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The Department of Mental Health (DMH) – Office of Disaster Services (ODS) has developed Disaster Preparedness Guidebooks for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).

Emergency planning for people with I/DD is vital. Creating an emergency plan is a very personal process. Each person must think about their own specific needs when preparing their emergency/disaster plan.

Two guidebooks are available. The ***Individual Guidebook*** is a guide designed for individuals with I/DD and their families and focuses on helping them plan and be prepared in the event of a disaster.

The ***Provider Guidebook*** is a guide designed for direct service providers, case managers, and others who serve people with I/DD. It is designed to help providers plan and be prepared to help meet the needs of people who have I/DD in the event of a disaster.

Each of these guides are available to download, review, and share. In addition to the downloadable guidebooks, the ODS has a variety of information and resources available about disaster planning on their [website](#).

For questions about emergency/disaster planning, contact Deb Hendricks, ODS DD Preparedness Coordinator, debra.hendricks@dmh.mo.gov or call the Office of Disaster Services (573) 751-8136.



AGING WITH DIGNITY Missouri's Master Plan on Aging

Survey extended to September 19, 2024.

Missouri continues to develop a Master Plan on Aging and your opinion matters. All Missourians, regardless of age or ability, are encouraged to take the survey and share feedback. Information from the survey will be used to help develop the plan and make Missouri a great place to age for all. Information and perspectives shared in the survey will have an impact on the services and support needs today and in the future.

The survey is available in various languages. If assistance is needed to complete the survey over the phone or in-person, contact Polco at 1-855-773-0665. If a paper copy of the survey is preferred, send an e-mail to survey@polco.us.

For more information or a link to the survey, visit Missouri's Master Plan on Aging [website](#).



Direct Support Professional
RECOGNITION WEEK
September 8 - 14, 2024

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"Rock your Role!"

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition week is
September 8-14, 2024.

DSP Recognition week is a time set aside to highlight and recognize DSPs who are the heart and soul of supports for people with disabilities. Thank you to all dedicated DSPs who work to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to live their best lives.



“Access to Good Jobs for All”
National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is observed each October to celebrate and promote inclusive employment practices and to bring awareness of the valuable contributions employees with disabilities bring to the workforce and their employers.

To honor NDEAM, the Missouri Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) is hosting its annual NDEAM poster contest. The poster contest is open to Missouri residents of all ages. All artwork submitted will be showcased on the GCD website and the winning artwork will appear on the GCD poster and distributed statewide. Artwork should reflect a theme of inclusion, employment, and community and must be submitted by September 15, 2024.

For more details scan the QR code below or visit the [GCD NDEAM Poster Contest](#) website.



MISSOURI'S No Wrong Door

Transforming a powerful network in Missouri to support individuals needing long-term services and supports



The Missouri Open Door (MOD) Workshops are FREE monthly virtual workshops. The MOD Technology Series focuses on using technology as a solution to help meet a specific need. Ideas and information can often be used immediately following the workshop. MOD Technology workshops are held 12:30pm-1:30pm every fourth Wednesday of the month.

If you missed a workshop or would like to review a recording of a previous workshop, visit the [MOD Technology Series YouTube channel](#) where you will find a list of recordings available.

Past workshop topics include:

- Preparing for Winter Weather
- Assistive Technology for Spiritual Enrichment
- Adaptive Gaming
- Staying Safe at Home

If you have questions about the MOD workshops, contact Angelina Alpert at angelinaalpert@umkc.edu.



A Division priority is to provide timely updates to all stakeholders on the ConneXion Case Management System Planning and Procurement Project. ConneXion has a dedicated [webpage](#) with updates and information about the project.

The Division is seeking a new electronic case and financial management system to support the lifecycle of consumer care including information and referral; intake; assessment and reassessment; person centered

care planning and service authorization; service delivery and payment; case closure; and reporting.



The Division is currently in the Planning and Procurement phase of the project and anticipates a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released for competitive bid in summer 2025. The Division has contracted with HealthTech Solutions (HTS) to complete the RFP for a commercial off-the shelf (COTS) Case and Financial Management system. HTS was onboarded to the project in June 2024. They conducted a full analysis of requirements and completed planning with the Division project team for completion of the RFP and advanced planning document. The Division will conduct business and technical requirements review gathering sessions with State subject matter experts (SMEs) August 2024 – November 2024.

Review the ConneXion [overview](#) for updated information regarding the restart of the ConneXion project. For questions or concerns related to the project, contact [Toi Wilde, Project Director](#).



On May 21, 2024, the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DMH-DD) achieved a major milestone in creating a more connected health ecosystem for Missourians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Over the last few months, the DMH-DD, in partnership with MO HealthNet, the Office of Administration - Information Technology Services Division (OA-ITSD), EMI Advisors, Patient Centric Solutions, Infocrossing, Lewis and Clark Information Exchange (LACIE), Tiger Institute, and Velatura Health Information Exchange, have been working on an implementation project to enable real-time sharing of Electronic Long-Term Services and Supports (eLTSS) data among health and social care providers.

During the May 21 testing event hosted by DMH-DD in Jefferson City, the State and its partners, joined by StationMD, successfully completed an end-to-end exchange of a person-centered care plan using nationally recognized standards and modern internet technology in a demonstration environment. The event attracted federal interest from national leaders and collaborators, with attendance from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

DMH-DD is now planning for Phase 2, which will transition the interface into real-world use to support 40,000+ individuals with I/DD currently receiving services through the State. The anticipated work will include provider user experience research, user interface updates in the Health Information Network (HIN) viewers, and enhanced ability for HINs to share care plan data with external partners. In addition, the State is in the process of designing the technical architecture to support a production interface that can be scaled, while maintaining best-in-class performance, privacy, and security standards.

Once live, this transformative technology will improve the lives of individuals with I/DD by enabling the safe, secure, and seamless sharing of person-centered care plan data among all their care providers. This interface will be among the first real-world implementations of the eLTSS Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) Implementation Guide.

Learn more about eLTSS data exchange initiative on the [Division website](#).



Did you know Missouri Assistive Technology (MOAT) offers a variety of programs to assist schools and students who use assistive technology?

These programs include:

- **Device Loan Program:** offers a wide range of devices including augmentative and alternative (AAC) devices, iPads and iPad apps, computer access, vision, hearing, daily living aids, and more that can be borrowed for up to five weeks.
- **Assistive Technology Reimbursement:** provides school districts with assistance in getting assistive technology listed in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- **Accessible Educational Materials:** assistance to schools to provide accessible instructional materials to students.
- **Technical Assistance and Consultation**
- **Trainings and Workshops**

For additional information, contact MOAT at 1-816-655-6700; e-mail info@mo-at.org; or visit the [MOAT website](#).

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