



Together, from a distance.

"Community means something a little different today than it did a year ago. When entire towns and countries shut down for months on end, our relationships with others are truly revealed. MPower Me is dedicated more than ever to connecting people with special needs to their loved ones and their providers – to their community.

You may have heard about our Clinical Working Group or our Special Education Taskforce, both of which are brimming with multi-disciplined professionals who openly exchange feedback and support to increase the utility and accessibility of MyGuide.

We've established private Facebook groups and MyGuide libraries for them to stay virtually connected. While MyGuide is programmed to support one person at a time, with collaboration from the professional community, we can, and we will empower humanity.

Welcome! We're glad you're here."

Maria McWhrit Ph.D. MPower Me CEO 

New!  **MyGuide™** **New!**
Clinicians & Providers
Working Group

We are inviting clinicians & service providers to join the discussion!

MPower Me is excited to announce the development of Facebook communities where our professional users can connect and share ideas about how they are using MyGuide with their clients and students. They will be able to collaborate and explore the development of research to support the implementation of MyGuide. This month we want to share the beginning of our new working group for clinicians & providers.

We can't wait to connect outside of our regular monthly meeting and expand our network!

Join our Facebook Group!

Monthly News

This month one of our clinicians talks about how she uses MyGuide and why. We also wanted to highlight how MPower Me and MyGuide were started.



[Clinically Guided Interventions](#)

Clinicians Being Clinical

As MyGuide clinicians, we love to create guides that help our clients to independently engage in activities they enjoy



[Looking Back](#)

The Story Behind MPower Me & MyGuide

Dr. Maria McWhirt's 14-year-old legally blind son Daniel Mills secretly developed an app for his little brother who has autism. She was a special needs mom with a 25-year background in social work and healthcare policy, but it was this app that could get her son Dominic to calm down, follow instructions,

to do as well as guides that encourage our clients to engage in activities that improve their quality of life. But what about us? So, we decided to try implementing some clinically guided interventions on ourselves!

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and interact with other people.... online gamers who had no idea they were playing with a 12-year-old who had autism.

There were many assistive technology options for Daniel who was born with over a dozen vision disorders, because physical functioning, like mobility, speech, hearing, and vision is predictable and works the same way for everyone.

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Employee Spotlight

Kevin Winslow



This month we want to say a special thank you to our TechMentor Program Director, Kevin Winslow!

"I'm passionate about my work with MPower Me because I love to help this community. MyGuide evolved my relationship with my brother, who has autism. I was finally able to teach him all my "Big Brother" lessons and skills in a way from which he could learn. I know how powerful it is, and I love showing others what it can do.

"In my free time, I love to do it all. Spend time with family and friends, write, adventure, create music, read, paint... I could go on and on."

We are so thankful to have Kevin on the team! 

Up Next Month

Setting Up Your MyGuide for the First Time

Soon, we will be posting MyGuide Tips & Tricks as well as videos about setting up your MyGuide for the first time, which will also include helpful hints like joining wifi connections and a Google Meet for workshops. These videos will be on our YouTube channel and will also be included in the upcoming newsletters.

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