

# 8th Annual disABILITY Awareness Conference

**Date: October 4, 2016**

**Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Location: Truman State University  
Student Union Building**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Michelle Reynolds PH.D**

**9:50 AM**



Dr. Reynolds' passion, knowledge, and experience come from growing up as a sibling of a brother with developmental disabilities and her work for over 17 years at the UMKC Institute for Human Development, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service. In this role she is responsible for projects that directly impact the lives of persons with disabilities and their families, such as the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Family-to-Family Health Information Center for Missouri, the Parent-to-Parent program housed within the Missouri Developmental Disability Resource Center, and the HRSA Integrated Community Services and Innovative Models grant initiatives. Additionally, she recently transitioned from a role providing direct support to People First of Missouri and Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered, the state and national self-advocacy movement for adults with developmental disabilities, to focusing on policy and systems change at the national and state level centering on supports for families with members who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her work focuses on transformation of state systems, such as developmental disability, early childhood, and special health care needs to focus on person- and family-centered outcomes. In May 2014 she was appointed to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.



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