

Governor's Council on Disability

2016 Website/IT Award Winner

Winners exemplify standards of excellence in enhancing life for individuals living with disabilities

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) has selected the award winner of the **1st Annual Website/IT Award**. The Website/IT Award recognize a Missouri-based agency or organization that has the most outstanding, user-friendly organizational website that is accessible to all.

1st Annual Website/IT Award: Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living, St. Joseph

Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living (MERIL) is a center for independent living committed to removing barriers for persons with disabilities and the aging in northwest Missouri, serving nine counties in the region and providing cross-disability services in areas such as advocacy, peer support, independent living, information and referral, and transition. MERIL's website is designed to be accessible to all, including people with visual impairments who are using a screen reader or other forms of assistive technology. It allows changes in font size, high contrast, and translation capabilities. Closed caption of videos and audio content make the website accessible to people who are deaf or hearing impaired. Overall, the website is user friendly and easy to navigate.

The award will be presented at the Power Up conference at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on April 4, 2017.

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