

September 21, 2022

Dear Community Leaders,



You are cordially invited to The 13th Annual DISABILITY Resource Expo: Reaching Out for Answers, scheduled for **Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Market Place Mall, 2000 N. Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820.**

The DISABILITY Resource Expo is a collaborative community effort that strives to provide the answers to questions people have about what resources are available for persons with disabilities as well as their loved ones and caregivers. For years, the annual DISABILITY Resource Expo: Reaching Out for Answers has been a premier event for individuals and families to ask questions, secure information, share ideas, and learn about supportive services, programs, and technology available to them. The Expo features East Central Illinois organizations and informative displays, all highlighting accessibility and opportunities for people who have disabilities. We continually seek the latest technology and resources for Expo attendees to experience.

Past participants have called the Expo “an amazing networking resource” and “the best Expo in the state.” Positive feedback like this pushes us to continue fulfilling our mission and make the Expo as great as it can be. The Expo is returning this year after a three year hiatus due to COVID-19 related concerns. The event will be scaled back but we are confident that we can fulfill our mission while following the recommendations and guidelines of the Champaign Urbana Public Health District. With that said, we cannot make our mission a reality without promoting the Expo throughout East Central Illinois.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** As a community leader, you help to influence the people of East Central Illinois. We would greatly appreciate not only your attendance at the Expo this year but also assistance in promoting it.

The Expo is FREE to attend and open to the public. Up to 85 exhibitors will be present, ready and willing to share information and to answer questions regarding resources ranging from health care to legal support, and everything in between available to people with all types of disabilities as well as their caregivers, family and friends. Attendees are strongly encouraged to wear masks. The event is only a month away. Word of mouth is a very powerful form of marketing. Please tell people about the Expo whenever you can.

Do you have a presence on social media? If so, please follow us on Facebook @disabilityresourceexpo.org, Instagram @disabilityresource, and Twitter @resourceexpo. Follow us and “like” and share our postings to help spread the word of the long-awaited return of the Expo.

We would greatly appreciate your support promoting the 2022 DISABILITY Resource Expo. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

The Champaign County Mental Health Board, The Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board, and the DISABILITY Resource Expo Steering Committee