The Whole Person

People with Disabilities Leading Independent Lives

Connecting people with disabilities to the resources they need.

Deaf Services

Connecting people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the resources they need and helping them lead independent lives.

Communication is a basic need of humanity. The Whole Person strives to manage, reduce and break down this barrier to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

Who We Serve

- Deaf individuals from diverse backgrounds who use American Sign Language
- Deaf people using varying communication methods, including assistive technology
- Families and friends of Deaf community
- Professionals – medical, legal, law enforcement, academic, public and social services
- All ages, genders, socio-economic groups, ethnicities, sexual orientations
- Employers looking to promote inclusion

What We Do

- Provide compassion, understanding and tools needed to assist both the hearing community and the Deaf and hard of hearing communities to work together successfully
- Active listening and a proactive approach to responding to consumers' needs
- Presentations and events to enhance community awareness of Deaf culture
- Offer use of video phone and accessible computers
- Assistive technology (TAP telephones)

The Whole Family Project

Through individualized instruction in sign language, The Whole Family Project seeks to increase the ability of families to communicate with their children, infants and children up to 12 years, who are deaf or nonverbal,







while increasing their knowledge and understanding of deafness, the Deaf community and available options. The Whole Family Project provides each family with their own qualified tutor who tailors lessons to meet the unique communication needs of each family. Tutors may be interpreters, family members of a deaf individual, or deaf themselves. For more information, contact Samantha Roe at 816-595-3344 or sroe@thewholeperson.org.

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Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

Core Values

The core values will influence how we interact with each other, guide how we go about our work and fulfill our mission.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Committed
- Collaboration

Who We Serve

- People with disabilities
- Parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- Schools
- Businesses
- Local government agencies
- Volunteer organizations
- Hospitals, health organizations and the medical community
- Civic organizations
- Churches/religious organizations
- Veterans
- Any individual or organization seeking assistance

Programs

- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment Services
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- The Whole Family Project
- Transition Services
- Telecommunications Access Program (TAP)

Support Groups

Through peer groups there is a full exchange of brainstorming, problem solving, and sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues. Peer groups meet 1-2 times a month. Visit our website for more information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information for each facilitator.

Community Outreach

The Whole Person provides education on disability etiquette, including reasonable accommodations and accepted social interaction, as well as why disability awareness is important. Visit our website to arrange a presentation for your company or organization.

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