



DIRECT CONNECTION

Current news from the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities to keep you informed

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

CMS Report on State Services to Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

CMS partnered with the National Institute of Mental Health to contract with IMPAQ International (CMS contractor) to conduct a multi-year project to obtain, synthesize and disseminate information about available services to people with ASD. CMS selected nine states for the study, focusing on evidence-based and best practices: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, **Missouri**, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. **Missouri** was noted particularly for;

- Being the 21st state to pass Autism Insurance legislation
- Being one of only a handful of states with dedicated entities focused on Autism (Office of Autism Services)
- Having Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Being a leader in the establishment of standards, as early as 2003 Missouri Autism Research and Response Agenda (MARRA)
- Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative-Best Practices for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment offered as an example of an effective state initiative
- Navigating Autism Services: A Community Guide for Missouri
- Missouri Autism Centers (Thompson Center, Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics and Southeast Missouri State University Autism Center for Diagnosis and Treatment)

The full report is available on the web at <http://www.cms.gov/apps/files/9-state-report.pdf>.

New MoCDS Training Site

The Johnson County Board of Services (SB40) will join the Missouri College of Direct Support (MoCDS) training site network in June of this year. Currently, MoCDS has over 2,108 learners enrolled. Other areas of the state are also considering enrollment into the MoCDS program. The Division of DD recognizes the Basic Certificate and Advanced Certificate issued to Direct Support Staff as evidence of "best practices" training and a commitment to better serve individuals at the local level. Both Certificates are portable across the state if a direct support professional changes locations and will allow the new agency hiring a certificated individual to waive Division required training.

IN FULL SWING

NEW NEW On the DMH website, under the Division of Developmental Disabilities selection, there is a tab on the right side that says “Division Guidelines”. Click on this tab to see informational and interpretive guidance on a variety of topics to assist the Regional Offices, Providers, and Persons Served. This new feature is intended to better communicate with all concerned and to achieve consistent practices across the state. <http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/Guidelines.htm>

System of Care

In 2005, the Missouri Legislature established the Office of Comprehensive Child Mental Health (Children’s Office) within the Department of Mental Health. The Children’s Office is charged with establishing a statewide system of care (SOC) to promote mental health services for all children in the state. Missouri’s SOC is a partnership of family members, state child serving agencies, organizations and communities with shared responsibility to meet the mental health needs of children, youth and their families. The values that guide the SOC promote mental health services that are **family driven and youth guided, individualized, community based, and culturally and linguistically competent.** The Division of DD participates in the SOC through membership on the Comprehensive System Management Team (State SOC) and on local SOC teams throughout the state. More information on Missouri’s SOC can be found at http://missouridmh.typepad.com/system_of_care/

IN DEVELOPMENT

A new waiver definition (all waivers) related to employment services is being developed to allow the use of Employer staff to provide job supports. The new service will add another option to encourage employment first initiatives for community-based jobs. We will notify community providers when this option is available.

In recognition that more and more of the individuals served by the Division and its partners are aging, Division leadership is proceeding with discussions with MoHealthNet to increase the waiver(s) allowable amount for Home and Equipment Modifications from a \$5,000 maximum limit to a \$10,000 maximum limit. We will notify community providers when this option is available.

BRIGHT IDEAS

The Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities (MACDDS) is conducting a mid-year training Employment Summit for Board members and Executive staff in late May, 2011. The summit will center around a variety of employment options and help educate Board and Staff about work incentives and other employment processes aimed at providing work opportunities for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.



Missouri group at the Self Advocacy Summit at Crown Center in Kansas City on April 11-12.

Missouri Participates in Self Advocacy Summit April 11-12

Missouri was recently honored to be chosen by Sharon Lewis, Commissioner for the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, US Department of Health and Human Services, as one of 6 states to participate in a regional self-advocacy summit entitled, *Envisioning the Future: Allies in Self Advocacy*. The summit, held in Kansas City on April 11 and 12, brought together self advocates, state DD Councils, University Centers for Excellence in DD, Protection and Advocacy Agencies, People First/SABE members and their advisors from Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Bernie Simons, Director of Missouri's Division of Developmental Disabilities, opened the summit by welcoming Commissioner Lewis and attendees from the 6 states. Each state self advocacy group shared their state's self advocacy efforts, identified their unique strengths and challenges, then together the states began laying the groundwork for enhancing additional statewide self advocacy initiatives.

At the end of the summit on April 12, self advocates presented the steps they plan to take in their individual states to strengthen and enhance self advocacy efforts, recommendations for the national level, and policy recommendations that can lead to a stronger, more effective and long lasting self advocacy movement across the US.

RESOURCES

American Red Cross changes recertification requirements for CPR & First Aid

CPR is now every 2 years (instead of every year). First Aid certification is now every 2 years (instead of every 3 years). For more information, see <http://redcrossla.org/news/red-cross-extends-cpr-certification-to-two-years>.

Aspiration and Aspiration Pneumonia

In response to a statewide trend identified through Exec Mortality Reviews, the attached bulletin has been developed in an effort to better inform direct care staff about aspiration and aspiration pneumonia. <http://dmh.mo.gov/docs/dd/Aspiration.pdf>

DIVISION FACTS AT A GLANCE

(updated quarterly)

	2005	2010	March 2011
Number of Persons Served			
Habilitation Centers - On Campus	1,106	695	616
State-Operated Homes	156	147	178
Residential Services	5,277	5,988	6,066
In-home services	7,398	9,497	9,455
Case Management Only	14,698	13,428	13,584
Number of Persons Enrolled in DD Waivers			
Comprehensive Waiver	7,686	7,732	7,631
Community Support Waiver	625	1,180	1,196
Lopez Waiver	200	192	192
Partnership for Hope Waiver	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	504
Autism Waiver	<i>Not Available</i>	126	146
Number of Persons Self-Directing	106	361	472
Waiting for Services:			
Residential	515	508	417
In-Home	2,982	4,822	4,355
Number of Counties with local TCM Services	15	50	72
<u>Division Fiscal Year Budget</u>			
General Revenue	\$217,190,991	\$262,849,442	\$258,648,773
Federal Funds	\$205,080,127	\$337,791,117	\$346,271,210
Mental Health Local Tax Match Funds	\$5,852,732	\$12,853,770	\$12,853,770
Other Funds	\$6,594,186	\$8,931,482	\$7,519,033
Total DD Budget	\$434,718,036	\$622,425,811	\$625,292,786
Budgeted FTEs	4,511.20	3,790.55	3,596.00