The Whole Person
People with Disabilities Leading Independent Lives

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# **Peer Groups**

Peer groups provide a forum for problem solving, brainstorming, sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues individually and collectively. Visit our website at www.thewholeperson.org for more information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information.

#### **Brain Injury Peer Support Group**

Connecting individuals with brain injuries to each other and the resources they need.

For individuals, 17 and older, who have had a brain injury from an accident, stroke, tumor, aneurism or seizure disorder, and are seeking to connect with others who are going through the same experiences.

Meets: Once a month, 2nd Thursday

**Time:** 1:00 - 2:30 pm

**Location:** TWP, Community Room

**Contact:** Sarah Carlson; scarlson@thewholeperson.org

### **Consumer Advocacy Group**

An advocacy group for individuals with disabilities and their PCAs to participate in advocacy activities.

This group will be forming in 2019. Visit our website for more information.

### **Deaf Peer Social and Support Group**

A peer group for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Come join deaf peers in a group environment for fellowship and resource sharing.

**Meets:** As announced every quarter

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm Location: TWP, Youth Room

Contact: Clark Corogenes; 816-527-8334 (VP)

ccorogenes@thewholeperson.org Micki Keck; 913-227-4298 (VP) mkeck@thewholeperson.org

# Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Peer Group

For adults with hearing loss: Meet others with similar experiences, explore new communication strategies, and learn new tools.

**Meets:** As announced each month; usually 3rd Tuesday

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm

**Location:** TWP, Community Room

Contact: Micki Keck; keck@thewholeperson.org

# **TWP Getting Social**

A social group open to all people with disabilities, their PCAs, family, friends, and other service providers.

**Meets:** Once a month, 1st Friday

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 pm

**Location:** TWP, Community Room

**Contact:** Shannon Springer; sspringer@thewholeperson.org

#### Life with SCI/D

Connecting individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries or Related Disabilities to each other and the resources they need.

Open to individuals with spinal cord injuries or related disabilities. Participants under the age of 18 will need a parent/guardian present. In partnership with Mid America Rehabilitation Hospital and Greater Kansas City Spinal Cord Association.

Meets: Varies each month Varies by month

**Location:** Various, depending on host group

**Contact:** Lea Klepees; lklepees@thewholeperson.org

https://www.facebook.com/groups/TWPSCIgroup/

### Mental Health Peer Mentoring Group

Support for anyone with a physical, cognitive, or mental health disability.

Join your peers to share information and successful techniques addressing the needs and challenges that you face.

Meets: Twice a month, 1st/3rd Tuesday

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Location:** TWP, Community Room

**Contact:** Shannon Springer; sspringer@thewholeperson.org

#### Mind's Eye View

Individuals with low vision seeking to live independent, fulfilling, self-supporting lives, fully integrated into society's mainstream.

A solution-focused peer support group discussing issues faced by people who are blind or low vision and exploring strategies for achieving and maintaining emotional, psychological and social well-being.

Meets: Once a month, 1st Monday

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Location:** TWP, Community Room

**Contact:** Sheila Styron; sstyron@thewholeperson.org

#### **Blindness Low Vision Experience**

Opportunities to achieve greater independence and access to community through outdoor activities, art and cultural events.

**Contact:** Sheila Styron; sstyron@thewholeperson.org