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#### Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

1/22/26

[Signs and Symptoms of Mental Health in IDD](#)  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

1/27/26

[MO DDD & You: MACDDS/SB40](#)  
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1/30/26

[Amendments to Code of State Regulations for the Self Directed Support Program](#)

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[Amendments to Code of State Regulations for the Self Directed Support Program](#)

2/3/26

[Working Effectively with Autistic People](#)  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

2/5/2026

[Empowering Lifelong Employment: Tailored Strategies for Older Workers with IDD 2.0](#)

2/5/2026

[Amendments to Code of State Regulations for the Self Directed Support Program](#)

2/11/26

[Living Longer: The Increasing Need for Dementia Care and Support for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

3/10/26

[Quarterly Benefits Presentation](#)  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

# DDD Weekly



Director Sheila Wunning

## Director's Corner

Hello everyone! This week, I wanted to talk to you about the FIFA World Cup activities coming to Missouri from June 11, 2026, to July 19, 2026. This is very exciting for Missouri, as it is an honor to be selected as a host! The event will bring visitors from all over the world! Because of the size of this event, though, there may be some challenges, and we want everyone to be prepared.

Here are some key takeaways:

- Largest sporting event ever held in North America.
- Around 650,000 additional visitors to the Kansas City area are expected.
- Other events will be occurring during this time, including the 250th anniversary of the United States, July 4th celebrations and the Route 66 anniversary.

Things to consider in planning and preparation:

- Targeted Case Management and Service Providers review and revise continuity of operations and emergency operations plans.
- If you are in the Kansas City area, consider where you are and where FIFA World Cup events are located. Take this into consideration for traffic, security and parking.
- Cell phone and other communication services on the western side of Missouri may be overloaded. Create a backup plan for communications.
- Travel to the western side of Missouri during this time could be challenging.
  - Lodging will be more expensive and possibly not available.
  - Missouri Department of Transportation construction on Interstate 70 will be ongoing.

Office of Disaster Services (ODS) will host "FIFA World Cup: Things to Consider" on March 5, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. [ODS FIFA Webinar Registration](#).

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4/24/26

Division of Behavioral  
Health Tech Summit

5/11/26 – 5/12/26

Association on Aging  
with Developmental  
Disabilities

Ongoing Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the  
Month

Free MO Open Door  
Series Benefits for  
Individuals with IDD

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the  
Month

Free MO Open Door  
Series Technology  
Workshops

DDD Monthly Nursing  
Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the  
Month

Brain Injury Association  
of Missouri Support  
Group

Podcasts

Growing Healthy  
Communities: Early  
Childhood Edition  
Podcast

Parents' Point of View  
(PPOV) Series

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## Self-Directed Supports New Fiscal Management Service Provider

DDD Self-Directed Supports (SDS) would like to announce that the contract for Fiscal Management Services has been awarded to Public Partnerships, LLC. Please visit our website, [DDD Self-Directed Supports Webpage](#) for updates on how this transition may impact individuals who use SDS.

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## Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) - Soft Launch of Claims Validation

On January 7, 2026, MO HealthNet (MHD) activated the soft launch of claims validation for services requiring EVV. MHD claims for these services will be compared to visit data in the EVV Aggregator Solution (EAS).

As of January 7, 2026, claims submitted to MHD must match the following verified visit data elements in EAS:

- Department Client Number (DCN)
- Date(s) of Service
- Provider Medicaid ID
- Procedure Code/Modifier(s)
- Number of Units

During the soft launch period, MHD claims that not matching visits in EAS will not be denied; however, providers will be notified on their Remittance Advice (RA) via a Remittance Advice Remark Code. This will allow providers an opportunity to become familiar with the claims validation process to prepare for the application of hard edits, which will deny payment of the claims if there is no match in EAS.

For additional information, review the HCBS Provider Town Hall on Claims Validation from November 13, 2025, [Meeting Recording 11/13/25](#)

For questions, contact [Ask.EVV@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Ask.EVV@dss.mo.gov). For additional resources, refer to the Education and Training Resources page and/or sign up for a live webinar by accessing our Provider Training Calendar. Email [MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov](mailto:MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov) for more information.



The **Missouri Master Plan on Aging: Missourians Aging with Dignity** has been given to the Governor. Work will now focus on the suggestions that were outlined in the plan. Visit the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) [Master Plan on Aging](#) website to find more information and review a copy of the plan.

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## Making Life Easier in the Kitchen: Using Technology to Meet Everyday Needs



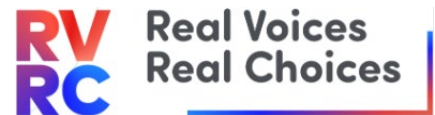
The Missouri No Wrong Door Technology Series provides information on a variety of assistive technology resources that are available to help people complete everyday tasks or make it easier for them.

**Making Life Easier in the Kitchen** provides an overview of assistive technology that can help people plan and prepare meals. Topics included in this webinar recording include how to access online shopping for ingredients, finding recipes, using adaptive utensils to help with preparing meals, cooking, and using adaptive utensils to help make eating meals easier.

You can find this recording and many more on the [Missouri's No Wrong Door](#) website.

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## Call for Presentations Deadline for Submission: March 6, 2026



The **Real Voices/Real Choices (RV/RC)** conference committee is looking for inspiring and informative presentations to be shared at the next RV/RC conference, which is scheduled for August 23-25, 2026.

People with developmental disabilities/self-advocates, people in recovery, family members, and mental health professionals with lived experience are encouraged to share empowering presentations that promote individual choices in services and opportunities.

The conference committee encourages people to be creative and think about important topic areas that could be shared to help and connect with others.

Example presentation topics could include:

- Peer Specialist and Support Services
- Autism
- Housing
- Assistive Technology
- Anger Management
- LGBTQ+
- Sobriety
- Grief
- Suicide Prevention
- Alternatives/Supported Decision-Making/Guardianship
- and more

All proposed presentations must be submitted to the conference committee no later than March 6, 2026. Visit the [Call for Presentations](#) webpage for more information and to submit a presentation idea.

Please reach out to Kailey Reeves at 573-751-3143 if you have any questions.

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## **Employment Matters: Missouri Disability Benefits 101 (MO DB101)**

Are you interested in becoming employed or advancing your career but worried about how work may affect your benefits? Work and Benefits can go together.

The MO DB101 website provides free, Missouri-specific information and tools to help people make informed choices about employment and the connection between work and benefits. MO DB101 provides information to help you move past the myths and feel comfortable exploring employment options.

Visit [DB101 Missouri - Work and Benefits](#) for information about benefits programs and rules around work, estimators that help you set goals for work, and connections to resources.

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## **Governor's Council on Disability Seeks Nominations for Annual Recognition Award**

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) is currently accepting nominations for the following awards:

**The 2026 Youth Leadership Award** recognizes young leaders with disabilities (age 16-26) who have made a positive impact on their communities through exceptional leadership qualities.

**The 2026 Inclusion Award**, which recognizes best practices and superior leadership in the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community living.

Winners exemplify standards of excellence in leadership to enhance the lives of individuals living with disabilities

Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2026. Visit the [State of Missouri Disability Portal | Governor's Council on Disability \(GCD\)](#) to learn more about eligibility criteria and to submit your nominations.



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## **Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase to DDD SCL Providers**

Social Security has issued a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) beginning January 2026. This COLA will increase Social Security Income (SSI) benefits by 2.8%. As in the past, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will pass the increase on to DDD Supported Community Living (SCL) providers who deliver services under the following procedure codes:

- 41000W Residential Treatment 24 Hour(s)
- 41010W Room and Board - Non-Waiver 24 Hour(s)
- 41006W Residential Treatment - One Time 1 Month
- 43000W Residential Treatment - Variable Rate 1 Month

The increase will be applied to services provided starting January 2026. Contact your [Vendor Service Coordinator](#) if you have any questions.

## Save the Date for Disability Rights Legislative Day: February 25, 2026, Rally 11 am to 12 pm Free for everyone to attend, in-person or virtually!



The event will be held in person and virtually. People with disabilities, their family members, and others can participate regardless of their location within the state. The more people that participate, the more we can advocate for what's important to us and show legislators why disability issues and our stories matter.

Disability Rights Legislative Day will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. A rally will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will feature an impressive lineup of speakers, including powerful disability advocates. Before or after the rally, in-person participants are encouraged to meet with their legislators and explore the Capitol.

## Important MissouriBUYS information for TCMs, Service Providers – Action Needed

Missouri is in the process of moving to a new electronic system for purchasing, payments and other tasks. All entities that wish to receive payments from the state of Missouri (including DMH) must be fully registered in MissouriBUYS, powered by MOVERS, no later than **July 1, 2026**. MissouriBUYS powered by MOVERS is different than the former MissouriBUYS (WebProcure by Proactis). You can register at [MissouriBUYS powered by MOVERS Registration](#). Registration can take 3 months or longer to complete, so please begin the process today. If an entity is not fully registered prior to **July 1, 2026**, DMH will not be able to make payments until the entity is registered. For more information, email [MissouriBUYS@mo.gov](mailto:MissouriBUYS@mo.gov).

## Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) Office Hours Update

We would like to inform you that the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) Office Hours will be temporarily suspended due to low participation. However, we encourage you to continue sharing your questions, comments, and any considerations you may have at [MODDHRSTProject@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:MODDHRSTProject@dmh.mo.gov).

Should there be renewed interest in the HRST Office Hours, we are committed to reinstating them on our schedule. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to your continued engagement.

-The Missouri HRST Process Team

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## **Governor's Council on Disability Legislative Education Project, Beginning in January 2026**



The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability sponsors the Legislative Education Project (LEP) during the legislative session.

The purpose of the LEP is to educate and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become more active in creating positive public policies for people with disabilities.

The LEP is available for individuals and organizations that are beginners and are new to the legislative process or need additional learning. These webinars will focus on disability policies or proposed legislation that impact people with disabilities.

In 2026, the LEP will consist of four separate webinars. Each one will discuss the legislative process, communicate with legislators, and review current state bills related to disability. These webinars are FREE for participants and will be delivered via Webex.

The dates and times for the webinars are set for:

**February 5, 2026 (9:00am - 10:30am)**

**March 5, 2026 (9:00am - 10:30am)**

**March 26, 2026 (1:00pm - 2:30pm)**

Participants must complete a [registration form](#).

All questions about the LEP can be emailed to [Laura Meuth](#) or 1-800-877-8249.

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## **What is ConneXion?**

ConneXion is a secure online system that helps providers, support coordinators, and teams share and access important information about individuals receiving Developmental Disabilities (DD) services.

### **Goal for ConneXion:**

To create a simple, secure system that helps people who support individuals with developmental disabilities share important information—so everyone can work together to provide the best care and services.



### **What's Happening:**

We're planning for the future of ConneXion! Right now, our team is writing a detailed plan—kind of like a shopping list—that explains what we need in a new system to better support individuals and meet state rules.

We hope to share this plan with technology companies in January 2026, so they can show us how they would build it.

### **What is FHIR?**

FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) is a national standard that helps different computer systems safely share health and support information.

#### **Goal for FHIR:**

To make it easier for health care providers, support teams, and service systems to securely share important information, so individuals with developmental disabilities receive better, more connected care.

### **What's Happening:**

Our team is building tools that help different computer systems “talk” to each other using FHIR. This makes it easier for doctors, providers, and support coordinators to share important information—like medical history or support plans.

We are working to share person-centered service plan data in real time through the Health Information Network (HIN) viewer. This will help teams quickly see the most up-to-date information for individuals receiving DD services.

We're aiming to have this ready to go live between January and February 2026.



### **State Offices Closed**

Lincoln's Birthday – February 12<sup>th</sup>

Washington's Birthday – February 16<sup>th</sup>

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