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Good afternoon. Everyone Thank you for joining us on the webinar today.

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Before we get started with today's information I want to quickly let, you know that the D. D. D. and U webinars are going to be regularly.

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Available monthly events, targeted towards families and individuals, and intended to provide overviews and information.

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as the title suggests the objectives of this webinar today is to provide you with a quick overview.

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Of the division of developmental disabilities to share how someone actually applies to receive services and to explore a few basic resources that are housed on the divisions web pages.

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Again, my name is Lisa, not house, and I am the supporting family's lead at the division of DD and I'm also a mom.

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I have 2 adult children, and my youngest daughter has a developmental disability.

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I began my involvement with the local regional office as a member of the regional advisory council, and then later worked as a parent policy partner before actually becoming a state employee.

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I've been involved in the D. D system and work in this field since the early nineties.

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And Matthew want to give a brief introduction. Good afternoon. Everybody my name's Matt Wagner. Like, we've identified, I am the information specialist, statewide lead. I've been with the division for near on 21 years.

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Um, I have 2 children, both of which carry the diagnosis of autism. Um.

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Prior to becoming the information specialist, statewide lead, I was the intake, an assessment supervisor for Joplin and then oversalt part of the process in Springfield for about 12 years.

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Total, um, I've been in the field of developmental disability services since 9,998 so we're coming up on 2324 years.

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It's great to be with you. All thanks, Matt. So, as parents and caregivers, Matt, and I both know 1st hand how important it is to have the information that we need.

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And over time, other families have also shared that 1 of the most important things that they need is access to relevant to date information and resources.

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Literally learning how to navigate through the DD systems. So, um, I need those connections were important.

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And would be extremely valuable to me and my family along our journey.

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So, if you are new to the field, or you are looking for additional information about the services here in Missouri.

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Welcome to this webinar we're going to begin by turning the presentation over to Matt as he shared. He is apparent and he is also the lead for the divisions information specialist.

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And he's going to share some information about eligibility and services.

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So, Matt, if I can turn the presentation over to, you.

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Looks like, I've got control all right. Very good. Well, we'll cover a couple of topics today. It's really exciting to see that. We've got 73 people, um, logged in today, which is outstanding.

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Uh, we'll talk a little bit about the overview of eligibility for services, getting into the services with the division and then we'll talk a little bit about, um, some of the basic services that you can expect to get. If you are determined eligible.

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I hit the wrong button, so it was already part of my mental health division. Developmental Disabilities provides a multitude of services for missourians within developed with developmental disabilities.

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Requirements for eligibility, laid out, not only in statute, which is revised statute of the state of Missouri, which is basically law.

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But then in more detail in code of state regulation, um.

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We have basically the system divided into 2 general settings and again today is more of a.

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30,000 feet overview. There is no way that we can get into all the details of services.

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In 30 minutes, but it gives you kind of a a brief understanding. So we have community based services and we have visitation center or, uh.

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Other type of and we don't really have that many facilitations based services, but but that's how things are divided.

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Um, so, community based services are administered through 5, regional offices and 6, satellite offices. And here's a quick Matt, just to kind of break down how they are provided St. Louis is your light blue and Hannibal.

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Kansas City is in yellow,

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which encompasses the satellite office of Albany,

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which also encompasses Rolla and Clarksville,

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which has Joplin as your satellite office and then,

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which is pink and they have poplar bluff.

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So, that's how the state is divided up into regional offices, satellites and actual regional offices.

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So eligible eligibility for services is based upon the federal definition of developmental disability.

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So if you take federal money, you play by federal rules, so, Missouri has basically a 5 point eligibility criteria to be determined eligible for services. The 1st thing is a diagnosis and here's what's interesting.

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Missouri doesn't operate off of a specific list of diagnosis.

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Even though the DSM 5, which is the diagnostic and Statistical Manual version 5.

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Changed the criteria for an intellectual disability.

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From 18 to what they call early adulthood.

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In the state of Missouri, we still mandate that intellectual disability be diagnosed.

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Add or by the age of 18, and that's because our statute.

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Is very specific stating it has to be to the age of 18 everything else. We look for the presence of the disabling condition prior to the age of 22.

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So that's kind of an interesting point to talk about. Does that mean that we have to have the diagnosis prior to the age of 22.

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Not necessarily there are times, especially when we're dealing with autism that we might need historical data that can demonstrate that the symptoms were present.

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Perhaps there was a misdiagnosis.

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Early on there are some other diagnoses that resemble autism or some characteristics they share characteristics like skits, affective disorder um, other, um, what we would consider mental health diagnoses.

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We would need kind of a thorough evaluation and a description of why the.

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Diagnosis was given that was wrong or misdiagnosed, but it doesn't mean necessarily it has to be diagnosed prior to the age of.

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22 the symptoms have to be present and that has to be documented. It is not likely to improve, which means that sometimes people might sustain a spinal cord injury or a traumatic head injury. And, um.

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They are slated to make a full recovery that's not considered a developmental disability. It may be a disabling condition, but it isn't a developmental disability because it doesn't meet the criteria that it isn't likely to improve.

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We also are going to look at substantial functional limitations in 2 or more areas. Um.

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The feds indicate that there are 7 areas.

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Of substantial functional limitation, self care, communication, learning, mobility, self direction.

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Socioeconomic, and then capacity for independent living 7, Missouri, combined the final 2 into 1 area.

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Um, and then there is a need for specific or generalized facilitative training and that's an interesting term. Not a lot of people use the term facilitation a lot.

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Uh, you've heard the term rehabilitation, which is the re, acquisition of a skill.

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habilitated is the initial acquisition of the skill typically meaning that the individual did not acquire that developmental level or skill at the appropriate time frame due to the disabling condition.

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So the need for habilitated, which is ongoing training to acquire the skill is needed beyond the developmental cut off.

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So, there are a couple of services should you be determined eligible and so your intake department they, they are going to be looking at those 5 areas when they say yes. Or no to an eligibility determination.

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They're going to be asking about a diagnosis. They're going to be looking at the age of onset. They're going to be looking at substantial, functional limitations. They're going to look to see if it's gotten better or if it's likely to get better.

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And they're going to determine if there's a need for generalized or specific habilitated training.

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Right. And so that's why they all collect documentation from doctors and therapists and schools, and anybody out there that we can find that's got documentation to support the presence of that diagnosis.

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If you are determined eligible. Because Missouri is now considered a Medicaid system, you're going to be eligible for the possibility of 2 different services.

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Initially the 1st, 1 is support coordination and that is if an individual is eligible for Medicaid and actively receiving a Medicaid service.

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Or support, then they can receive support coordination from either a local regional office, or from a community partner being an of community, mental health, or other approved agencies.

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If the individual does not have Medicaid, but resides in a county that has what we call an intent to serve.

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They will receive some sort of a support through their community partner.

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These community partners are under no contractual obligation to the division to provide a service to an individual who does not have Medicaid because they are providing that service.

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Basically, Pro, Bono and out of the kindness of their heart.

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If you do not have Medicaid, you're will be referred to the information specialist system. And that's the program that I oversee for lack of a better term. The easy way to describe it is group case management or resource and referral.

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So we have about 22 counties currently that participate in the information specialist system. So that is any.

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A county that is served by a regional office support coordinator, or for any county that does not have an intent to serve non Medicaid individuals. They're going to be.

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They're going to participate through our system, which is basic resource and referral and I'm going to tell you that our primary goal in life is to get you out of our system and get you to support coordination.

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Most of the time folks are eligible for Medicaid.

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Uh, maybe they haven't applied for the right program.

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We're going to figure out some way, hopefully to get you eligible for Medicaid.

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And get you into support coordination or case management.

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Throughout the easiest way that people transition out of our program is their Medicaid is activated.

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They have an autism diagnosis, and they are requesting funding through, um, through a parent advisory council, or they move to a county that has an intent to serve.

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This is our map, so the autism projects are basically broken down here.

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For individuals that want to access autism, funded services, the general revenue, you can see that. There are 5 regions.

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And then the number of counties served within each project.

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And then here are our Web pages. So, Lisa, I'm going to turn it over to, you.

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All right, man, thank you very much. Your presentation really takes me back many years. Um.

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Our daughter's neurologist at children's hospital, um, told us to go seek services for our daughter, but didn't give us any direction as to where we needed to go.

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So, we did not know that the regional office existed, and we certainly did not know that the division of DD existed. So.

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If I remember correctly, somebody wrote down a phone number, handed it to me and told me to make a phone call. So that's what we did. Um, and that's really the basis for this webinar today.

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Because I'm really hoping that this information gets out to families and individuals who are looking for information.

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Resources or trying to find needed services. Um, and I've asked myself many times, you know, what do folks want to know.

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And what do folks need to know? Um.

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That's how we put this webinar together and that's why I asked Matt to come in and talk about the eligibility part. What it takes to get services through the Missouri division and some.

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Real quickly a factoid as the division of D. D. was established in Missouri in 1974.

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Ah, so, for some folks, that might seem like a really long time ago, but for others, maybe like me, it really wasn't.

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Um, and here in Missouri, the Department of mental health houses to divisions.

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The division of behavioral health, which encompasses substance abuse disorders and mental health needs and then we have the division of developmental disabilities.

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So, moving on to the next portion of this webinar, I want to touch base on a few of the important areas.

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On the divisions webpage, the pages that might be of interest to families and individuals.

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And haiku Johns, who was the divisions? Statewide learning and development director.

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Works continuously to update our pages with information.

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Is new information and resources available hiker has to tailor everything to coordinate and flow effectively across various pages.

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And she reminds us regularly to keep in mind that information sharing is always a work in progress as it changes daily.

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So, I'm going to try to share my screen.

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And we're going to take a look at the main page.

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See, the divisions main page.

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On your screen, I'm hoping you are Matt. Do you see that?

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Yes, okay. So, as you can see on the main page, there is a scrolling bar that goes across the top and that has a lot of, um, some of the new information that comes along.

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The boxes across the top.

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The buttons and the 1st, 1, we're going to take a peek at is the 1 that information for individuals, families, and guardians.

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So, when we click on that, we are taking to where the information for eligibility that Matt to share with all of us.

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Um, and we dropped down on these accordions each 1 of these will give us a little more information which again is the, the information that Matt just shared in the PowerPoint.

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Do you access services what the application process is like.

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What's available? And there is the map for the information specialist that he referred to.

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The group case management that he talked about.

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And then the webpage also goes into how services are actually approved.

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And the link under additional information.

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You're going to see that there's guides available for families and individuals.

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There's volunteer and advocacy opportunities here in Missouri.

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Links to other websites of interest next I want to take you to.

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In the loop newsletter, which is the divisions newsletter that's available comes out every other month.

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Here you can see that we've got it set up we can go back and archive different, um, additions.

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This is the most current this is a really good way for folks to stay in touch with some, some information resources.

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New things that's coming down the pike, how to stay connected to us.

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We had some other webinars that we just did not too long ago.

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So that's a good little resource for folks.

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Going back to the main page, Here's another little button that will take you to supporting families. And again under each 1 of these, you're going to find additional information.

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About different topics. I know I feel like I'm going pretty quick, but I want you guys to know that.

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These are out there, I definitely want to go back and explore these on your own and see what you can find.

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The main page again, and here on the side is a menu.

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With additional links that's going to take you again to more information.

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The 2 that I'm going to focus on today, are the email blast.

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Which we send out quite regularly, lots of information as new things, come across our desk, um, webinars from other other partners that we.

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Do business with changes to our waivers. You name it.

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We put it out on a vision blast email blast.

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And it's delivered right to your email, you sign up for those, you can sign up.

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Here it'll take you to a page where you can fill in your information, your contact.

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Your email address, and those will be sent directly to your inbox.

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The next 1, I want to be able to go back to the main page.

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Is webinars I don't know that a lot of people know that these are available.

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And I think some families, an individuals think that it's specifically if we for state employees or division employees, but it's not.

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There's a bunch of in webinars in here that are tailored to families and individuals, or include families and individuals.

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You can go through here and if you find 1 that you're interested, you can click on it.

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Watch the recorded, or if you find 1 that's coming up like this 1.

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You can register to watch it that way as well you will receive an email with a link to the webinar to participate.

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I'm going to go back to the main page again.

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You don't want to draw your attention to the blue button for station in D.

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Matt has done a lot of work with station, MD, um, getting the information out the failings and individuals. This is a telehealth service that is available to individuals who are participating in 1 of the divisions. Webinars.

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It is a free service if you've heard of it and you want to know more about it. This would be a great place to go to learn.

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You have all kinds of the podcasts that are available live recordings the live events that we've done with station and D as partner.

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Kind of tells what the service is about and how it works.

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So, I want folks to know that those were out there. Um, I think people feel like the, the information's a little confusing, but I also want you to know that.

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Families is an individual's there's information embedded in all of our pages. We don't have just 1 page.

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So, I'm going to take you to the popular sections. We have the community support stab.

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You're going to find information here housing.

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Here's the education learning that takes you back to the webinars that we just talked about.

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Employment initiatives a lot of information there for families and individuals.

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Here's the intake and eligibility process again, another way to get to that information that Matt just shared.

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The office of autism services that may referred to.

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Positive support self determination. I know a lot of families that individual's, um, participate in the self directed supports program.

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That's available for you to to check out as well.

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And even though you think that these tabs might not be relevant to, you.

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There is information here about the programs and the services that we provide.

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That would be beneficial for you to know about.

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Here's the link to our regional offices and the contact information.

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a list that you can print off and have quality programs again

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Our QA unit, um, the Missouri quality outcomes that's something. A lot of folks need to know about. It's how we monitor a lot of our services and a standard, uh, services that we.

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Provide you may have heard of the National 4 indicators.

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And I'm just going to touch quickly on the health and safety.

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When folks, they don't think these resources apply to them that they do. I always want to share that the.

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Observe decide and act that she may have heard about. There's all kinds of, uh, 1 page.

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Topic resources here, for example, here's 1 on on seizures.

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And families and individuals, this information is is very relevant to what they do every day in their life as well. So.

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There is information embedded throughout our divisions pages.

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For families and individuals no, I'm going to take you and Matt if you're still on.

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Here I am. All right, I'm gonna talk about a little bit quickly about the social media.

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Um, Matt does a lot with the divisions. Facebook page. I didn't pull it up to the actual account. I didn't know what might pop up on my Facebook page. If I did. But is there anything in here that you want to talk about? That? Families can connect and get information through Facebook.

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So we do a lot high guy will say, does the majority of the social media work now, but we put a lot of information out on Facebook, anytime that we do.

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So you can see there that's a Facebook live that we did with Dr. who is the CEO of, um.

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Station MD, and, um, you know, in this time about a health issues.

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It's great to be able to interview the doctors and get information about specific health concerns related to our population individuals with developmental disabilities.

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So there's that things that are happening within the division are typically posted to social media, both Twitter and Facebook. So they're just ways to stay connected and find out what's going on with the division.

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Great, and the other way to stay connected is we have a YouTube channel. I don't know if a lot of folks know about that as well but I think that you're instrumental in doing some of this stuff too. So you want to talk about.

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What's on the YouTube channels? So there are just a number of different videos that the division produces. We actually do produce our own videos.

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Sometimes you can tell,

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and sometimes it looks professional,

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but we try and put information out that's relevant to our population of individuals that we support but also to the folks that we work with professionally so employees and community partners.

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So, there's a, there's a ton of information out on our Facebook, our Facebook page, and our YouTube channel about information that may touch multiple areas of life.

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Yeah, I don't think a lot of folks know that we have that. So, families and individuals can go out on their own and check out those.

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Videos as well, so.

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Back to our presentation here, we're running out of time. We're getting short on time.

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But I just want to let you guys know that that was out there.

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And I want to make sure that you all Mark your calendar for the next DVD, and you web event it's going to be held on October 26 again at 1230.

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So, Mark your calendars for that, and we'll be sending out the information to register for that event. Like, we did through the.

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Um, email, notification systems and Kat. I know we're very, very close on time, but were there any questions in the chat? For either matter I.

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We have 1, how long does or can the application process take before ID? Is this shoot.

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Ok, so typically, if somebody wants to determine if they're eligible for services.

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Once a valid application is obtained and that's a specific term. It must be validated all the signatures must be in place and everything is there.

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Then the division has 30 business days from the date that that application was received to make an eligibility determination. So, that's typically give or take 45 calendar days, depending upon the number of state holidays and things like that.

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But we have 30 business days.

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From the date that the application was processed and validated and basically received.

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if we do not have sufficient documentation to support that eligibility,

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then we can petition typically the director or their designee and to ask for an additional 30 calendar days to extend that eligibility process.

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Our goal in doing that is to give ourselves a little bit more time for documentation to come in for assessments to be completed. So that we're not just making and determination of an eligibility that we're making.

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Sure we've gotten everything that we can.

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Uh, because the goal is really not to find people ineligible our goal is really to, to determine that people are eligible for services. And so we want to utilize all the opportunities we have to get that. So we have.

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30 business days, then at the end of that, we can extend it another 30 calendar days.

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Hey, we have 1 more question. How do we access.

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Autism services, so project funded services would be accessed via your support coordinator.

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So the individual, their planning team would identify if they have a, a diagnosis of autism, and it has been vetted by the local regional office, and is noted in our system. See more.

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Then you would indicate what it is, you're seeking, and depending upon where you live in the state, it is how services autism services are administered.

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So,

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in Northwest,

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which is Kansas City,

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and then East,

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which is St Louis,

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they have the family allotment model,

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then through central Southwest and Southeast,

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they are under the shared unit agreement.

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So that's just a whole other discussion.

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But ultimately,

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you begin that process with your support coordinator,

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identifying that you want to participate in autism project,

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funded services,

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and they support you through the process of updating your identifying what your needs are,

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and making the request there.

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But it all starts with your support coordinator.

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Okay, what is the best way to get an eligible diagnosis for waiver services? Should it begin with the application that was described?

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So, if you want to get a diagnosis.

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You know, if you apply if you came to the division said, I think that I have a condition, but I don't know, I don't have a diagnosis then we're going to send you back and say, well, you've got to have a diagnosis.

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So, you know, you would start, maybe with your primary care physician, or a specialist.

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Uh, depending upon the age of the individual, it might be with the schools, but you would start with your medical professionals. So we utilize medical basic diagnosis.

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So you want to start within the medical system if you're just in doubt and you're not sure we're always going to encourage you to call the regional office, talk to someone in intake to see if they can advise you if you're seeking an autism diagnosis.

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Um, then we would most likely try and refer you to some agency in your area that could give you a valid diagnosis. Um, but, you know, that's where you're going to start. And I hope that kind of answers it because.

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It's you've got to have a medical diagnosis to access.

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You know, DD services, and then to access wavered services, it's not just a diagnosis. It's also substantial functional limitations. Um, which are, you know, basic areas of need that we talked about.

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You have to have limitations in at least 3 areas.

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You can have 2 limitation in 2 areas for services within, but to access waiver funding. You've got to have 3 areas. I hope that that kind of

answered it if not, we'll do our best to get a better answer out for them.

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Hey, that's it so far, you know, and just to kind of follow up with that, and not to drag things out when in doubt call a regional office and talk to intake. Um, and.

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You know, it's never too early and maybe it's never too late.

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So always ask err on the side of asking, let us do the, the determination of yes, it is or? No, it isn't. Or it's not enough.

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Perfect is that the last question? It is? All right.

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Well, thank you everybody for joining us today. I appreciate it. And again, Mark your calendars.

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October 26 for the next 1. thanks everybody stay healthy and stay safe.