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From the Executive Director



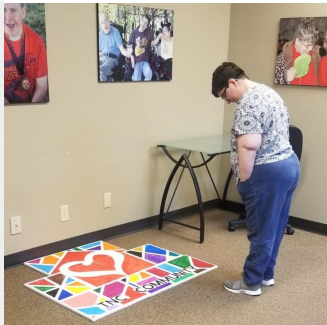
Happy Spring!

Our Board of Directors and the Moran Company are working very hard to identify the best candidate for TNC Community's Executive Director position. If you have not had the chance to do so, [click here to take a look at the job posting from the Moran Company.](#)

There's a complete listing of primary responsibilities, required qualifications, salary and benefit details and information on the application process.

Feel free to share this listing with anyone you think would be a great fit for the organization. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Bill Craig at The Moran Company.

Applications will be accepted through May 20, 2019.



Just a few weeks shy of the state legislature adjourning for the 2019 summer break, the Budget Conference Committee completed their work on the FY20 budget.

The Committee approved the House position of \$20.1 million general revenue funding for Developmental Disability Rate Standardization and a compromise of \$28 million for Developmental Disability Utilization.



This is great news for us! Now the budget will go to Governor Parsons for his final decision.

Please take some time to call, send a thank you note or post a message on your social media networks expressing your gratitude to the following Conference Committee members for helping us secure the funding in HB 10, Section 10.410:

- [Sen. Shalonn Curls](#)
- [Sen. Dan Hegeman](#)
- [Sen. Lincoln Hough](#)
- [Rep. Deb Lavender](#)
- [Rep. Jonathan Patterson](#)
- [Sen. John Rizzo](#)
- [Sen. David Sater](#)
- [Rep. Cody Smith](#)
- [Rep. David Wood](#)



[Take a look at the program description here.](#) THANK YOU for advocating on behalf of individuals with I/DD to make this happen. We definitely appreciate your efforts.

Nzala Chongo has quite an impressive career with TNC. In 2009, Nzala started with us as a Personal Support Attendant at one



of our Group Homes. Shortly after, she was promoted to the Residential Support Manager and after several years in that role she became the lead in our Staff Development Department. Earlier this year, Nzala transitioned into the position of Recruiter/Trainer in our Administrative Office.

Please join me in thanking *and* congratulating Nzala Chongo on 10 years of service and high-quality care at TNC Community. [Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, Nzala!](#)

As always, you are welcome to connect with me directly. Give me a call. Stop by the TNC Community administrative office or send an email. I always look forward to hearing from you!

Cheers,

*James Landrum, MSW*  
Executive Director

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## Technology First In Missouri

In February, the Department of Mental Health designated Missouri as a “Technology First state.” Technology First means that we first look at technology as a solution for an individual who needs developmental disability services instead of direct support staffing.

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Additional information about Technology First, including upcoming Tech Fests, can be found on the Division website: <https://dmh.mo.gov/dd/technology-first.html>

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# Support us when you shop for Mother's Day

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and Amazon donates.

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When you **shop on AmazonSmile**, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to TNC Community. Just select **Harry S. Truman Children's Neurological Center**.

You can have a real impact on the lives of individuals and families supported by TNC Community. Click on the links below to learn more:

[Memorial Tribute](#)  
[Wills, Trusts, and Estate Giving](#)  
[Workplace Giving or Sponsorship](#)  
[AmazonSmile](#)

## Gentle Culture Training May 28



Gentle Teaching is based on the premise that all individuals have a right to feel safe and valued in their homes; with their families and caregivers; and at their job, school, or other forms of meaningful day activities.

Register today for Gentle Culture training  
May 28  
2:30-4 p.m.  
TNC's Community Room

Call (816) 373-5060 or [click here to register](#) and for event details.

## CPR and First Aid Classes May 30

If you've been putting it off, don't wait any longer. On Thursday, May 30, TNC Community is offering CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens training.

**Bloodborne Pathogens Training**  
8 a.m.-9 a.m.

**First-Aid Training**  
9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**CPR Training**  
1-3:30 p.m.

All classes take place in the TNC community room. Grab your colleagues, friends and family. Our training sessions are open to all. Call (816) 373-5060 to register or for more information.



## Obamas Bringing Disability Rights Film To Netflix



by Shaun Heasley  
*Image: Chicago Media Project*

The evolution of the disability rights movement is at the heart of a documentary that former President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama are bringing to Netflix.

The couple's production company Higher Ground said this week that it will bring the film "Crip Camp" to the streaming service. The feature-length documentary tells the story of a summer camp for teenagers with disabilities in the 1970s near Woodstock, N.Y. that helped springboard the disability rights movement.

Last year, Netflix said that the Obamas had agreed to a multi-year deal to produce films and series for the streaming service. "Crip Camp" is among the first seven projects to be unveiled as part of the deal. Other programming that the Obamas have in development for Netflix includes a feature film about Frederick Douglass, a show for preschoolers about food and a drama series set in New York City after World War II.

"We created Higher Ground to harness the power of storytelling. That's why we couldn't be more excited about these projects," the former president said. "Touching on issues of race

and class, democracy and civil rights, and much more, we believe each of these productions won't just entertain, but will educate, connect and inspire us all."

The content is set to be released in the coming years.



**Wednesday, May 15**

Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Sex Talk for Self-Advocates Webinar  
1 p.m.

**Friday, May 17**

Special Olympics State Summer Games  
ESPN Wide World of Sports, 700 S. Victory Way, Orlando, FL 34747  
8 a.m

**Wednesday, May 22**

Dance @ Knoxboro  
Utica Leisure Center, 14 Arnold Avenue, Utica, NY, 135501  
6 p.m.

**Friday, May 31**

Special Olympics State Summer Games  
Missouri State University  
8 a.m.

**Friday, May 31**

The Arc of the Ozarks Carnival  
Timothy Grant Newport Activity Center, 1501 E. Pythian Street, Springfield, MO 65802  
5:15 p.m.

