



Welcome to the Accessible Sports Regional Round Table



AS-GKC is a bi-state, multi-sector collaboration of nonprofit organizations, agencies, and businesses formed with the support of a 2018 Healthy Communities grant awarded by the Health Forward Foundation to The Whole Person.

AS-GKC's Mission

Enhance the quality of life for individuals with barriers to participation through access to recreation activities that promote fitness, wellness, and social growth.

Shared Resources

- A shared centralized website that highlights accessible sports and recreational activities in our local area and facilitates participant contact to program coordinators.
- A Community Wide Calendar of accessible sports programming
- A Community Gaps survey to solicit feedback from the affected populations about their experiences and needs.
- An Accessible Venues Survey
- Educate the Educators



Important Notes for our Virtual Meeting

AS-GKC Q&A (Jason Barbour) will be monitoring the chat.

- Please type your name and organization into the chat so we can document your attendance!
- Give us a brief description of your organization's accessible sports program or mission.

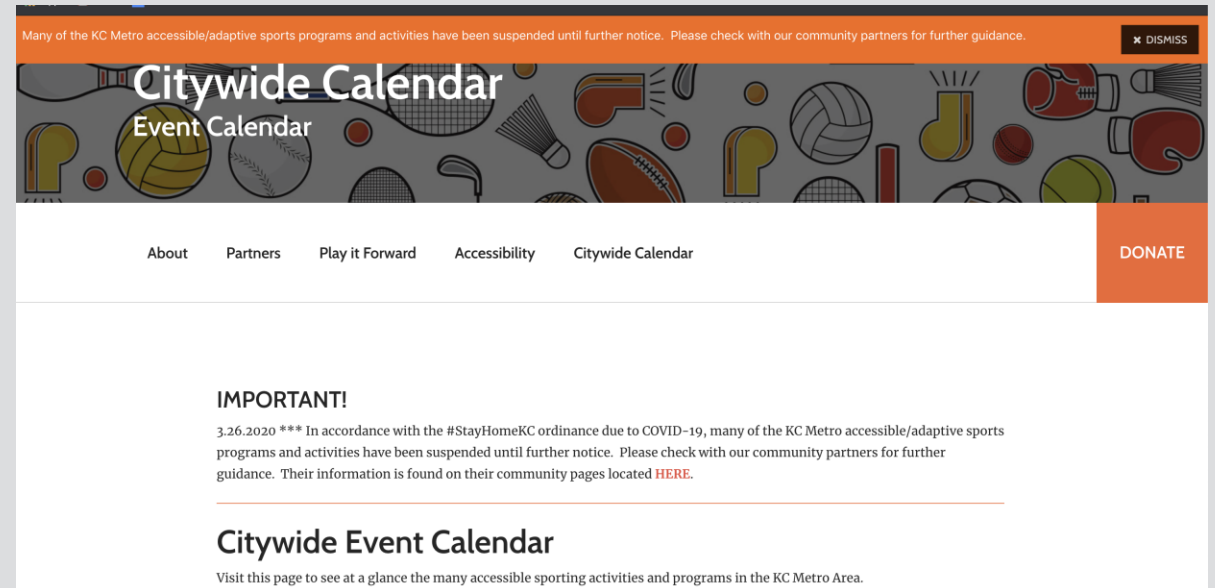
We will be using the chat to solicit questions. Please send direct message to AS-GKC Q&A to remain anonymous.

Please be respectful of others during open panel Q&A and Raise hand (with zoom button) or type question into chat and to wait for introduction by moderator.



Citywide Calendar Update

- New Focus on Calendar as events begin in the inclusive recreational community.
- Need your help populating more than ever.
- Objective: Become a trusted event calendar for perspective participants in KC

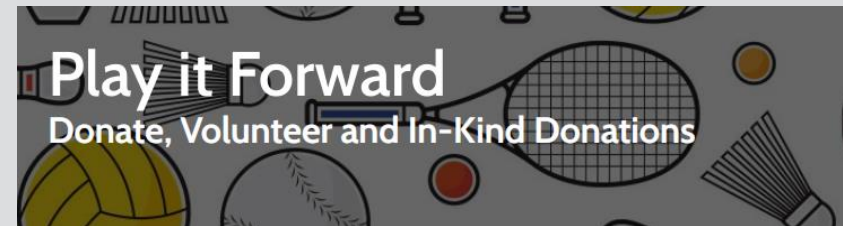


ASGKC Objectives Update

- Digital Quarterly Newsletter Launched at the end of October
 - Working to increase signups
- Conducting Focus groups with three more sessions left. @ 5:30pm
 - Monday, Nov. 16th (ASL)
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24th
 - Monday, Nov. 30th
- Play It Forward Sports Equipment Donations



www.as-gkc.net/focusgroups



Panel Presentations and Discussion

Panelist	Organization	Topic of Expertise
Taylor Obersteadt	Special Olympics Kansas	Special Events and Engagement
Tom Knaus	Ability KC and Midwest Adaptive Sports	Adaptive Sports Programming
John Teegarden	Midwest Adaptive Sports	Adaptive Sports Programming
Nancy Peterson	Ability KC	Community Outreach
Kim Krueger	The Whole Person	Social Media



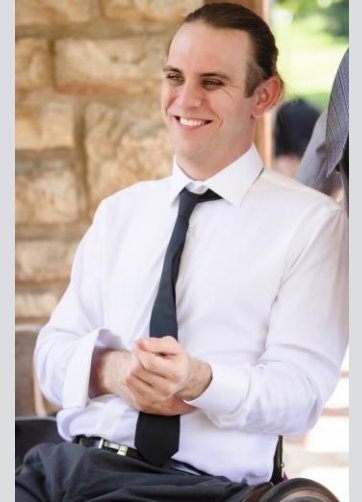
Special Events and Engagement

- Taylor Obersteadt- Unified Sports and Program Operations Coordinator with Special Olympics Kansas
- Taylor's main role for Special Olympics Kansas is to implement Unified Champion Schools programs into Kansas schools. The goal of Unified Champion Schools is to create school climates where students with disabilities feel welcome and are routinely included in all activities, opportunities and functions. Taylor received her Masters degree in Performance, Exercise and Sport Psychology while competing as a Student Athlete at Barry University in Miami, Florida. Taylor is passionate about bringing the inclusive movement in all schools! Taylor believes that training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding, which is exactly what Unified Sports can do!
- Q&A: Please type questions in chat or message Jason if you wish to remain private



Adaptive Sports Program Implementation

- Tom Knaus- Ability KC and Midwest Adaptive Sports
- Tom works for Ability KC as an occupational therapist and helps people get back to doing the things they need and want to do after having neurological disabilities. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Midwest Adaptive Sports. Tom played for the University of Missouri Wheelchair basketball team and then continued to help coach the team. While helping coach that team, he formed another basketball team of former college players that he continued to play on. Tom is a huge fan of adaptive team sports as an occupational therapist and as a person with a disability.
- John Teegarden- Softball Director at Midwest Adaptive Sports
- John has been playing Wheelchair Softball for 15 years and currently runs the KC Royals (formally KC Diamond) for the last 8 years. John played on Team USA in 2016 and 2019.
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Community Outreach

- Nancy Peterson- Marketing Specialist & Community Liaison at Ability KC
- Nancy ensures those needing the best intensive outpatient medical rehabilitation know where to get it. After years in marketing and sales as a business owner, Nancy brought those skills to Ability KC, increasing admissions, improving awareness and educating the community. Nancy also serves as the Chair of the Patient Family Navigation Committee for Rare KC, sits on the Patient Family Advisory Board for Rare Diseases at Children's Mercy Hospital and the ELSI Committee for Genomic Answers 4 Kids at the Children's Mercy Research Institute (CMRI). Nancy has won local awards for service to seniors in her community and, is proud to say, she's surviving 2 teenage children and a 20 year marriage. Nancy holds a Master of Social Work from Jane Addams School of Social Work from the University of Illinois of Chicago and a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology from Oklahoma State University. Nancy knows her work educating and sharing the specialized programming and unique rehabilitation program available at Ability KC changes lives.
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Social Media Outreach

- Kim Krueger- Marketing and Communications Manager at The Whole Person
- Kim is The Whole Person's Marketing and Communications Manager and has been employed with the organization for 9.5 years. Prior to TWP, Kim was Creative Director for an advertising agency that specialized in print and online yellow page advertising for national advertisers such as Allstate Insurance, Penske Truck Rental, Best Buy, Veterinary Centers of America (VCA), General Electric and Pizza Hut. In addition to her work at TWP, Kim is a freelance graphic designer, paper artist, workshop instructor and entrepreneur. She has served as a designer and community volunteer for numerous nonprofits such as Project Equality, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, Covenant Network, Disability Mentoring Day Kansas City, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, South African Council of Churches, and manages several social media pages for various businesses and groups.
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