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Hello awesome MoSPIN families,

Happy New Year. I am hopeful this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy.

I offer helpful information in this edition. I hope some of it will be applicable to your family.

Recently I learned about a wonderful app. Novel Effect is a free, award-winning app that brings children's books to life with music, sound effects, and character voices — custom-made to celebrate the tone of the story. As you read aloud, Novel Effect follows the sound of your voice and responds at just the right moment. Have fun trying it out.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call
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Discover CVI Parent Support Group

Discover CVI is a parent-led support group for parents of children with Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI). As parents of children with CVI, we recognize that finding other parents who understand your journey and support you along the way can be difficult. We've been there ourselves which is why we are excited about the opportunity to participate in this local support group. This is a judgment-free zone. This group is meant to be a relaxing, safe environment to share your thoughts, feelings, and frustrations. We hope to learn more about each other and our families, share ideas and have some fun along the way too! Please consider joining us. If you have questions or want to learn more, please feel free to reach out to us. We welcome the dialogue.

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Join us for Discover CVI Support Group meeting on
February 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. (CST)
It is held online via Zoom in order to maximize participation

NEW TO DISCOVER CVI, register here [https://
form.jotform.com/81925819584168](https://form.jotform.com/81925819584168)

ONLINE MEETING LINK IS SENT TO DISCOVER CVI GROUP MEMBERS

The meeting is sponsored by the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project (KSDB).
For more information, email: ksdeafblind@kssdb.org

Sponsorship by KS State School for the Blind (KSSB)/KSDB Project does not imply endorsement of a particular philosophy, product or procedure. Discussions or materials presented at this meeting reflect the views of participants for educational and informational purposes only and not as professional advice for specific cases or circumstances by KSSB/KSDB Project.

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National Center on Deaf-Blindness



FAMILY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - February 2020

**The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation invites you to join them
for two FREE upcoming webinars . . .**

February 19: Lessons Learned: A Parent Panel – 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm EST

Raising a child with CHARGE syndrome can sometimes feel overwhelming. Please join us to hear the perspective of four parents as they share their lessons learned and what they know for sure. There will be time for Q&A at the end.

March 25: The Role of the Family in the IEP Process – 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm EST

Presented by Kristi Probst, Initiative Lead for Interveners and Qualified Personnel and Assessment, Planning, and Instruction at the National Center on Deaf-Blindness. Navigating the IEP process can be very daunting, to say the least. Join Kristi as she shares practical tips and strategies on how to ensure that the needs of your child and family are at the forefront of educational programming for your child.

To learn more, visit the [CHARGE Syndrome Foundation Webinar Page](https://www.chargesyndrome.org/for-families/resources/webinars)
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CYY 2020:

A Vision for Early Learning



SAVE THE DATE

March 12-14, 2020

Tan-Tar-A
Conference Center
Osage Beach, MO

Early Bird Pricing

\$35 Home Visiting Summit
\$90 CYY Day 1
\$180 CYY Days 2-3
\$103 Lodging per night



Featured Speakers:

- ✓ Jenni Brasington
- ✓ Velda McKenzie
- ✓ Dr. Brad Mears
- ✓ Ernesto Rodriguez
- ✓ Dr. Clarissa Willis

#CYY2020



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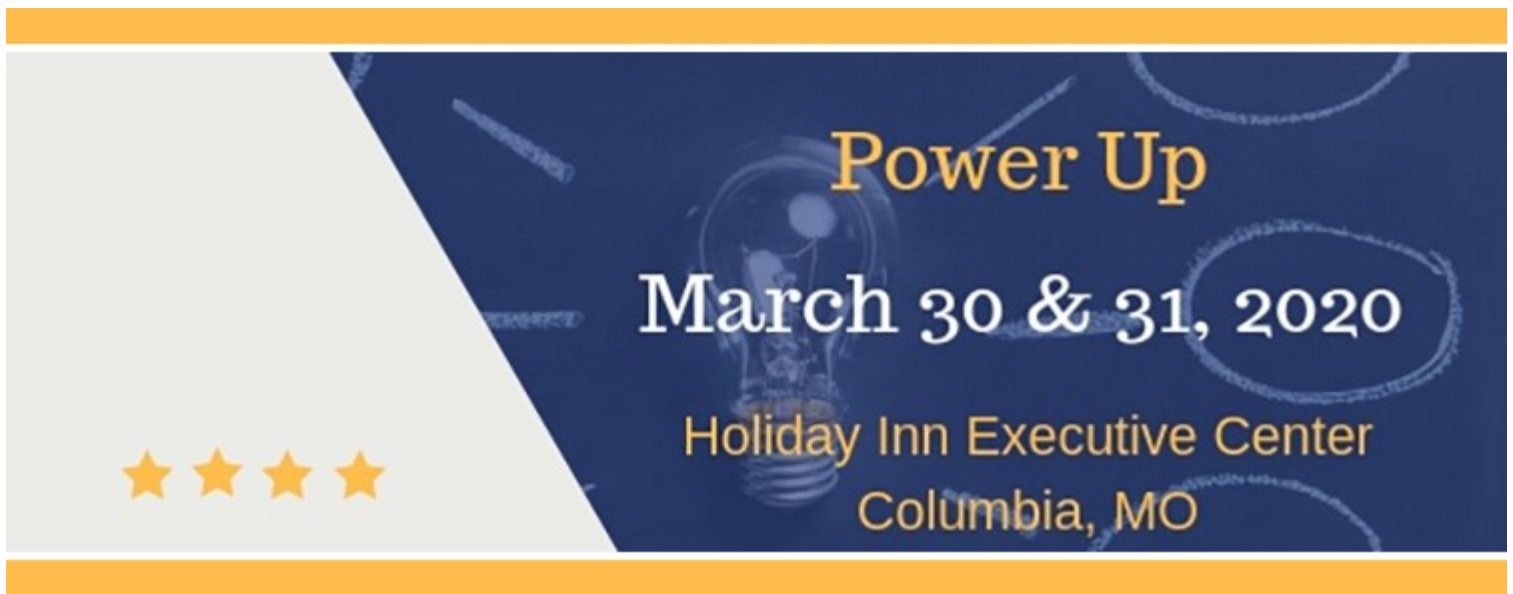
Keynote Speakers:

- ✓ Denise Fleming
- ✓ Judy Harris-Helm
- ✓ "Teacher Tom" Hobson
- ✓ Dr. Mike Longoria
- ✓ Dr. David Schramm
- ✓ Dr. Dana Winters



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The Power Up 2020 Assistive Technology Conference & Expo will be held March 30 and 31 in Columbia, Missouri. Registration is now open at <https://at.mo.gov/>.

Through sessions, exhibits, and demonstrations, the Power Up Conference showcases assistive technology for all ages and all disabilities with a heavy emphasis on assistive technology for use in educational settings.

Sessions on augmentative and alternative communication, assistive technology implementation, text-to-speech, AT for math, Chromebook, and iPad accessibility are just a few of the 47 sessions being presented by leading regional and national assistive technology experts.

This year's conference keynote is Tiana Tozer. Since being injured by an intoxicated driver at the age of 20, Tiana has worked to change attitudes about people with disabilities. Innovative disability leader and Missouri resident, Colleen Starkloff, will address employment of people with disabilities during the conference endnote.

General information, the conference agenda, registration forms, and information on speakers, sessions, and exhibitors can all be found on Missouri Assistive Technology's website at: <https://at.mo.gov/>. An early-bird registration rate of \$215 is available until February 3 after which the rate increases to \$270. One day conference registration is also available.

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Families – FREE

<http://bit.ly/CHARGE-Families>

Professionals - \$150

<http://bit.ly/CHARGE-Professionals>

Vendors - \$100

<http://bit.ly/CHARGE-Vendor>

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Educational Track

- Interpreter or Intervener?
- Charting the Life Course Framework
- Curriculum Adaptations for Sensory and Conceptual Access
- Why Autism & CHARGE Look So Much Alike
- From the DB Perspective: Young Adult Panel

Medical Track

- Feeding & Swallowing Techniques
- Understanding of the Ophthalmic Pathway
- Sex Hormones, Puberty and Teaching Safe Sexuality
- Sleep in Children with CHARGE Syndrome
- Esophageal Atresia in Children with CHARGE Syndrome

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AER International Conference 2020



Join our community of VRTs, Orientation and Mobility Specialists, TVIs, LVTs, advocates, scholars, policymakers, and other professionals for the AER International Conference 2020. The conference will feature dynamic keynote speakers, global leaders and world class presenters covering a range of topics of critical importance to the field. Earn CE hours and make career changing connections! It is continuing education at its best. Whether you need CE hours for ACVREP, CEUs for CRC, professional development hours for other certifications or simply want to expand your contacts and knowledge base, this is a great conference for you. Check out the new conference format and [Conference Schedule at a Glance](#)

New This Year: Symposium Day Thursday 7/23...Conference participants can select a full-day or half-day Symposium(s). Each is intentionally designed and will explore in rich detail topics of high importance. In addition, conference registration includes 3 full days of educational breakout sessions Friday-Sunday. Click here to view the list of Symposiums and other special events agenda: [Symposiums and other Events](#)

Did you know?

This conference is the only convening of its kind in the United States. The conference brings together more than 600 professionals to focus not only on advancing knowledge, skills and abilities, but also to highlight successes, resilience, assets, and strengths. With over 170 educational sessions, special events, award ceremonies, and so much more, it will certainly prove to be the gift that keeps on giving long after the conference ends!

When: July 22-26, 2020

Where: St. Louis, MO

Conference Venue: St. Louis Union Station Hotel

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Outreach LiveBinder Resources
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Deaf-Blind LiveBinder Resources



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