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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

1/30/26
Amendments to Code of State Regulations for the Self-Directed Support Program

2/2/26
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

Amendments to Code of State Regulations for the Self-Directed Support Program

Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

2/11/26
Living Longer: The Increasing Need for Dementia Care and Support for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

2/17/26
Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

3/3/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3/10/26
Quarterly Benefits Presentation
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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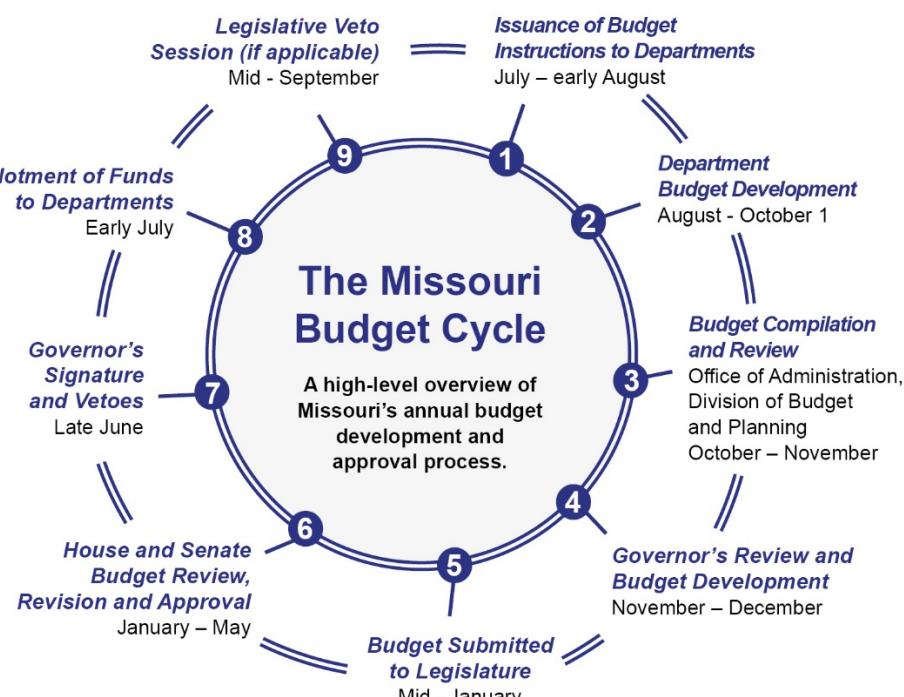


Director Sheila Wunning

Director's Corner

Hello everyone! I am busy working with the administration team to prepare for DDD's budget presentations to the Appropriation Committees of the Missouri House and Senate. Preparing for the budget hearings takes a ton of time for many DDD staff. I am very thankful to all who work on this project. Governor Kehoe delivered the State of the State address on January 13, 2026. You can view it at [Governor Kehoe State of the State Address](#). The Governor's budget recommendations were also released on that day and are available at [Missouri State Budget](#)

Requests with Governor's Recommendations FY 2027. The budget process lasts the entire year, with different parts being completed throughout the year. Missouri is now in the part where the Missouri legislature considers the budget and enacts formal appropriation bills. Missouri will be in this part of the budget process until May. The infographic below shows the entire Missouri budget cycle. Missouri is now in step 6.



3/19/26 Tools of Choice 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
3/20/26 Share Your Story: Together, We're Changing the Story of Disability RSVP by 2/15/26
4/2/26 Tools of Choice 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4/26/26 Tools of Choice 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
4/24/26 Division of Behavioral Health Tech Summit
4/29/26 Tools of Choice 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
5/6/26 Tools of Choice 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
5/11/26 – 5/12/26 Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities
5/19/26 Tools of Choice 1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6/3/26 Tools of Choice 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6/18/26 Tools of Choice 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6/30/26 Tools of Choice 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Ongoing Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the Month Employment Community of Practice for Support Coordinators 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

How to Use DDD Weekly

DDD Weekly contains links to webinars, trainings, meetings and other websites with additional information about the topics covered in *DDD Weekly*. If you click on the **blue text**, it will direct you to another website where you can sign up for the meeting, learn more about the topic, and more. New information is added to the beginning of the newsletter. If you have questions about using *DDD Weekly*, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

Available for Public Comment:

Amendments to the Code of State Regulations 9CSR-3.080 for Self-Directed Supports.

To review the proposed changes, please review [9CSR-3.080](#)

Submit comments, questions and input to GeneralSDS@dmh.mo.gov.

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 has analyzed common issues with claims. Many problems with claims were related to:

- EVV not being used by the provider
- Provider's EVV vendor not sending visits to EAS
- Visits in EAS not in verified status
- Claims submitted before EVV sends the visit to EAS

Providers, please ensure your visit is visible in EAS and is verified before submitting a claim.

For additional information, review [DSS MHD EVV Claims Validation Soft Launch Follow-Up](#).

For questions, contact 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 for more information.

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Free MO Open Door Series Benefits for Individuals with IDD

4th Wednesday of the Month

Free MO Open Door Series Technology Workshops

Last Wednesday of the Month

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

2nd & 4th 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

NASDDDS Podcast The Right Questions, Better Support

DDD Needs Your Input - Organizational Efficiency Surveys

In 2019, DDD initiated the Organizational Efficiency project to evaluate how DDD operates. The vision was to reshape the culture, align efforts to promote efficient and effective work, improve support to our provider network and promote outstanding customer service to individuals and families DDD serves. DDD wants to hear your opinions on this effort. Please take a few minutes to consider the following questions and offer your thoughts, experiences, and observations.

Public Organizational Efficiency Survey

DDD Staff Organizational Efficiency Survey

Tier 2 Risk Prevention

Join the Tier 2 Risk Prevention Consultants to learn and practice building and implementing systems of support for individuals with complex needs.

These workshops will include both learning and practicing skills with active participation. The consultants will be happy to answer any questions and ensure participants leave with a clear understanding of how to use what was learned in everyday scenarios.

Topics include Tier 2 Readiness and Risk Screening, Safety Crisis Planning as a System of Support, Check in Check out as a System of Support, and Enriched Environments as a System of Support.

Target Audience: Human Service Providers, Behavioral Service Providers, and any other interested Stakeholders

Virtual Learning Opportunities

February through March 2025

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the Month
9:00- 10:30 a.m.

Register with this [Link](#)

For more information, please contact Tier2@dmh.mo.gov.

Employment Matters: Employment Learning Community for Support Coordinators

Are you a Support Coordinator who would like to learn more about facilitating employment pathways & informed choice conversations with individuals & support teams?



Support Coordinators are invited to join the Employment Learning Community for Support Coordinators. This online interactive monthly meeting offers an opportunity to learn with colleagues across the state, gain resources & tools to support employment planning, and problem-solve common barriers.

Upcoming meetings/topics are:

- **February 10, 2026**
DMH & VR, Partnering
- **March 10, 2026**
Employment First Model Agency
- **April 14, 2026**
Assistive Technology
- **May 12, 2026**
Community Review & Next Steps

Support Coordinators can register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

For accommodation requests or questions, please contact: Jessica.Keenoy@umb.edu.

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

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.



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.

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



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

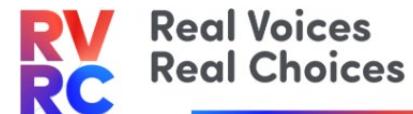
Making Life Easier in the Kitchen provides an overview of assistive technology that can help people plan and prepare meals. Topics included in this webinar recording include how to access online shopping for ingredients, finding recipes, using adaptive utensils to help with preparing meals, cooking,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

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
- LBGTQ+
- 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.

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 includes 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.

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 (ages 16-26) who have made a positive impact on their communities through exceptional leadership.

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.

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 apply to services provided starting in 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. 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, DMH will not be able to make payments until the entity is registered. For more information, email MissouriBUYS@mo.gov.

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 (9:00 am - 10:30 am)

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

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

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

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

State Offices Closed

Lincoln's Birthday – February 12th

Washington's Birthday – February 16th

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