

March

2025

Kansas City Regional COAD



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12 General Membership Meeting at 1:30. Hybrid/Catholic Charities	13	14	15
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23	24	25 Executive Team Meeting at 9:30, Webex	26	27	28	29
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March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, and the COAD will focus on this critical topic as it pertains to emergency and disaster services. Ensuring that emergency plans are accessible to people with disabilities, providing any evacuation assistance needed, identifying barriers, updating plans, and most importantly, incorporating the input from people with disabilities in the development of these plans, is essential. Assisting us in this process, the COAD is welcoming [David Whelan, nationally recognized expert in disability awareness as the featured speaker](#). Mr. Whelan has trained countless emergency managers, law enforcement, first responders, and many other entities as to the needs of people with disabilities in disasters (<https://blog.christopherreeve.org/en/ems-spotlight-david-whalen>). More information about this valuable presentation will be in the meeting reminder to be distributed on March 5th along with the agenda to the membership. The meeting will be hybrid and available in person at Catholic Charities (8001 Longview Road, KCMO 64134) and on Webex.