
FUNDING RESOURCES / PARTNERS

OVERVIEW

In helping people with disabilities and their families identify and obtain needed services and supports, service coordinators may need to access a number of resources. One of the primary activities of a service coordinator is “Linking Resources” or matching the unique support needs of individuals and families with resources in the community. Linking may involve researching resources, making referrals to collaborating agencies and coordinating with federal, state and community programs to achieve identified needs. The following state agencies and programs may provide funding or services to achieve outcomes identified in the plan.

Department of Mental Health

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) provides support services to eligible persons and their families who have developmental disabilities.⁹

Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ADA) plans and funds prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programs for alcohol and other drug abuse.⁹

Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services (CPS) is charged with the delivery of services to persons with mental illness throughout the State of Missouri.⁹

Deaf and Multicultural Services enhances and expands services available, encouraging language accessible support groups, and establishing a statewide Advisory Panel.

SB40 County Boards

Senate Bill 40 Boards fund services for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental retardation in over 80 counties in Missouri. These counties have enacted legislation establishing the boards. The organizational structure of each Senate Bill 40 Board is different. Some Boards provide direct services, some provide funds to community agencies to provide services, and some Boards provide both direct services and funds to community agencies.¹

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Division of Special Education www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/ - administers state and federal funds to support services for students and adults with disabilities.¹

First Steps offers coordinated services and assistance to young children with special needs and their families. First Steps is designed for children, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with development disabilities.² See Also: <https://www.mofirststeps.com>

Missouri School for the Blind is a day school with a residential component serving over 1,200 children between the ages of 0-21 at either its center base in St. Louis or through its outreach services effort. Placement at MSB is determined by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process at the local education agency.³

Missouri School for the Deaf is a day school with a residential component located in Fulton which provides separate facilities for elementary, junior high and senior high students on a campus of about 90 acres. Placement at MSD is determined by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process at the local education agency

Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled is a statewide public school system serving Missouri students between the ages of 5 and 21 with severe disabilities. Students are referred to the State Schools when a local school district is unable to meet a student's educational needs and have developed justification reflecting that placement in a separate school is the least restrictive education environment to meet the student's identified needs.²

Extended Employment Sheltered Workshops employ adults with physical or mental disabilities that currently prevent them from competing for regular employment. Employees are paid on a piece-rate basis according to their ability to produce, compared with non-disabled workers who would be paid the prevailing wage for the job. There are 92 sheltered workshop corporations operating throughout the state.²

Division of Career Education provides high-quality high-skill opportunities for lifelong learning, personal growth, and career success.²

Adult Education & Literacy instruction is designed to teach persons 16 years of age or older to read and write English and to substantially raise their educational level.²

GED Test is a battery of tests about subjects covered in high school. Most colleges and employers accept a GED certificate as being equivalent to a high school diploma.²

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - provides employment oriented services to Missourians with disabilities.⁴

The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program is an avenue to employment for people with disabilities receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) who want to join or reenter the workforce.⁵

Department of Health and Senior Services

Division of Senior & Disability Services - serves as the State Unit on Aging, carries out the mandates of the State of Missouri regarding investigation and intervention in cases of adult abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, and provides oversight to programs and services for seniors and adults with disabilities.⁶

Home and Community Services provides coordinated, integrated home and community service delivery system to assist the elderly and persons with disabilities to remain in their own homes and avoid or delay institutionalization. Services may include personal care, homemaker, chore, nursing, respite, adult day health care, and counseling. Service recipients must meet specific guidelines concerning economic, social, and care needs in order to be eligible for home and community based services, determined through an assessment process.⁶

Personal Care Assistance Consumer Directed Services program offers services to enable persons with disabilities to live in the community in non-institutional or unsupervised residential settings that are directed by the consumer.⁶

- Independent Living Centers
- Independent Living Waiver

Division of Community and Public Health administers programs addressing chronic disease prevention and nutrition services; healthy families and youth, community protection and provides public health practice and administrative support.⁶

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs serves individuals with special health care needs including those who have, or are at increased risk for, chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by individuals generally.⁶

Adult Head Injury Program provides assistance in locating, coordinating, and purchasing rehabilitation and psychological services for adults who have survived a traumatic brain injury (TBI).⁶

HCY Administrative Case Management Program provides Service Coordination and Monitoring for MO HealthNet eligible children (birth to age 21) who are in need of medically necessary services from MO HealthNet providers. The Service Coordinator also authorizes nursing and personal care services.⁶

Hope Program provides assistance for children birth to age 21 who meet both financial and medical eligibility guidelines. Services may include evaluations, surgery, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, prescription medicines, equipment, and supplies for specific medical conditions.⁶

Physical Disabilities Waiver provides home and community-based services (e.g. nursing, personal care, equipment and supplies) to a limited number of individuals with serious and complex medical needs who have reached the age of 21 and are no longer eligible to receive these services through the HCY program.⁶

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Nutrition Services provides services to pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and children up to five years of age who are at nutritional risk, based on medical and income eligibility. Services include health screening, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, referrals to health care providers and social services agencies, and supplemental nutritious food prescriptions.⁶

Department of Social Services

Children's Division helps keep families together and ensure health and safety for children.⁷

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline & Investigations accepts confidential reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, or exploitation through a toll-free telephone line (**1-800-392-3738**).⁷

Childcare and Early Childhood Services – provides assistance with payment for child care on a sliding fee basis for eligible parents/guardians.⁷

Children's Treatment and Family Centered Services are available for the prevention of child abuse and neglect and for treatment of the victims of abuse or neglect to re-establish or to keep children in their own homes.⁷

Foster Care is provided in licensed foster or approved relative family homes when a parent or parents are incapable of providing a child with adequate social, emotional, and physical care.⁷

Intensive In-home Services (IIS) are intensive, short-term, home based, crisis intervention services offering families in crisis the alternative to remain safely together, averting the out-of-home placement of children whenever possible.⁷

Family Support Division enables individuals and families to better fulfill their potential. Through local county offices, individuals can apply for benefits or services⁷

Child Support Enforcement (CSE)

Income Maintenance & Self-Sufficiency Programs

- Food Stamp Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Child Care/Early Childhood Services
- Supplemental Aid to the Blind (SAB) and Blind Pension

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) provides services to people with varying degrees of visual impairment, ranging from those who cannot read regular print to those

who are totally blind. Programs include: Vocational Rehabilitation, Assistive Technology, Independent Living Rehabilitation, Children's Services, Transition Services, and Prevention Services.⁷

MO HealthNet Division responsible for the administration of services provided by the Missouri MO HealthNet Program⁷

Healthy Children And Youth Program (HCY),

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/section4/ch11/sec4ch11sub8.htm>

Missouri's Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program providing services for eligible children and youth, age 0-20 years.⁷

MO HealthNet /MC+ - In Missouri there are many federal and state funded programs available to individuals who meet basic categorical eligibility criteria. MO HealthNet refers to the statewide fee-for-service (FFS) medical assistance program for elderly and disabled individuals. MC+ refers to the statewide managed care health plan medical assistance program for low-income families, pregnant women and children.⁷

Division of Youth Services (DYS) – responsible for the care and treatment of delinquent youth committed to its custody by Missouri juvenile courts.⁷

Social Security Benefits The Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability programs are the largest of several Federal programs that provide assistance to people with disabilities. **Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)** pays benefits to an individual and certain members of their family if they are "insured," meaning that they worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes.⁸ **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** makes monthly payments to people with low income and limited resources who are 65 or older, or are blind or disabled. Children under age 18 can qualify if they meet Social Security's definition of disability for children, and their income and resources fall within the eligibility limits.¹

Benefit Specialists are available through Missouri Protection & Advocacy (Northern Missouri) and Paraquad (Southern Missouri) to provide information and assistance to SSDI/SSI beneficiaries with disabilities who desire to return to work.

- 1 Missouri Developmental Resource Center
- 2 Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
- 3 Missouri School for the Blind
- 4 Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- 5 US Department of Labor
- 6 Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- 7 Missouri Department of Social Services
- 8 Social Security Administration
- 9 Missouri Department of Mental Health

DMH Interagency/Interdivisional Agreements

An individual being served by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division Developmental Disabilities may also be qualified for and receiving services from another Division within DMH or from a separate state agency such as the [Children's Division](#) or Comprehensive Psychiatric Services.

On occasion, the cost of supporting the individual is shared between the various agencies in which the individual is eligible. This cost sharing is done through a written agreement between the agencies that identifies the specific supports and funding that each agency is responsible for. Each agreement is done separately ensuring appropriate individualized supports.

The Service Coordinator is not responsible for writing or entering into the agreement, but would work with appropriate regional center personnel in identifying individual needs. The Service Coordinator would be responsible to ensure that the support and services being provided are identified in the Person Centered Plan and would monitor those services accordingly.

Service Coordinators should contact their individual supervisors within their own agency's setting to obtain specific guidance regarding their role and responsibilities in the Interdivisional Agreement process.