

Abilities for Business



Columbia Transition Team

- Columbia Public Schools
- Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation
- Boone County Family Resources
- More Group
- Great Plains ADA Center
- Thompson Center
- Job Points
- ACT
- Care

Columbia Employment Consortium

- A Boone County consortium supporting employment and independence of people with disabilities
- Providing resources and supports to the business community in recruiting and retaining qualified employees with disabilities
- Benefitting the business community by promoting local business outreach through meetings and events
- And providing trainings for associations, groups, or individual businesses
- Website – www.cec-como.org

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- The “Great Wall”
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Business to Business Networking

- Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- BNI
- Speaking opportunities
- US BLN

Mid Missouri Business Leadership Network

- Lynn Kirkbride – US BLN
- Request to re-name Abilities for Business
- Secretary of State contacted and name change official
- IRS contacted for 501(c)3 name change update
- US BLN conference August 21st – Orlando Florida

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Return on Investment for Business (Business)

- Retaining Valuable Employees
- Improved Productivity and Morale
- Reduce Workers Compensation
- Reduce Cost of Hiring New Employees
- Access to Job Trainers and Job Coaches - Free
- Improve Company's Diversity
- WOTC

Questions?



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