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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

3/17/26

[Tier 2 Workshop: Check-in/Check-out as a System of Support](#)
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Tier 2 Workshop: Enriched Environments](#)
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[MO DDD & You: What is a Person-Centered Service Plan \(PCSP\)?](#)
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Workforce Development Summit on Second Chance Hiring](#)
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Division of Behavioral Health Tech Summit](#)
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[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities](#)

5/19/26

[Tools of Choice](#)
1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I wanted to talk to you about Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). EVV uses technology to capture point-of-service information related to the delivery of in-home services. It is a way to ensure that a person who says they are providing services at a location is actually there. The 21st Century Cures Act, Section 12006(a), mandates that states implement EVV for all Medicaid personal care services (PCS) and home health services (HHCS) that require an in-home provider visit, no later than January 1, 2023. This includes DDD services like

personal assistant services. Some of the benefits of using EVV are improved health of individuals; reduction in fraud, waste and abuse; elimination of paper documents to verify services; enhanced efficiency and transparency of services; and better data collection and analysis.

CMS is now requiring states to implement the next phase of EVV. This is when providers submit data via EVV and bill Medicaid. A technology system called EVV Aggregator Solution (EAS) then tries to verify data from the EVV submission and the Medicaid claim. Providers must review reports to ensure the data matches and correct any issues before the hard launch. Missouri began the “soft launch” of this phase of EVV in January 2026. After the hard launch, EAS must be able to match the EVV submission and the Medicaid claim data for providers to be paid. The DDD Provider Relations team is reaching out to providers and trying to help them fix any issues. You can find more information and updates on EVV at [the Missouri Department of Social Services Electronic Visit Verification website](#).

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.

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
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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

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

StationMD and the Division of Developmental Disabilities

StationMD and the Division of Developmental Disabilities have partnered to learn more about your health care needs and experiences with the Health Assessment and Coordination (HAC) waiver service, a telehealth program designed to provide quality health care to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your response will help us identify opportunities to connect individuals and families with appropriate services and improve access to specialized support. Please complete this short survey to share your health care experience and help us determine how the HAC service might benefit you and those in your care.

StationMD Engagement Survey

Employment Matters: Online Training Opportunity



Language Issues in Supporting Individuals with Disabilities

Date: March 26, 2026, from 1 to 2:30 pm central - [Register here](#)

Learn about how disability language relates to service provision, and the importance of providing services and supports in a way that is sensitive and responsive. You'll also learn about the ongoing evolution of language in describing people with disabilities, the difference between person-first and identity-first, and the importance of honoring individual preferences. An introduction to Plain Language will also be provided. There is no cost to attend. If you require accommodations to participate, please email Leslie.Quarles@umb.edu.

Post-Discharge Hospital Reimbursement Agreement and Attestation

Post-Discharge Hospital Reimbursement Agreement and Attestation. Limited funding is available for hospitals to receive reimbursement of expenditures related to extended stays of qualifying individuals receiving Department of Mental Health (DMH) services. Reimbursement is considered for individuals eligible for hospital discharge but not discharged for a specified period of time due to a lack of availability within an appropriate community placement. The eligibility criteria for individuals and the required documentation are outlined in the Post-Discharge Hospital Reimbursement Memo.

DMH will accept reimbursement requests at DMH.PPD.Payment@dmh.mo.gov between April 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM)

People First of Missouri

People First of Missouri is a self-advocacy organization in Missouri that has local affiliated chapters across the state. People First of Missouri is a nonprofit organization that promotes equality for people with disabilities so they can live the lives they want in their communities. Learn more about [People First of Missouri](#) and find local chapters by visiting their website or following them on Facebook.

Be sure to check out the [MO DDD & You Webinar from April 2025: Let's Talk about People First](#) to learn more.

WeSaid at the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

The University of Missouri-Kansas City's Institute for Human Development (UMKC-IHD) is the federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) for the state of Missouri. It is a member of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and one of 67 UCEDDs located in every state and United States territory. As an applied research and training center for human services at UMKC, the IHD reports to the Office of the Provost and serves as a bridge between the university and community. They identify and address individual, family, and community needs with a focus on building long-term capacity. They work with a wide variety of partners across all levels — local, state, regional and national — tackling persistent challenges people and families face throughout the life span, from infancy to late adulthood. They focus on community and social belonging for all, striving to improve people's overall quality of life.

[WeSaid](#) at the UCEDD supports people with lived experience in developmental disabilities through numerous channels, including:

- **WeSaid Speakers' Bureau** – Find your next keynote speaker or share your story or expertise.
- **Candace's Corner (Podcast)** – Shares information on important topics for people with lived experience in developmental disabilities.
- **Take FIVE with Skye (Video Series)** – Five-minute episodes, hosted by Skye VanLanduyt, feature people with and without disabilities telling stories about resilience, empowerment and feeling self-determined throughout the human journey.
- **WeSaid Academy (Training and Technical Assistance Center)** – Offers training for and by individuals with lived experience to promote advocacy, self-determination and independence.

Employment First MO Advisory Committee



Do you know a self-advocate who would be interested in serving on the **Employment First MO Advisory Committee**?

This commitment consists of attending four 90-minute virtual meetings per year with a diverse group of employment services and DD professionals. Input from persons with disabilities who have experience accessing various services/systems is **vital** as we discuss how to increase positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities. Please consider recommending a self-advocate to share their voice via this committee! Anyone interested may contact Leslie Quarles at Leslie.Quarles@umb.edu for more information.

Employment First MO Training Opportunity



It's not too late to register for the webinar offered by Employment First Missouri!

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[Language Issues in Supporting Individuals with Disabilities - Registration](#)

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

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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 efforts to remove barriers to full, productive lives across all community areas. Did you know that the official color adopted to represent DDAM is orange? Here at MODDD, we will wear orange on Fridays, but you can also show support by wearing orange clothing or ribbons throughout March to support DDAM.

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 toward 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](#).

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.

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](#).

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 and a link to a [website](#) where you can find treatment and other services available in your area.

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 in the Healthy Living section of the PCSP, or to 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](#).

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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](#).

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](#).



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.



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.

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 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.

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**):

- 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](#)

State Offices Closed

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

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