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Office of Autism Services Delivers Public Safety Training on Autism to Missouri State Highway Patrol Troopers

The Office of Autism Services partnered with the Missouri State Highway Patrol to disseminate safety training on the topic of autism spectrum disorder. Lieutenant Charles “Joey” Day with the Missouri Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy’s Training Division worked with personnel from the Office of Autism Services to schedule a face-to-face training event for staff that occurred on October 27, 2017.



Additionally, the Office of Autism Services secured permission to videotape the training CD of Dennis Debbaudt, a national expert on the topic of law enforcement interactions with individuals on the autism spectrum and father of a son with autism, so that all troopers may access the training through the Missouri Highway Patrol’s online portal.

Ultimately, approximately 1,260 troopers will be better prepared professionally to interact with individuals on the spectrum leading to the increased likelihood of positive outcomes.

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*I am not a product of my circumstances.
I am a product of my decisions.*

—Stephen Covey





Training for Dental Professionals

Training for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants in the provision of dental treatment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities was provided at the Truman Medical Center dental clinic at Lakewood on September 14th and 15th. Thirty providers participated in the training, and 21 individuals volunteered as patients for the clinical training.

Missouri State Dental Director John Dane, DDS, FAAHC, DABSCD, led the training. Lorie Perdieu, Advocacy Specialist at the Kansas City Regional Office, provided an overview of people-first language. This training was made possible with funding from the Greater Kansas City Health Care Foundation to Eitas in collaboration with the UMKC School of Dentistry and Institute for Human Development.



Patients receiving dental treatment by specially trained providers

Autism Awareness Rally Set for January 24, 2018



The Piece-by-Piece Autism Awareness Rally, sponsored by the Missouri Advisory Committee on Autism, is planned for January 24, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City. This year's goal is to provide information and promote awareness about autism to legislators. Rally goers will have the opportunity to visit informational booths set up by providers, hear from guest speakers, enjoy entertainment, and visit legislators throughout the Capitol to express their appreciation for their support and funding of autism services.

In the event of inclement weather, the rally will instead occur on January 31, 2018. For more information, individuals may contact Nikki Straw at nastraw@cablone.net or Candy Kelly at candyvo@cablone.net

Mental Health Ambassador Academy

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) sponsored a series of information-sharing events for legislative staff at the Capitol Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. The purpose of the presentations was for DMH staff to provide information that will help legislative staff become better equipped to handle constituent matters that arise within their offices.

On November 7, 2017, Cla Stearns, PhD, Director of Assessment, Eligibility, and Utilization Review, and Kit Glover, Director of the Office of Autism Services, provided attendees with an overview of the process for accessing services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) and the types of services available through DD.

On December 5, 2017, Lisa Nothaus and LuAnn Reese, Statewide Family Support Coordinators, discussed decades of insight, advocacy, parental knowledge, and system savvy based upon their navigation of DMH services for their children.





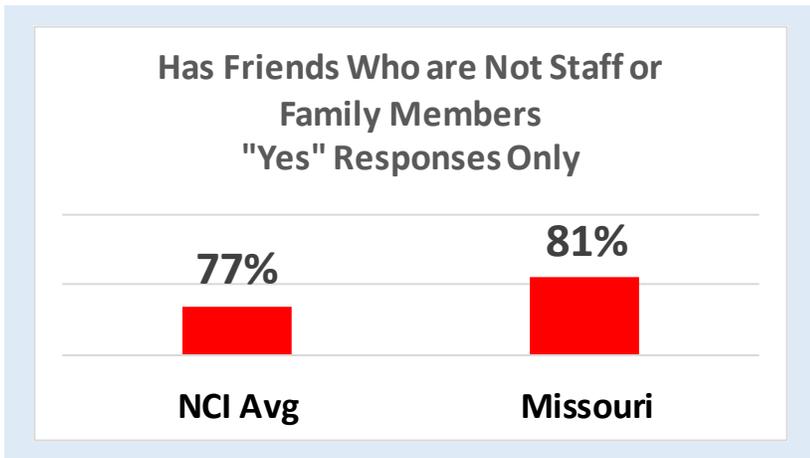
Assistive Technology and Independence

BILL'S STORY

Assistive Technology services available through all Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waivers include the use of remote support technology. Remote support technology can assist individuals with being more independent and less reliant on the constant presence of staff. Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation (MoHousing) produced a video that tells Bill's story of achieving greater independence through affordable housing and the use of remote support technology. To view the video of Bill's story, click on:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_Wv0E1Ga5YOC_qAW3Gfdl5i1efb9g6LK/view

Data from the National Core Indicators (NCI)



Source: [Adult Consumer Survey 2015-16 Final Report](#)

The graph shows the percentage of NCI survey respondents in Missouri who answered 'yes' to the question, "Do you have friends who are not staff or family members?" as compared to the national average of NCI survey respondents (in 35 states and Washington D.C.) who answered 'yes' to the same question.

Staff members from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) conducted the NCI 2015-16 Adult Consumer Survey with individuals age 18 and older who received at least one authorized DD service in addition to case management.

Beyond Training: Engaging Families in the Transition to Employment

Families can be the most influential factor in successful employment and life planning for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), often leading them on the path to employment by serving as role models for work ethic and behavior. Yet families often lack the knowledge to move employment from an abstract belief to a real job.

The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Advancing Employment for Individuals with I/DD, a project of ThinkWork through the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts - Boston, offers a brief to share key findings from research conducted around family engagement and preparation for employment for transition age youth with I/DD.

To review the brief and read through the recommendations made to improve engagement with families, please visit: https://www.thinkwork.org/sites/thinkwork.org/files/files/RRTC_brief12_F2.pdf



Community Calendar

January 24, 2018 – Piece-by-Piece Autism Awareness Rally, State Capitol Rotunda, Jefferson City, MO
For further information, contact Nikki Straw at: nstraw@cableone.net or Candy Kelly at candyk@cableone.net

March 1 – 2, 2018 – 2018 Missouri Oral Health Policy Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
Registration information is available on: <https://www.oralhealthmissouri.org/oral-health-conference.php>

March 14 - 15, 2018 – The St. Charles Coalition of Service Providers Direct Support Professionals Conference. Registration information will be available on: <http://stcharlescoalition.org/>

April 10 - 11, 2018 – Tiered Supports Training, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri
The Save-the-Date Flyer is available on: [Save-the-Date Flyer](#)

April 19 - 20, 2018 – Charting the LifeCourse Showcase, Sheraton Crown Center, Kansas City, MO
The Save-the-Date Flyer is available on: [Save-the-Date Flyer](#)

June 19, 2018 – Save the Date – 2018 Missouri Mental Health Champions Banquet, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
More information will be available in the coming months on: <http://www.missourimhl.org/?page=RS-353>

June 25 - 28, 2018 – National American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency at the Arch Hotel, St. Louis, MO
More information is available on: <http://aaidd.org/education/annual-conference#.W3pXAFovs>

September 7 - 8, 2018 – The National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals Annual Meeting and Conference, St. Louis, MO
More information is available on: <https://nadsp.org/annual-conference/>

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