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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

3/5/26
Statewide Provider Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Tier 2 Workshop: Safety Crisis Plans as a System of Support

3/17/26
Tier 2 Workshop: Check-in/Check-out as a System of Support
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

3/19/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3/24/26
Tier 2 Workshop: Enriched Environments
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

4/2/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4/15/26
Workforce Development Summit on Second Chance Hiring
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

4/26/26
Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

Hello everyone! I'm excited for spring and warmer weather. Playing with the dogs is much more enjoyable when the weather is nice. The warmer spring weather often brings storms. I understand there may be severe weather in Missouri on Friday. With that, I would like to introduce everyone to **DMH Disaster Services website**. This site offers many resources and tools to help individuals with IDD plan for disasters or other unexpected events. I would encourage everyone to make an individual/household emergency plan for disasters and prepare an

emergency kit. If you are part of a support provider or other service agency, I would encourage you to review your continuity of operations and other emergency plans to ensure they are up to date and comprehensive. DMH's Office of Disaster Services offers contracted providers technical assistance on continuity of operations planning upon request, (573) 526-7821. Please stay safe and dry this week.

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.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM)

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM) focuses on promoting inclusion, educating the public, and celebrating the contributions of people with developmental disabilities. The annual campaign, often led by the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), highlights removing barriers to full, productive lives in all community areas. Did you know that the official color adopted to represent DDAM is orange? Here at MODDD we will wear orange on Friday's, but you can also show support by wearing orange clothing or ribbons throughout the month of March to support DDAM.

4/24/26
Division of
Behavioral Health
Tech Summit
10:00 a.m. – 3:00
p.m.

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.

**2nd Wednesday of
the Month**

Free MO Open Door
Series Benefits for
Individuals with IDD

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for High School Students with Disabilities

The 2026 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MOYLF) will take place July 14-18, 2026, on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

Applications for this unique, week-long experience have been open since November, and we want to ensure that eligible students and their families have the information they need to apply before the March 16 deadline. MO-YLF is designed to help high school students with disabilities (ages 16–21) transition into adulthood with confidence. Each year, 30 delegates are selected to participate in a curriculum built on five core pillars:

- Leadership & Advocacy: Developing self-determination and participating in a mock legislative session at the State Capitol.
- History & Culture: Connecting with mentors and peers to explore the legacy of the disability rights movement.
- Career & College Readiness: Practical workshops to prepare for higher education, employment, and life after high school.
- Community & Friendship: Networking with young leaders from across the state and building lifelong support systems.
- Recreation & Fun: Experiencing campus life through adaptive sports, social events, and a talent show.

We understand that for many students, this may be their first time away from home. To provide peace of mind for families, MO-YLF provides 24-hour on-site nursing care and overnight dorm supervision. Thanks to our generous sponsors, the entire program—including housing and meals—is offered at no cost to selected delegates. The application window is currently open, and the deadline to apply is March 16, 2026.

More info about the program can be found on our [website](#).

Missouri Division of DD – MO DDD & You Monthly Webinars

The Missouri Division of DD & You (MO DDD & You) monthly webinar is a 30-minute information-sharing opportunity focused on disability related topics geared towards people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, their family members, and their support teams. Webinar topics include presentations on related resources, programs, lived experiences, planning, and more. You can find upcoming ones in our DD Weekly newsletter and sign up for them there or watch the recording on our MODDD YouTube page under the [MODDD & You Webinar playlist](#).

4th Wednesday of the Month

Free MO Open Door Series Technology Workshops

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

Division Monthly Nursing Meeting update

As we look to improve how we connect, we will be pausing the Division Monthly Nursing Meetings starting in March to re-evaluate our approach. Our goal remains to support networking, mentorship, and clinical discussion. In the meantime, we encourage you to leverage the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) to connect with colleagues or reach out to your [Regional Office nurses](#) for assistance.

Attention Support Coordinators

(Targeted Case Management agencies and DDD employed)

To meet DDD waiver requirements, all Support Coordinators must attest in the HRST system after an annual HRST screening. This confirms that HRST results were reviewed with the planning team and that risks will be included in the PCSP Healthy Living section, ensuring compliance with the [ISP Guide](#). [Attestation Instructions for Support Coordinators | dmh.mo.gov](#)

Reminder: There is still an option to use the Health Risk Support Plans (HRSP) in the HRST system to link to the PCSP for the identified risks and supports for the Healthy Living section of the PCSP or enter the information directly in the plan.

Feedback request: There is an [HRST Documentation Guide for PCSP Requirements](#) posted on the HRST webpage. Please let us know if it is helpful and how we can improve by completing this 3-question [survey](#).

[Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*](#)

Behavioral Health Resources

Did you know an individual can receive both Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) services and Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) services? They can. This short nine-minute [video](#) gives an overview of how Support Coordinators can provide information on DBH resources. In addition, this [Resource Page](#) includes a brief overview of services, as well as a link to a [website](#) where you can find treatment and other services available in your area.

Individual Rights and Due Process Resources

New and updated resources have been added to the [Individual Rights and Due Process](#) webpage. Under the "Individual Rights Resources" ribbon, an updated [Due Process Decision Tree](#) and the new [Due Process Component Guide](#) have been added.

If you have any questions regarding rights restrictions and due process, please request an [Individual Rights Consultation](#).

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM)

March is officially designated as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM), first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 to foster inclusion, highlight the capabilities of individuals with disabilities, and encourage their full participation in community life. Proclamations across the U.S. emphasize reducing barriers to independence and celebrating the diversity people with disabilities bring to society.

This month at the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities, we plan to highlight and share resources that support DDAM. Be sure to watch for more articles in upcoming DDD Weekly newsletters and on the Division's [social media accounts](#).

Employment University:

Interested in how to push the needle to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities?



Whether you are a Job Coach, Employment Specialist, Job Developer, Case Manager, or a professional wanting to learn more about the employment services field, attending an upcoming **MO-APSE Employment University** is a great way to increase your confidence and knowledge in this area. Several **Employment First Missouri** team members, in conjunction with MO-APSE board members, will be co-hosting events throughout the state. See this [LINK](#) to register for the Employment University in your region!

HRST Mailbox Update

Effective March 15, 2026, this centralized mailbox will be decommissioned to improve service. For assistance after this date, please utilize the following resources:

- Assigned regional office nurse [Quality Program RN \(QPRN\) List](#)
 - IntellectAbility Technical Support mosupport@replacingrisk.com
 - IntellectAbility Rater/Clinical Review Support moclinassist@replacingrisk.com
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MO Tiered Supports

It is a multi-tiered positive behavior support consultation framework that focuses on teaching and coaching organizational teams to serve individuals in their services better.

The Quarter 1 Tiered Supports Newsletter for 2026 highlights information on Value-Based Payments (VBP), Tiered Support incentives, each Tier in the MTSS framework, and a differential reinforcement skill-up from a Tier 3 Behavioral Analyst.

To learn more, check out our full newsletter! [Tier 1 Newsletter for Quarter 1 | dmh.mo.gov](#).

Value-Based Payments (VBP) 101 – Quarterly Training Series

The Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) is pleased to announce that Value-Based Payments (VBP) 101 training will now be offered quarterly. These recurring sessions are designed to support providers in understanding and successfully participating in Missouri's VBP incentive programs: Certified Direct Support Professional (CDSP) Registered Apprenticeship, Direct Support Professional (DSP) Training Levels, Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), Employment Pay for Reporting Services, National Core Indicators (NCI) State of the Workforce Survey, Remote Supports, and Tiered Supports. Save the dates of these upcoming opportunities to learn more about VBP and REDCap.

These trainings are intended for:

- Providers currently participating in VBP incentive programs, and
- New Providers interested in participating in VBP incentives.

Whether you are currently participating in VBP incentives or exploring participation for the first time, these sessions will help ensure you have the tools and understanding needed for successful engagement.

Upcoming VBP 101 Training Dates

All dates are subject to change. Times listed in Central Time (CT).

- Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 9:00–10:30 AM CT
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – 9:30–11:00 AM CT
- Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – 10:00–11:30 AM CT
- Wednesday, January 6, 2027 – 10:00–11:30 AM CT

Providers will be able to sign up for quarterly training via RSVP Forms shared through the VBP email (dmhdd.vbp@dmh.mo.gov) in advance of each session.



Save the Date- Tiered Support Summit 2026

Save the Date for the annual Tiered Supports Summit, Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 21st, at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, MO!

See how Missouri Tiered Supports is paving the way in supporting people and organizations across the state. Sessions will highlight the community-level impact of Tiered Systems of Support, Positive Behavior Supports, and strategies to maximize the implementation of evidence-based practices across environments. Join us in building systems that last!

Public Notice & Comment Period: Comprehensive & Community Support Waiver Renewals Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) & Partnership for Hope (PFH) Waiver Amendments

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) posted a Public Notice on 2/6/26 for the Comprehensive and Community Support Waiver renewal applications, and the MOCDD and PFH Waiver amendment applications to align with the renewals. To view the waiver applications and learn how to make comments, visit MHD's [Alerts and Public Notice](#) page. The comment period will end 30 days after the notice is posted.

Bringing Communities Together

Mark your calendar!

6th Annual ECHO Autism Communities Symposium
FREE Virtual event

April 2, 2026
8:00 a.m. -3:15 p.m.

This learning event is a chance to hear from individuals who live with Autism and from experts in the field of Autism as they share their insights and strategies to advance care, inclusion, and advocacy efforts within the autism community.

Explore the [ECHO Autism Communities Symposium](#) webpage to learn more about the speakers and download the agenda.

REGISTER for this event.



Upcoming BHIDD Networking-Regional and Statewide

Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities-BHIDD

BHIDD Regional Meetings

Join us for an in-person networking opportunity designed for agency staff who support individuals with behavioral health needs and those with intellectual & developmental disabilities. This is a space to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another as we share real-world experiences, challenges, and successes in supporting individuals with co-occurring behavioral health and intellectual & developmental disabilities diagnosis (BHIDD). Exchange ideas and learn from each other. Watch for the coming dates across all regions.

Learning Objectives

1. Share lessons learned and describe changes you or your agency have made to better support individuals with BH & IDD.
2. Discuss specific (de-identified) case examples and resources that have helped support individuals with BH & IDD.
3. Identify DD, BH, and community-based supports offered by your agency and others throughout the region.

Date and Location of Events:

- March 20 | Southwest Region | Clark Center | 1001 Daniel Dr, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
- March 27 | St. Louis Region | Places for People | 1310 Papin St, Suite 101, St. Louis, MO 63103

[Click Here to Register or Learn More](#)

Statewide BHIDD Meeting

This statewide in-person learning collaborative is designed for Behavioral Health (BH) and Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) agencies to network and learn about supporting individuals with co-occurring BH & IDD. Session speakers will highlight the importance of understanding the unique needs of individuals with IDD and how behavioral health challenges can impact daily functioning, relationships, and independence. Attendees will gain practical strategies for adapting supports, therapy approaches, and direct care interventions to promote stability, engagement, and long-term success in the community. **CEUs offered**

Date and Location of Event

- May 14, 2026, | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Capital Ritz | 2716 Plaza Drive, Jefferson City, MO

[Click Here to Register or Learn More](#)

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Claims Validation Soft Launch Follow-Up

MO DSS implemented the soft launch of claims validation for electronic visit verification (EVV) on January 7, 2026. The launch was successful, and MO DSS has begun analyzing the success rate of submitted claims. As a result of this analysis, the following reminders are offered.

The majority of the issues identified were related to a lack of matching visits in the EVV Aggregator Solution (EAS). This could be due to several things, including but not limited to:

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

To ensure claims are paid after the launch of hard edits, providers should not submit a claim for a visit unless the visit is visible in the EAS and is in verified status. Per 13 CSR 70-3.320(3) (G), *EVV vendors must send data to the aggregator solution at least once daily for all dates on which visit data is captured by their provider agencies. Submitting claims before the visit is visible and verified in the EAS will cause your claim to be denied, with no visit found, because the claim could not be matched to a visit in the aggregator.*

For information regarding the EVV claims validation process, visit [the EVV website](#).

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.

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 that participants leave with a clear understanding of how to apply what they 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.

Missouri Open Door FREE Workshop Series

Missouri Open Door (MOD) hosts both a FREE **Government Benefit** and a **Technology Workshop Series**. Each series offers a virtual monthly workshop focused on a specific topic area. Each workshop shares ideas and solutions that can be used immediately. These virtual workshops are open to anyone who wants to learn more about the topic, is looking for a resource, or needs help for themselves or someone they support.

The MOD Benefit Series focuses on Government Benefits and is held on the second Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Upcoming workshop topics for 2026 include (**click on each topic to register**):

- March 11th: [Medicaid Spend Downs](#)
- April 8th: [Brain Injury Association of Missouri](#)
- May 13th: [Community Behavioral Health Liaisons & Behavioral Health Crisis Centers](#)
- June 10th: [Centers for Independent Living](#)
- July 8th: [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- August 12th: [How Medicare fits into Long-Term Care](#)
- September 9th: [Show Me Home Program](#)
- October 14th: [Medicare Open Enrollment for 2027](#)
- November 4th: [Special Health Care Needs Programs](#)

The MOD **Technology Series** focuses on assistive technology and other items that can enhance daily life. The Technology Series is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

- March 25th: [Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Artificial Intelligence but were too Afraid to Ask](#)
- April 22nd: [Smart Homes for Safety, Comfort, and Control](#)
- May 27th: [Parenting Made Easier: Tools, Strategies and Supports](#)
- June 24th: [Removing Barriers to Computer Access](#)
- July 22nd: [Comfort and Confidence for Personal Care](#)
- August 26th: [Adaptive Crafting for All](#)
- September 23rd: [AT for Transitions: Are You Ready?](#)
- October 28th: [Giving People a Voice with Low Tech AAC](#)

November 18th: [And the Award Goes To... Best AT of 2026](#)

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:

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.

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



The **Real Voices/Real Choices (RV/RC)** conference committee is seeking inspiring and informative presentations for the next RV/RC conference, 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.

State Offices Closed

Truman Day, Friday, May 8th
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

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