA

July is the month when we celebrate our freedom as a country and as individuals. Not only is it the month in which the Declaration of Independence was signed, but it is also the month in which the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed in 1990.

The ADA is an acknowledgement that people with disabilities are citizens like everyone else, and have the right to access not just buildings, but the activities they provide.

Disability is universal and one that will be experienced by all, whether we were born with, or acquired along the way from a health condition or the natural aging process.

The Disability Act of 2019, guarantees that eligible people with disabilities are offered services in the community. Those already living in institutions would need to be informed about available options in their communities. This Integration Act is a civil rights bill, providing people with disabilities choices to receive home and community-based services. Choices that have been too often denied.

The staff from Dakota Center for Independent Living would like to commemorate the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We'd like to thank all of the businesses who have taken steps to ensure that people with disabilities have better access to their services. There are successes to be celebrated and challenges still to be met to create a barrier-free community.

THERE'S A NEW KID ON THE BLOCK



**WELCOME TO THE
DCIL TEAM CAROL!**

DCIL was established in 1980

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