

## Time to Register Teens for Driver's Education is Now

Unlike recent years, young area drivers will have the opportunity for driver's education in June, and course registration is already open.

"We're glad to bring back a month-long driver's education program to St. Joseph this year," said Sheldon Lyon, Executive Director of The St. Joseph Safety and Health Council. Lyon said the course will give young drivers critical information to keep them safe while on the roadway.

Participants must have a learner's permit by the start of the class on June 4. Morning and afternoon sessions are planned at the Safety Council office, 3131 Frederick Avenue, Suite 220.

In addition to class instruction times, participants will schedule driving times with qualified driving instructors.



Class size for each of the two June sessions (morning and afternoon) of driver's education is limited to 50 students on a first-registered, first-served basis. Missouri students must be 15 to 19 years old. Kansas students must be 16 to 19 years old.

The program will include 30 hours of classroom instruction, six hours of driving and 12 hours of observing other drivers while in the car.

Cost per student is \$275. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Safety Council staff can answer questions at (816) 233-3330.

Registration is online at [stjoesafetycouncil.org](http://stjoesafetycouncil.org).



David Pearce with the State Treasurer's Office met with members of the A Team Steering Committee and with those who attended a recent program about MO ABLE savings and investment accounts for people with disabilities.

## Group Aims to Empower People With Disabilities

Recently, the A Team of Northwest Missouri arranged an informational meeting at Specialty Industries of St. Joseph, Inc. about Missouri ABLE Accounts for Missourians with disabilities.

Attendees learned about the tax-free savings program through the Missouri State Treasurer's office that allows individuals with disabilities the opportunity to save and invest up to \$14,000 a year without losing federal government benefits such as Medicaid or Social Security Income.

The A Team of Northwest Missouri aims to continue local programs throughout the year and encourages anyone who wishes to be part of the group to join with them.

The A Team is a group of people with and without disabilities who come together to empower individuals with any type of disability. The group advocates in a grassroots effort, creates awareness in the community and advises those who care for people with disabilities to ensure service choices are protected and sustained. For information about the A Team movement in our state, follow "Dignity Has a Voice" (the Missouri A Team page) on Facebook or call (816) 232-8083.

## Opportunities to Remember

**Feb. 2**—Free training for families with young children at Conscious Discipline Parent Night focused on "Encouragement: Noticing, Accepting and Connecting With Children." 6-8 p.m. at McCarthy Baptist Church, 2710 S. Belt Highway with light supper at 5:30. RSVP to Jay at United Way, 364-2381.

**Feb. 3**—Bras for a Cause to support breast cancer awareness through the YWCA, 7-9 p.m. at Paradox Theatre, 107 S. 6th Street. Come see local men model decorated bras. \$5 at door.

**Feb. 10**—Free Family Fun Time for children under the age of six and their parents/caregivers, 10-11:30 a.m. at East Hills Library, 502 N. Woodbine. Play will center around simple and fun science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts. Snacks and free children's book provided. Questions? Call Jay at United Way, 364-2381.

**Through Feb. 10**—Sign up to help determine how

United Way donor dollars are invested in Partner Agencies. Questions? Call Jodi at United Way, 364-2381, and ask about the United Way Allocations Process.

**Feb. 14**—Pop Culture Trivia Night at Club Geek, 815 Francis Street, 7 p.m. to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater St. Joseph. Public invited, ages 21 and over. No cover.

**Feb. 14**—Taste of United Way focused on Youth Mentoring with lunch provided by Chik-fil-A, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at United Way, 118 S. 5th Street. Free monthly lunch series to give community members a taste of United Way Partner Agency and Initiative work. RSVP to Renita at 364-2381.

**Through Feb. 24**—Sign up for Spring Youth Soccer through the YMCA, 3-years-old through 6th grade. Free Skills Clinic on Feb. 24, and season begins on March 3. \$25 for Y members; \$39 for non-Y members. Call 233-9622.

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United Way of Greater St. Joseph supports 17 Partner Agencies and operates seven Initiatives.

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### 7 United Way Initiatives

- FamilyWize® Prescription Assistance
- Financial Stability
- Leadership St. Joseph
- Profit In Education®
- Success By 6®
- Unmet Needs Committee
- Volunteer Center

### 17 Partner Agencies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bartlett Center</li> <li>Big Brothers Big Sisters</li> <li>Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc.</li> <li>The CENTER, a Samaritan Center</li> <li>Children's Mercy</li> <li>Community Missions (CMC)</li> <li>Family Guidance Center for Behavioral Healthcare</li> <li>InterServ</li> <li>Legal Aid of Western Missouri</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northwest Missouri Community Services</li> <li>Pony Express Council, Boy Scouts of America</li> <li>St. Joseph Safety &amp; Health Council</li> <li>The Salvation Army</li> <li>Specialty Industries of St. Joseph, Inc.</li> <li>United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri</li> <li>YMCA</li> <li>YWCA</li> </ul>
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