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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.**

**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**

**4/24/26**

**Division of Behavioral Health Tech Summit**

#### 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**



Director Sheila Wunning

## Director's Corner

Happy New Year, Everyone! I hope you all enjoyed time with the people you love over the past few weeks. I am looking into 2026 and have a few resolutions for DDD that I wanted to share. The first resolution reaffirms a commitment to using respectful language when discussing persons with disabilities. DDD has recently created quick reference guides for staff on disability language and plans to continue training on this important issue. The second resolution is to continue to evaluate and improve DDD's communication with all

of you. DDD needs your input on how to give you the information you want when you want it. DDD uses this input, gathered through stakeholder surveys to create action plans for improvement. Based on the results of the last survey, DDD created *DDD Weekly*, and text message communications from DDD. DDD wants to know how communications are going now. Please complete this 2-minute survey: **DDD Communications Survey**. DDD has also created several tools for staff members to improve the consistency and quality of presentations and other communications. The final resolution I will discuss here is DDD's commitment to sustainability. DDD is convening several workgroups to focus on how to create efficiencies in all of our day-to-day work and find other ways to ensure services provided are sustainable into the future. I am looking forward to spending 2026 working with you to solve the challenges we face and create a better future for Missourians with disabilities.

## 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](mailto:ddmail@dmh.mo.gov).

## 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.

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## **Quarterly and Semi-Annual Incentive Reporting Value-Based Payment Data Collection Reporting Is Open**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Value-Based Payment (VBP) data collection system is open for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Quarter 2 and first semi-annual reporting.

Quarterly reporting for the Employment Pay for Reporting, Registered Apprenticeship, and Tiered Supports Level of Implementation is open and covers the performance period November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. Semi-annual reporting for the Direct Support Professional (DSP) Training Levels, Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), and Remote Supports is open and covers the performance period July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

The quarterly & semi-annual reporting periods will close on February 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST. Data must be submitted and in Complete status within REDCap to be eligible for an incentive payment.

The VBP data collection platform, REDCap, captures requests and data entry for the nine approved incentives. REDCap is a secure online data collection tool that can be bookmarked as a website link or added to browser favorites. To request user access, complete the [REDCAP User Access Form](#).

Information about the VBP incentives, including data collection and REDCap training, is located on the [Division's Value-Based Payments webpage](#). VBP questions may be submitted to the Division VBP mailbox at [DMHDD.VBP@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:DMHDD.VBP@dmh.mo.gov).

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

On January 7, 2026, MO HealthNet (MHD) will activate 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 11/13/2025](#)
- [Presentation Slides 11/13/2025](#)

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.

#### **Educational Requirements for Provisional Licensed Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Providers**

**Applies to:** Provisional Licensed Behavior Analysts  
Provisional Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts

**Effective date:** February 1, 2026

- New Requirement
- Services Eligible for Reimbursement – Provisional Licensees
- Noncompliance Subject to Recoupment

[Click to visit the Provider Bulletin 48-36.](#)

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#### **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).

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## **Prohibited Practices, Limited Practices and Due Process**

In February 2025, a statewide recorded webinar was held to provide details on the required components of due process. DDD's Chief Behavior Analyst and Director of Quality Programs Specialist (QPS) also hosted workshops in Kansas City, St. Louis, Maryville, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Columbia, Jefferson City and to Starling, MACDDS and internal DDD groups to provide education on Prohibited Practices and Limited Practices requiring Due Process. Statewide workshops have been held continuously from February 2025 to the present, with a total of nine completed and one scheduled for December 2025. In addition to the workshops, regional QPS team members have provided ongoing education and technical assistance by holding due process trainings with providers and Support Coordinators, open office hours with TCMs and providers, and technical assistance through the Individual Rights Consultation process.

Statewide webinars will be hosted at the beginning of 2026 to provide additional education on individual rights and due process, with a focus on the required components of due process.

To request due process trainings, workshops, or open office hours, please complete an **Individual Rights Consultation** request.

For more information on individual rights, due process, and Individual Rights Consultation, please visit [Individual Rights and Due Process](#).

For information on prohibited practice, please email [BSRC@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:BSRC@dmh.mo.gov).

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## **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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Are you creative? Do you like to make things? Are you a person with a disability interested in selling the things you make?

Introducing Trove Market. Trove is a brand-new on-line eCommerce marketplace, similar to popular sites like Etsy and eBay, where people can sell their products. However, Trove Market is a little different. Trove is a first of its kind platform specifically developed to support entrepreneurs with disabilities and provide a space for people to showcase their talents where they can turn their creativity into a living. Trove charges sellers only a 3% fee, which is significantly less than other popular platforms. This means more of the profit goes to the individual seller.

Trove aims to help reduce unemployment for people with disabilities, help foster financial success and promote change and inclusion. Explore [Trove Market](#), where you can find additional information about selling products, becoming a partner, and purchasing items listed for sale.



If you have heard of Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts but are still unsure what they all mean or how an ABLE account works, the Missouri State Treasurer's Office offers a variety of resources for you to explore. The [Financial Literacy Portal for Individuals with Disabilities](#) offers brief descriptions and links to various resources that outline considerations for financial planning and saving options. Explore the [MOABLE](#) site for additional details about eligibility, available benefits, account management, and the uses of the funds in an account. Answers to common questions can be found on the [FAQs page](#). Additional support for answers is available on the MOABLE's website through the help chat or by calling 1-800-439-1653.

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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.

disabilities.

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

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, talk about communicating with legislators, and review current state bills related to disability. These webinars are FREE to participants and will be provided through Webex.

The dates and times for the webinars are set for:

**January 8, 2026 (9:00am - 10:30am)**

**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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## **2025-2026 National Core Indicators and Missouri Quality Outcomes Surveys: Your Feedback is Important!**

The MO Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has begun a new survey cycle. DDD participates in three National Core Indicators (NCI) surveys and the Missouri Quality Outcomes Survey. These surveys ask people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families about their lives and the services they receive.

People receiving DDD services are randomly selected to participate. People selected will be contacted by mail or telephone. Mailed surveys will come from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Institute for Human Development, later in the year. Telephone contact will be made by staff from the local Regional Office starting in November 2025.

Survey responses are anonymous. DDD reviews and uses the surveys to guide decisions about programs and enhance services. The 2025-2026 survey cycle ends on June 30, 2026. Please explore DDD's Easy Reader [Surveys and You: Your Voice Matters](#). Any questions about the surveys can be sent to Caitlin Bartley, NCI Project Coordinator. [caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov).

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Division of Developmental Disabilities

### **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.

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## 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.

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## State Offices Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday – January 19<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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