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Mission Statement
To enrich the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families through support, programs and advocacy.

Honey Sunday
Due to COVID-19, Honey Sunday has been postponed until November 7, 2021

Annual Meeting
November 9 - Virtual Event

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. is seeking nominations for its annual Community Partnership Awards. The awards recognize professionals, friends, or volunteers who have made a significant difference in the lives of children, adolescents, and adults with developmental disabilities. The awards include:

• Community Leader: A professional who has made a significant difference in the life or lives of children, adolescents or adults who have a developmental disability.

• Inclusion Leader: Someone in the community (from a non-disability organization or group) who has shown exemplary inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities.

• Volunteer of the Year: An individual who has voluntarily provided invaluable assistance or support, making a positive impact on the life or lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Contact Jordan Stocking at 402.346.5220, ext. 10 or jstocking@olliewebbinc.org by Friday, October 30, to nominate someone for a Community Partnership Award. The winners will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on Monday, November 9th.
DON’T FORGET!
to renew your Arc of Omaha membership for 2021.

Weather Policy
The following weather conditions may cause us to close our office and/or cancel/reschedule events.
* Heavy, accumulating, blowing and drifting snow
* Ten degrees or more below zero and/or wind chill
* Ice, sleet and/or freezing rain
If the weather is questionable, our services will be canceled.

If Omaha Public Schools cancel their day/ evening activities and/or staff deem it unsafe for travel our services will be canceled.

Note: If you are not sure if an evening/weekend event will be held or canceled, call 402.346.5220 and/or check our Facebook page for event updates. Most decisions will be posted by 3:00 p.m. for evening activities, and 8:00 a.m. for daytime activities.

2021 Arc of Omaha Membership Form
“Time and money spent in helping people to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.” ~ Henry Ford

This has been a difficult year for all of us, but the impact of COVID-19 on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families has been especially devastating. Many of our clients are still largely self-quarantining due to underlying health conditions and have limited access to their cherished friends, hobbies, and routines.

Please consider becoming an Arc of Omaha member today so our clients can safely enjoy virtual adaptations of programs such as the First and Next Chapter Book Clubs, Friends and Best Buddies Mentoring Programs, and sibling and parent support.

**Becoming a member for 2021 is easy! Options start at just $25. This can be done by mail (fill out the form below) or online at www.olliewebbinc.org.** The benefits of continued membership include:

- Use of the Ollie Webb Center, Inc. pass to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. Pass use is unlimited based on availability and entitles 2 adults and up to 6 children free admission to the zoo.
- Discounts on many activities and events sponsored by The Arc of Omaha. For more information, please reference our monthly newsletter or www.olliewebbinc.org.
- Support from The Arc of Nebraska and The Arc of the United States, including representation at local, state, and national policy forums and publications on a variety of topics.
- The satisfaction of supporting a local community agency that tirelessly informs the public of the needs, rights, and abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Your Arc of Omaha membership sends a strong message in support of the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please consider becoming a member today!**

**The Arc of Omaha 2021 Membership Drive!**
Your membership will be valid from January 1 through December 31, 2021
Thank you for your past support! Please consider once again being a part of our team!

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Each Single Membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Each family membership is entitled to two (2) votes.

**Please circle:** Single $25  Family $40  Contributing $75  Sustaining $100  Corporate $150

☑️ I would like to sponsor an additional single membership for a person who is unable to pay, for an additional $25

**Total amount enclosed:** $  Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Mail this form and your check to:
Ollie Webb Center, Inc., 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105

Zoo Pass Available to 2021 Arc Members!
The Arc of Omaha has a free Family Zoo Pass available for use by its 2020 members. It allows two adults and four children to visit the Henry Doorly Zoo. Please note the following rules for its use:

1. The pass can be used anytime the zoo is open.
2. Families may use the pass as often as they like, as long as it is available.
3. Families using the pass must sign it out, giving their name, address, phone number, date of use and date returned. If a family misuses the pass, it is possible that the pass may not be available for them to use again.
4. When families arrive at the zoo, they must present the pass and check in at the Visitors Center.

**Call 402.346.5220 to reserve the Family Zoo Pass.**
The Ultimate Life program is a fee-based companion recreation program for adults aged 18 and older with developmental disabilities. This program offers opportunities for adults to participate in small, planned group activities or one-on-one outings of their choice in the community. Trained staff accompany participants and transportation to and from the activities is part of the program. APPLY NOW! Registration fee is $30.

Hello Everyone!

We sure do miss seeing everyone in person. We also know that our Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) and Ultimate Life (UL) participants miss seeing everyone as well! The OWCI team has been working hard to move our NCBC and Ultimate Life activities onto Zoom for the fall. While we cannot physically be together, classes through our Continuing Education program and activities like Midweek Movie Madness have shown that participants enjoy seeing one another and interacting via Zoom.

Several NCBC groups have been meeting online. We are currently working on getting everyone who wants to participate in NCBC via Zoom the opportunity to join in virtually. If you have not heard from your book club facilitators, please let Tara know. OWCI plans to continue these virtual meetings through the end of the year. We know that it can be difficult to run our NCBC gatherings in the typical fashion, but our groups that have been meeting via Zoom have created some very creative alternatives.

We are also in the process of developing UL activities on Zoom. Some of the activities we plan to implement are Dinner with Friends, Karaoke Night, Game Night, and Dance Party events. Ultimate Life members, be sure to stay tuned!

Help us make Next Chapter Book Club and Ultimate Life and a “Virtual” success until we are all able to meet in person again!
Ollie Webb Center, Inc. is excited to announce the Halloween Party! A virtual celebration on Zoom.

October 29th - 6:30 to 8:00pm

RSVP by Oct. 27th with $10 check payable to:
Ollie Webb Center, Inc. - 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122
- care of Alexa Edwards
aedwards@olliewebbinc.org

Please RSVP by email to aedwards@olliewebbinc.org by October 27 and mail a check for $10.00 payable to:

Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
1941 S. 42nd Street, Suite 122
Omaha, Ne 68105

Once your registration is confirmed, Zoom login information will be sent the day of the event.
The Social Recreation Program offers small- and large-group activities in which youth and adults with disabilities can enjoy leisure time, build friendships and access the community.

Join Us for Midweek Movie Madness!

OWCI is proud to announce a free movie series called **Midweek Movie Madness**. We have had two events so far: a group viewing of “Grease” on August 12 and “Footloose” on August 26 for attendees via Zoom. Announcements will be made via email and on the OWCI Facebook page. All individuals need to do to attend is to complete the Eventbrite link on the announcement. Program Coordinators Tara and Alexa will send the Zoom meeting information to you the day of the event. Just grab some popcorn, put your feet up, sign in, and join the movie! Each event has been well attended and Alexa and Tara are currently planning future showings, including a special event for the Halloween season.

Not only do we all get to watch the movie together from the comfort of our own homes, Midweek Movie Madness allows attendees the opportunity to see and talk to one another before the big event. Alexa and Tara have enjoyed seeing everyone and we sometimes even have guest appearances: parents and caregivers can join in if they wish. Our pets also make some cameos: we’ve had some dogs and cats drop in and we even had a guinea pig join us for the last half of “Footloose!”

If you have not been receiving email notifications about Midweek Movie Madness, please contact Alexa or Tara. Also, please note that you can join all Zoom activities via tablet, I-Pad, or smartphone.
The Art of Imagination classes are focused on the visual and performing arts. Classes offer artistic opportunities in traditional art forms such as painting, writing, drawing and photography and more. Theater classes include improvisation, playwriting, scripted pieces and radio drama culminating in rehearsals and public performances.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, Ollie Webb Center, Inc. (OWCI) has chosen to postpone our annual inclusive theater production until the fall of 2021. As a safe replacement, The Art of Imagination will be producing an online sketch production created by and featuring Ollie Webb participants with support from OWCI instructors. Sketches will be devised and crafted during online Zoom classes and presented through an online platform like YouTube in the fall of 2020.

The virtual production will be comprised of OWCI participant-generated vignettes and musical numbers produced through zoom classes in the fashion of Saturday Night Live. The classes that will be involved in the creation of the production will include Theater Studies, Musical Theater, Playwriting, and Lights! Camera! Action! The sketch show will become available for online viewing in late October or early November 2020.

The annual inclusive theater production will still be presented in the fall of 2021. Nationally known theater artist Carrie Nath is on board as writer and director of the play. Continuing Education Coordinator David Ackermann, Artistic Director Jim Hoggatt, and participants in the fall 2020 Playwriting course will also be helping to create the script for the play. Local theater artist Carole Waterman is composing original music for the production and will act as music director and cultural consultant. The play will premiere in the fall of 2021 at the Scottish Rite Theater in downtown Omaha.
The Continuing Education program extends the learning experience beyond high school. Classes are offered in a variety of formats and settings and focus on independent living, money management, social and employment-related skills. Courses provide a person-centered approach that focuses on increased independence as opposed to the maintenance of skills. A five day-a-week program is available and follows a typical college schedule.

Zooming Into Fall

The Continuing Education program continues to offer a variety of new and interesting classes over the summer and into the fall. Through innovation and technology, instructors have used video conferencing to bring high level learning and interactive experiences to program participants. Families and participants are excited to use Zoom to see and collaborate with peers in meaningful daily vocational programming and activities.

Since March, many families have reached out to express how they had become interested in virtual and one-on-one supports due to health and safety concerns. Participants were feeling isolated and missed connecting with peers. Once they were able to start participating in classes via Zoom, those feelings changed. Although remote learning may not be for everyone, family feedback regarding digital classes has been overwhelmingly positive with individuals being able to resume their daily routines and have more structure in their day. Participants are excited to socialize with peers at the start of class and during breaks while also having the opportunity to work on skill-building as they had been pre-pandemic.

OWCI is pleased to be able to offer alternative day programming through Zoom while providing much needed support and training to program participants. This digital platform has allowed OWCI to promote social connectedness and ongoing learning at a time when many are feeling isolated and impacted by the current health crisis.
Supported employment is a community-based work option for adults with developmental disabilities. Supported employment is based on the premise that work should be accessible to everyone, regardless of disability. By providing the necessary support, people with disabilities increase their opportunity for community integration, independence and productivity. Services in this area include: Job Development and Job Coaching.

Job Development Opportunities

Navigating life during this pandemic presents many challenges but how does it affect looking for a job? Businesses are still looking for employees and Ollie Webb Center, Inc.'s (OWCI) Supported Employment program is committed to helping individuals who are looking for employment.

Currently job developers are connecting with participants and families either in person or virtually to explore and pursue opportunities for competitive employment. OWCI is continuing to collaborate with Nebraska VR for referrals to our program so feel free to reach out a Nebraska VR office, or a Department of Health and Human Services service coordinator to learn more about employment options.

Job development begins with the following activities:
- Creating and enhancing your resume
- Conducting skill assessments and ongoing skill-building
- Understanding your goals and interests

Your Job Developer will work with you and on your behalf:
- Exploring career opportunities that align with your goals
- Networking with employers and businesses in your areas of interest
- Helping participants apply and interview for jobs

For more information about our Supported Employment program, please contact our referral and intake team at 402-346-5220 ext. 22.
Independent living services provide instruction for individuals who live in their own home (apartment or house) or in their family’s home. Education, training and support is provided to maintain or increase independent living skills, such as money management, health and safety, interpersonal relations, community awareness, recreational skills, nutrition, hygiene and leisure.

Electronic Visit Verification Software (EVV)

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) software will be a new requirement beginning on January 1, 2021 for the Independent Living Program at The Ollie Webb Center, Inc. The Federal 21st Century Cures Act (2016) requires Nebraska to implement this new system for Medicaid Aged & Disabled Waiver and Personal Assistance Services providers this year. EVV electronically captures and verifies provider visit information, including accurate tracking of time stamps and Global Positioning System (GPS) locations of when and where a service is being delivered.

Q: What Agency and Independent Provider waiver-based services require the use of EVV?

A: EVV is required for the following agency provider services: Independent Living (2639), Supported Family Living (7494), Medical In-Home Habilitation (9220), Behavioral In-Home Habilitation (1796), Respite (2656), and Homemaker (9769).

Q: How does this affect my Supported Family Living and Independent Living services through Ollie Webb Center, Inc.?

A. The use of EVV will not change how services are delivered or what will happen during service delivery. EVV will require notification of changes to start and end service times and any changes to the location of start and end points for your service prior to an appointment/shift. All start times and locations as well as end times and locations are entered into a schedule on Therap prior to an appointment/shift and OWCI staff members will check in and out of an Independent Living shift/appointment on Therap using a mobile device.

To learn more about EVV, please visit http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Visit-Verification.aspx
For more information about Ollie Webb Center, Inc. activities and programs, you can pull up our website on your smart phone QR app! It's Free!

STAFF DIRECTORY

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402.346.5220

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