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RE: March is Awareness Month

Champaign Residential Services Inc. along with other related organizations and providers from around Ohio celebrate MRDD Awareness Month in March and invite everyone to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, *"Focus on what we can do."*

The focus is to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. *"Focus on what we can do"* encourages people to bring diversity to their communities by welcoming people with disabilities into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship and schools.

"This is a time when CRSI encourages everyone to appreciate the abilities of citizens challenged with developmental disabilities," said Than Johnson, CEO of CRSI.

"During 'MRDD Awareness Month', we encourage people to learn more about the people in this community who have disabilities. For example, when you see a child who uses a wheelchair - see the child, not the disability. And when you see a man with mental retardation working at your local supermarket, see the man, not his disability."

During March or any time during the year, get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability. Everyone has something to offer, focus on *what people can do!*

