



Celebrating Our Emerging Leaders

Center for Human Services recently celebrated 14 team members who graduated from the 2026 Leadership Development Program.

During this year-long program, participants had many opportunities to grow their leadership skills. They completed a leadership course, met with CHS leadership mentors, worked together on a development project selected by the CHS Board of Directors, and took part in other activities designed to help them grow as leaders. At the graduation celebration, participants reflected on what they learned and shared how the program helped them.

We are proud to celebrate these graduates and their commitment to becoming stronger leaders and making a positive impact at CHS and in the lives of those we serve.



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Google Named Founding Sponsor of CHS Mobile Center

CHS is proud to announce Google as the Founding Sponsor of Missouri’s first statewide Mobile Sensory & Accessibility Resource Center (Mobile Center). Google’s support is helping CHS bring greater accessibility directly to communities across Missouri.

The 34-foot Mobile Center features a calming sensory space and a fully ADA-accessible restroom with a universal changing table, helping individuals of all abilities more fully participate in fairs, sporting events, festivals, and other community gatherings. Scan the QR code to read more about the partnership and the future of accessibility across Missouri.

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*“Google’s commitment represents far more than the funding of a Mobile Center; it represents a shared belief that accessibility should travel to where people live, gather, celebrate, and connect.”*

— David Kramer, CEO



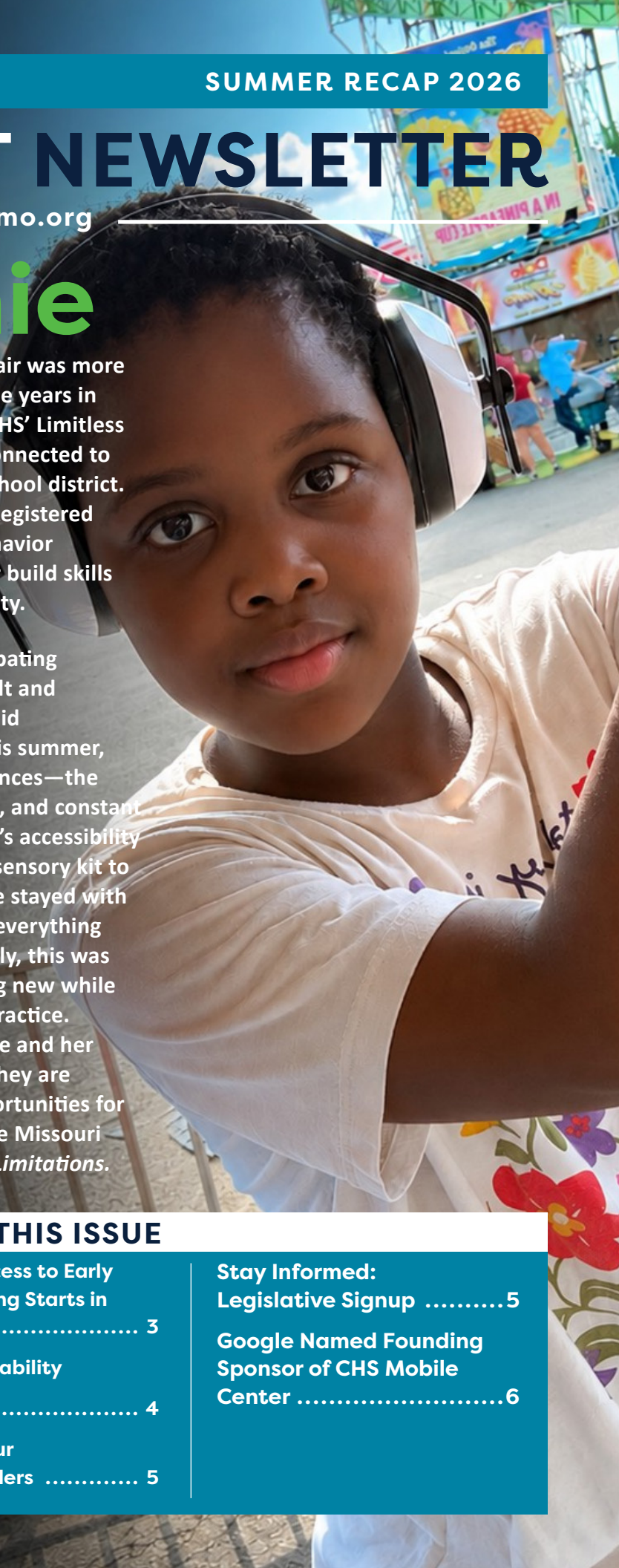
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Meet Winnie

For 8-year-old Winnie, a day at the Missouri State Fair was more than rides and cotton candy. It was a milestone three years in the making. Winnie has received services through CHS’ Limitless Life Solutions program for three years after being connected to CHS through a collaborative partnership with her school district. Through Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) and Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) work alongside Winnie to help her build skills she can use at school, at home, and in her community.

One of Winnie’s biggest challenges has been participating in community activities. Public events can be difficult and overwhelming, sometimes leading her family to avoid experiences that many families take for granted. This summer, Winnie and her family took on one of those experiences—the Missouri State Fair. With crowds, loud sounds, rides, and constant activity, the fair can be overwhelming. Through CHS’s accessibility partnership with the fair, Winnie was able to use a sensory kit to help navigate the experience. With this support, she stayed with her parents and RBT throughout the visit, enjoying everything from rides to cotton candy. For Winnie and her family, this was real progress. She was able to experience something new while putting the skills she has worked on for years into practice. Winnie will continue to have ups and downs, but she and her team will keep building on her progress. Together, they are working toward more time at school and more opportunities for Winnie to be part of her community. For Winnie, the Missouri State Fair was one more step toward a *Life Beyond Limitations*.



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## Center for Human Services: A Year in Review

This past year, Center for Human Services reached more people in need than ever before while celebrating 70 years of service. Our FY26 accomplishments reflect our continued commitment to expanding access to critical services and investing in the people who make our mission possible.

- **Reaching more communities in need.** CHS expanded its service footprint to 66 counties, a 26% increase from the previous year, now reaching 58% of Missouri. We also launched two new service lines: Adult Brain Injury Case Management and Health & Senior Services Disability Reassessments, continuing our commitment to addressing gaps in services across the state.
- **Creating new spaces for services and connection.** We opened a new office in Kirksville and revitalized our greenhouse as Bloom Beyond. Led by our Leadership Development Program, the greenhouse now offers opportunities for skill development, community partnerships, and sensory exploration. Since reopening, it has become a valuable resource for our day programs and employment services. We look forward to celebrating its official grand opening this spring and recognizing the Mason family for their generous support.
- **Advancing critical autism services.** CHS celebrated the groundbreaking of the Limitless Life Solutions Autism Center, an important milestone toward its planned December 2026 opening. Completing the center remains a priority for FY27 as we continue focusing on serving people where they live.
- **Supporting the people who fulfill our mission.** Our workforce grew to 851 team members, approximately 7% more than the previous year. CHS kept healthcare costs flat for team members and provided another year of performance-based salary increases. Internal career growth also continued, with an average of 67 promotions annually over the past two years.

Thank you to our team members, families, partners, and supporters for being part of the CHS community. As we look ahead to FY27, we remain focused on working together to support local communities with the services they need. Children and adults everywhere should have the opportunity to experience a *Life Beyond Limitations*.

## CHS Announces Acquisition of Bridges Community Support Services

Center for Human Services and Bridges Community Support Services (Bridges) are coming together to strengthen services for individuals, families, and communities across Missouri. The acquisition took effect October 1, 2026. For more than 42 years, Bridges has provided counseling and support services to individuals and families in the St. Louis area. With a shared commitment to person-centered care, independence, and strong community relationships, CHS and Bridges are committed to providing quality services and creating opportunities to help individuals live a *Life Beyond Limitations*. Scan the QR code to read the full announcement and learn more about this new chapter.

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## Creating Career Pathways Through the Summer Work Experience

CHS' Summer Work Experience program launched in June, marking its eleventh year collaborating with Vocational Rehabilitation.

## 100% STUDENT COMPLETION RATE

This year's Summer Work Experience program provided 14 students with meaningful opportunities to build skills for their future.

- Students gained paid, hands-on experience at Walmart in Marshall, Marshall Parks & Recreation, Hy-Vee in Warrensburg, and Kirksville Country Club.
- With support from employers and CHS staff, students built job skills, confidence, and independence.
- The program also opened doors to employment, with one student receiving a job offer and another encouraged to apply for an open position.



*"When students are given meaningful work experiences and support from local employers, they have the opportunity to build confidence, develop new skills, and take important steps toward their future careers."*

— Sabrina Selvey,  
Director of Employment Services

## EXPANDING ACCESS TO EARLY LEARNING

### Strong Starts in Rural Missouri

Access to affordable, high-quality preschool and child care remains a challenge for many families in rural Missouri. In some communities, there are simply not enough child care options to meet the needs of local families. This can make it difficult for parents to work, find reliable care close to home, and ensure their children have opportunities to learn and grow before starting school.

CHS Head Start serves children and families across Pettis, Henry, Cass, Cedar, St. Clair, and Vernon counties, bringing early learning and family support closer to home. Families can choose from center-based and home-based services to meet their needs.

Center-based programs serve children from 6 weeks old through kindergarten entry, offering early learning, health services, and support to prepare for school. Home-based services bring learning into the family's home through one-on-one visits, parent education, and activities families can do together.

*"Every child deserves a strong start, regardless of where they live," said Shawn Sharp, Associate Vice President of Children Services. "Our center-based and home-based options allow us to meet families where they are and support parents as their child's first and most important teacher."*

Families in rural communities can face added challenges finding child care and early learning services, including long travel distances, transportation needs, worker shortages, and fewer local providers. CHS Head Start helps address these barriers by bringing services closer to families and offering different ways to participate.

Head Start also provides support beyond early education, including health, nutrition, child development, family needs, and school readiness. These services help children learn and grow while giving parents and caregivers added support. Access to reliable care can also help parents work and support their families.

Through its continued commitment to families across west-central Missouri, CHS Head Start is helping make high-quality preschool and child care services more accessible in rural communities. Whether services take place in a classroom or in a family's home, the goal remains the same: to help children build a strong foundation for learning, healthy development, and future success.

## NEWS

## Accountability in Action

Center for Human Services proud partner earns 2026 IMPACT Award.

Chariton Valley Association (CVA), proud partner of Center for Human Services, has earned the 2026 Impruvon IMPACT Award for Accountability in Action! This recognition celebrates CVA's commitment to quality assurance and operational excellence, recognizing the team for achieving the highest effectiveness in check completion rates. Impruvon's IMPACT Awards recognize organizations demonstrating excellence in areas that support quality care, safety, and compliance. This achievement reflects the dedication of our team members and the work they do each day to maintain high standards while providing quality services and support to those we serve. Congratulations to the entire CVA team on this outstanding accomplishment.



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