

August

2025

SOCCEED

(Systems of Care in Community Emergent Events
and Disasters)



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17	18	19 Special in-person ONLY SOC meeting. Eitas, KCMO, at 6 p.m. You must have a FREE Event Brite Tx.	20	21	22	23
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In the month of August, the SOC will be having a very special in-person meeting only that is specifically for children with disabilities and any special challenges and their families. Adults also facing any sort of special challenge that need support and inspiration are also welcome! The date is August 19th at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Eitas and the address is: 8508 Hillcrest, KCMO 64138.

The SOC has secured a truly amazing guest speaker for the August meeting and that is, Zach Gowen. You can watch his You Tube videos or check out some of the links about him at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zach_Gowen, <https://coolspeak.com/youth-motivational-speakers/zach-gowen/>, <https://rebuilt.college-park.com/zach/>, and <https://www.facebook.com/zachgowen/>. Briefly, Zach lost his leg to cancer at the age of 8 but went on to become the only amputee to ever become a WWE wrestler. He wrestled for many years and recently on AEW. Zach spends the majority of his time touring the United States as a motivational speaker for children with disabilities showing them and attesting personally to the fact that, they can do anything no matter what society tells them, or what stereotypes they may have placed on them. His talks are incredibly powerful, and we are very fortunate to have gotten Zach as our guest speaker. The SOC is covering the costs of this event so that it is completely FREE of charge to children and their parents. What a terrific way to start off a new school year, showing kids with any sort of disability that they can do whatever they dream of.

The flyer with the Event Brite link is on the SOC's website. Seating is limited. If you have any questions or difficulties with registration, please reach out to me, Jennifer at: Jennifer.L.Heureux@dmh.mo.gov.

Although our August meeting will be in-person only as noted above, I will still open the room at 1:00 p.m. on Webex as usual in the event that anyone would like to discuss a case, ask a question, find resources, etc. In September, we will resume our usual, virtual meetings on Webex.

Thank you!