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Spotlight: Cory McMahon and OrCam



Cory McMahon, Constituent Specialist in the Division's Federal Programs Unit, can now "see" the world in a new way. If you don't know Cory, he has a passion for legislation and sharing with the Division staff what really happens when someone receives waiver services. Cory has been completely blind since birth. He doesn't even have light perception.

In November, Cory received "My Eye-2" from OrCam. This technology allows him to "see", as it identifies faces, colors, money, reads text, and more.

"This piece of technology has been a life-changer for me. Now, instead of being passed over when someone is handing out a PowerPoint at a meeting, I'm able to receive and read the same information, in the same format, as everyone else, putting me on a level playing field with my sighted colleagues," Cory said.

While the use of this technology is primarily targeted to individuals who have a visual impairment, it's reported to have benefited individuals with a diagnosis of autism in the identification of faces and money.



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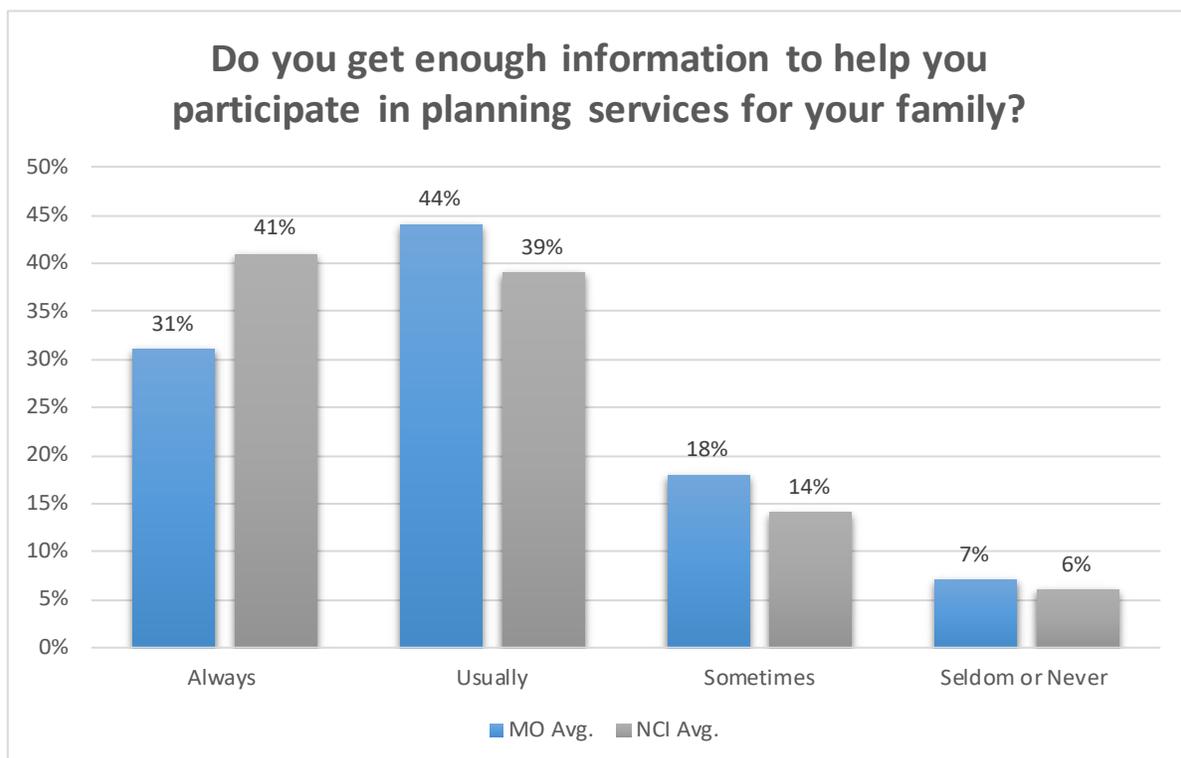
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Federal Programs' Webinar Opportunity

On February 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Federal Programs Unit will host an overview of Missouri's Medicaid State Plan services. Some of the key talking points will include the Medicaid Delivery Systems, Programs and Covered Services, Long Term Care, and the Medicaid Exception Process. The targeted audience includes Support Coordinators, Information Specialists, Technical Assistance Coordinators, and other Division staff. To register: <https://stateofmo.webex.com/stateofmo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1e69eb8a57f9261742670688d876ded0>

Home and Community-Based Statewide Transition Plan

The Missouri Home and Community-Based Services Statewide Transition Plan has been posted to the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division's website for public comment. The public comment period is open from December 20, 2019, through January 19, 2020. The public notice and Statewide Transition Plan may be viewed at: <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notice.htm>



This data is from the 2017-2018 National Core Indicators (NCI) Adult Family Survey, which is a questionnaire completed by the family of adults (age 18+) who receive services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities and live in the family home. The graph above demonstrates if respondents/family members in Missouri get enough information to participate in planning services for their family as compared to the NCI (national) average for this measure.

To review the full survey results, please visit <https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/reports/>

ODEP Selects FY 2020 States to Receive Technical Assistance

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) selected Missouri to receive technical assistance (TA) under the Visionary Opportunities to Increase Competitive Employment (VOICE) initiative. The Department of Mental Health will receive TA to improve employment outcomes within our statewide system.

VOICE states receive intensive policy consulting, technical support, and ongoing mentoring through onsite, telecommunications, and virtual mediums to support the strategic aims of their efforts to increase competitive integrated employment for individuals with mental health disabilities through provider transformation, capacity building, or policy development.

This is the fifth year the Department has been selected for participation. Previously known as Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program, past activities have been focused on increasing best practice of benefits planning education, customized employment, interagency memorandum of understanding, and Missouri as a Model Employer. This year, the focus will continue the design of Missouri as a Model Employer and Benefits Planning.



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GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE (GERD)

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), sometimes referred to as gastric reflux, acid indigestion, or chronic heartburn, is a significant issue for people with an intellectual/developmental disability and is considered one of the six leading conditions that is likely to result in death for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) according to Health Risk Screening, Inc.

For more information – <https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/gerd>

Upcoming Events

Charting the LifeCourse™

SHOWCASE 2020

April 29-30, 2020 | Kansas City, MO

The LifeCourse Nexus will host over 400 self-advocates, family members, direct support professionals, service coordinators, teachers, transition coordinators, service provider executives, leaders of state developmental disability agencies, and other stakeholders on April 29-30 in Kansas City. The Showcase will provide a forum to learn, share, and network with others who are using the Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) to enhance practices, policies, and procedures with the goal of supporting good lives for all.

For additional information: <https://www.lifecoursetools.com/showcase2020/>

Missouri Assistive Technology

Power Up AT Conference & Expo

March 30-31, 2020 | Columbia, MO

The 2020 Power Up AT Conference and Expo will be held on March 30-31 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. Through sessions, exhibits, and demonstrations, the Power Up Conference and Expo showcases assistive technology for all ages and disabilities, and for various settings including home, community, classroom, and more.

For additional information: <https://at.mo.gov/power-up-conference/>



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