

March 16th, 2026 – Kansas City, MO

Platte County Board of Services Hosts *Share Your Story* Event to Celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Platte County Board of Services (PCBS) and the Center for Human Services (CHS), in partnership with the University of Missouri Kansas-City (UMKC) and The Whole Person, are hosting *Share Your Story*, a community-focused networking event for people with disabilities and disability service professionals. This event falls in March, which is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, established in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan to increase public awareness of the needs and potential of Americans with developmental disabilities.

The goal of *Share Your Story* is to elevate the voices of community members with disabilities, and foster connections between diverse groups of people working in all areas of disability services. The event has reached full capacity and will host more than 150 guests from across the greater Kansas City area to explore innovative ways to shape a service model grounded in the social model of disability. The event will also feature a keynote talk from Rebekah Taussig. Rebekah is a Kansas City writer, disability advocate, educator, and best-selling author.

"PCBS is proud to partner with CHS for this event" said Martha Jaynes, CEO of PCBS. "We believe that sharing our stories is the foundation of a stronger, more inclusive Kansas City. We recognize that a truly inclusive community requires listening to all voices, ensuring that the perspectives of people with disabilities are heard and valued."

CHS is honored to stand alongside PCBS and our community partners in celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month," said Linda Holland, Associate Vice President of Service Coordination for the Center for Human Services. "Share Your Story creates a space where people with disabilities can lead the conversation, and their lived experiences can shape the future of services in our region. When we listen to these stories, we learn, we grow, and we build a stronger, more inclusive community together.

The *Share Your Story* event is planned to take place on March 20th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

More information about *Share Your Story* can be found at <https://pcbsdd.org/share-your-story/> or on the [Platte County Board of Services Facebook page](#).

About Platte County Board of Services

PCBS is a Developmental Disability Resource Board for Platte County Missouri. They have provided services in Platte County, MO, since 1975. PCBS's services include transportation, day habilitation, community living, and more. PCBS collaborates with a variety of organizations in the Kansas City area in effort to ensure people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities at all stages of life have access to variety of services and support. For the first time in our history, PCBS has approved more than \$1.2 Million in funding to support their Community Partners for 2026.

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