Disability Services

Springfield Regional Office
The Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and epilepsy. Such conditions must have occurred before age 22 and be considered lifelong in duration.
(417) 895-7400
1515 E. Pythian
Springfield, MO 65801
https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/regional-offices/springfield

Abilities First
From newborns to toddlers and teenagers to adults, Abilities First helps people with developmental disabilities in our community enhance their lives, empower their voices and achieve their dreams. Abilities First and its programs, retail stores and grant funding recipients support a wide variety of services including: early intervention for infants and toddlers, residential services, independent living assistance, employment and transportation services. The goal is to provide all the necessary supports, services, resources, and opportunities for anyone with a developmental disability to live the life they choose.
(417) 886-0404
3216 S. National Ave
Springfield, MO 65807
https://www.abilitiesfirst.net/
Hours of Operation: M-F, 8am-5pm

The Arc of the Ozarks
The Arc serves individuals with a variety of disabilities. Services include residential, education, dual diagnosis, medically fragile, day habilitation, therapeutic recreation, advocacy, autism services, employment and psychological counseling.
(417) 864-7887
1501 E. Pythian
Springfield, MO 65802
http://www.thearcoftheozarks.org/
Hours of Operation: M-F, 8am-5pm
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Developmental Center of the Ozarks
DCO serves infants, children, and adults, who have developmental or physical disabilities, or developmental delays - as well as those who do not - through therapies, education, and habilitative programs. DCO promotes personal growth through teaching skills that help all citizens of our community to lead full and productive lives. DCO also provides advocacy that promote full inclusion for everyone; awareness and information through public speaking, campus tours, printed literature, and various fundraising activities; continued education for families, employers, and community related to developmental disabilities through training classes and presentations.

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Springfield, MO 65802
https://www.dcoonline.com/
Hours of Operation: M-F, 7:30am-5:30pm *admin offices close at 4:30pm

Empower: Abilities
Hosts a wide variety of programs, support, and recreational groups including circle of friends social club, craft group social club, live and thrive program, cooking social club, beyond mobility spinal cord injury group, youth social club, post-polio group, women inventing tomorrow group, team access group, all amp’d up group, and empower: youth program.
(417) 886-1188
1450 W. Cambridge St Avenue
Springfield, MO 65807
https://empowerabilities.org/
Hours of Operation: M-F 8am-5pm; *closed noon-1 daily
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Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks
VRCO supports those in southwest Missouri experiencing vision loss by providing quality care and specialized services to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.
(417) 831-0555
1661 W. Elfindale St.
Springfield, MO 65807
http://www.vrco.org/home/
Hours of Operation: M-Th, 9am-3pm; closed on Fridays

AutPlay Therapy
AutPlay Therapy is a play therapy approach designed to address the mental health needs of neurodivergent children, and their families.
Phone/Main Contact: (417) 755-9042
Address: 3322 S. Campbell Suite R
         Springfield, MO 65807
Website: https://autplaytherapy.com/about-autplay-therapy/
Other info: It’s easier to start with an eval in Branson or Columbia as there is typically less wait time.
Mercy Clinic Autism Diagnostics         Thompson Center for Autism and
Branson Highway 248                      Neurodevelopmental Disorders
448 State Highway 248 Suite 110         205 Portland St.
Branson, MO 65616                        Columbia, MO 65201
(417) 213-4696                           (573) 884-6052
https://g.co/kgs/tNkaLW                  https://g.co/kgs/jDWkDw

Burrell Autism Center
VRCO supports those in southwest Missouri experiencing vision loss by providing quality care and specialized services to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.
(417) 761-5000
1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Building B
Springfield, MO 65804
https://www.burrellcenter.com/our-services/autism-services
Hours of Operation: M-Th, 8am-5pm

Additional Resources
Bear Power: college aged kids with disabilities
https://www.missouristate.edu/bearpower/
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Champion Athletes of the Ozarks: sports for individuals with disabilities
https://www.championathletes.org/

Nova Center of the Ozarks: Supportive independent living
https://www.novacenteroftheozarks.org/about

A Sporting Chance: sports for youth with any disability, disadvantaged, abused, neglected, at risk teens, and senior citizens
https://www.asportingchance.net/index.html

SWI Industrial Solutions: working opportunities for individuals with disabilities
http://swiindustrial.com/