



# Sideline Focus

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## April 2018

### Birthdays

4/3 - Jessie M.  
4/6 - Carole W.  
4/9 - Jaliah M.  
4/15 - Brittanie J.  
4/20 - Beth H.  
4/25 - Vinny  
4/28 - Jessica R  
4/29 - Mr James  
4/29 - Jessica H

### KUDOS

Remember to check the weekly KUDOS that I send out. If you received a KUDOS, please try to come by that same week to get your KUDOS. Email KUDOS to [carrie.weisenborn@sbskc.org](mailto:carrie.weisenborn@sbskc.org)

### News and Updates

April 2018

National Autism Awareness Month

**APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

join us in  
CELEBRATION



awareness

action

acceptance

inclusion

appreciation

Happy Easter!



*In the News*

# Kansas City Zoo

## AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10am–3pm

### FREE admission

For individuals with autism on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Reduced admission of \$7 per person for those accompanying them at the Zoo. The day will feature quiet rooms, animal presentations, sensory friendly activities, and more!

## Boss Lady's Corner

Home and Community Based Services

(HCBS)

You may have seen this referenced in an email recently.

What is HCBS?

Home and community-based services (HCBS) provide opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries to receive services in their own home or community rather than institutions or other isolated settings. These programs serve a variety of targeted populations groups, such as people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and/or mental illnesses.

New rules are being implemented and all agencies in Missouri are required to take action to be in compliance.

Side By Side recently submitted a plan outlining how we were going to be in compliance.

One of our first steps towards that was sending out the flyers with various community activities so that our individuals are aware of things that are going on in the community. If they are interested in doing something, staff need to work with them and their supervisor to try and plan it. The individual should be an active participant in the planning steps, at least as much as possible.

For more on HCBS please review Side By Side's new HCBS policies and procedures (which I will be sending out in a separate email title "New HCBS Policies and Procedures.")



### April Anniversaries

Kayla P. - 2 years

*Thank you for your continued dedication to individuals with developmental disabilities!*

*Side By Side appreciates you!*

**Please welcome our newest SBS Team Members....**

Jessie M.

Theronda H.

Nijah W.