

Everyone Has a Story

Terri S. Brown has been an employee with DSS for over 30 years. She currently holds a managerial role within the Income Maintenance program of FSD. She is based at the DSS Choteau office in St Louis.

Terri has a story to tell.

In 2001, Terri came out to her colleagues. "It was one of the hardest times of my life. I lost several people who I thought were my friends and was called several hurtful names during this period of time", Terri said.

"Now, In 2022, I am proud to say that times have changed in America. I now have the freedom to marry my partner of over 19 years when we choose to do so."

For Terri and many other DSS employees, their history is not limited to those in the LGBT community. It is part of American history. At DSS, we value all of our employees. We choose to recognize LGBT History Month, and will be sharing more this month about this rich history here in Missouri and throughout our country, as well as remembering the contributions of those who have worked to provide a more inclusive work environment at DSS.