

disAbility Resource Center

JUNE NEWSLETTER

"Heard It Here First"---Voices of dRC

Serving as Executive Director of dRC has taught me the importance of servant leadership, advocacy, and building systems that empower people with disabilities to live independently and fully participate in their communities. This position has strengthened my ability to lead with empathy while balancing strategic planning, program development, staff leadership, compliance, and community partnerships. I have learned that meaningful change happens through collaboration, persistence, and listening to the voices of people with lived experience. The role has also deepened my understanding of disability rights, accessibility, and the importance of creating inclusive environments where individuals are respected, supported, and encouraged to achieve their goals.



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Emancipation Proclamation

The Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery on January 1st 1863, but some confederate states refused to enforce this law for up to 2.5 years.

Juneteenth History

Juneteenth commemorates June 19th 1865, when the union army arrived in Galveston Bay Texas and announced that more than 250,000 enslaved black people were free by executive decree.

Juneteenth Today

Today, we can honor Juneteenth by taking time to learn about its history, support Black-owned businesses, and celebrate the culture, resilience, and contributions of Black Americans.





dRC Success Spotlight:

---REAL STORIES, REAL IMPACT---

When life felt hopeless, a consumer of dRC had reached a breaking point. Her disabilities had left her isolated and afraid, but God met her in the middle of her pain. Through the Peer Support activities she received from disAbility Resource Center, the individual discovered she was not alone in her community. Today, she's enjoying a second chance at life with her cancer in remission!

"I'm learning what it means to live with purpose," she says. "Instead of staying home feeling sorry for myself I came out to the Peer Support Activities each month and met other people with disabilities and most importantly, made new friends."

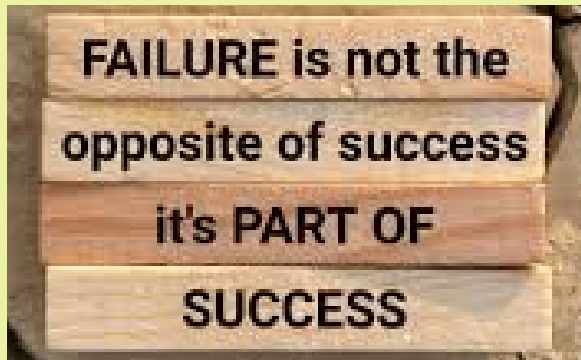
But God was already writing a new story...

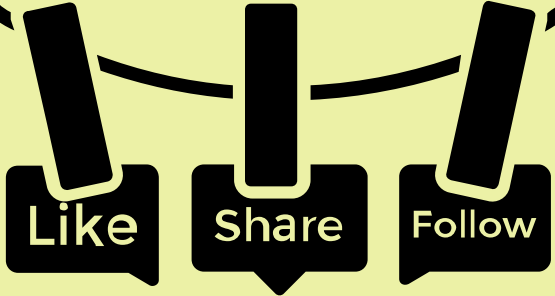
At dRC's Door, she found more than a safe place to spend her time—she found community, healing, and hope.

"When I first came to peer support, I didn't think I would fit in," she shares. "But everyone here treated me like I mattered. I began to enjoy my life even more."

Through classes and education, she began to confront the pain that had kept her trapped for so long. She learned to realize life has its up's and down's, but it's how we deal with it is how we succeed. Slowly, the walls came down, and her faith began to grow and glow.

Today, this consumer of dRC radiates the joy and peace she once thought impossible. She's rebuilding relationships with her family and friends, working toward her goals, and mentoring other women in recovery.





Fun Facts: DID YOU KNOW?

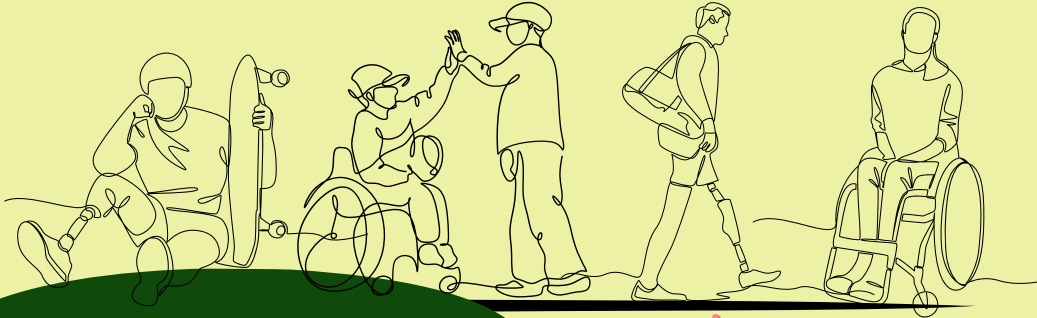
- More than 1 in 4 adults in the United States live with a disability.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed 36 years ago this summer!
- Over 61 million adults in the U.S. are part of the disability community.
- July is Disability Pride Month(Let's Celebrate)



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Sometimes the best things happen just outside your comfort zone! Join disAbility Resource Center at our FREE monthly peer support groups to connect, laugh, share experiences, and build meaningful friendships in a welcoming and supportive space. You never know — your next favorite conversation could start here!



June Peer Support Activity



Get ready to “Plant Peace” with disAbility Resource Center this June at our monthly Peer Support Groups! Participants will have the chance to paint their own flower pots, plant a succulent seed, and watch a little reminder of peace and growth bloom over time. It’s a fun, relaxing way to connect with others, get creative, and celebrate the start of summer together!

To see upcoming dates and locations, visit our website or check our Facebook/Instagram pages for the latest flyers and details

