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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

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.

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](#)

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I wanted to talk to you all about performance measures. I know this topic isn't as fun or exciting as some of the other things I usually talk about, and I really want people to understand what performance measures are and how they can affect our Medicaid Waivers. All state staff, service providers and targeted case management providers must work together to ensure compliance with performance measures. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires states to report on waiver performance measures. DDD has four

Medicaid waivers, including Comprehensive, Community Support, Partnership for Hope, and Missouri Children's Developmental Disabilities. The performance measures assess DDD's waivers across various areas. There are six performance areas: administrative authority, level of care, qualified providers, service plan, health and welfare, and financial accountability. There are multiple performance measures under each of the six areas. DDD must score 86 percent or higher on all performance measures to be compliant. If DDD does not reach 86 percent on a performance measure, CMS can: pause waiver enrollment, make other corrections to ensure health and welfare, withhold Federal payments, and take other actions determined by CMS until DDD is compliant. DDD reports these performance measures in a variety of ways to CMS, including annual reports on health and welfare addressing how any issues were fixed, a report that has three years of data on the performance measures submitted 18 months before the waiver expires, and an explanation of any deficiencies and how they were fixed in the waiver renewal application. Much of the data collected for these performance measures is reliant on inputs from state staff, service providers and targeted case management providers. We really need everyone's help in meeting these performance measures and continuing to deliver excellent waiver service.

How to Use DDD Weekly

DDD Weekly includes links to webinars, training sessions, meetings and other websites with additional information on 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.

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

DDD EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The winners of Employee of the Quarter are:

Connie Spencer, Poplar Bluff - Accountability
Janet Arlen, Rolla - Collaboration

Connie and Janet won the employee of the quarter for exemplifying the DDD's core values of accountability and collaboration. They will be celebrated with a special luncheon at Central Office on April 21, 2026. Congratulations!

Please make sure to send in your nominations for next quarter.

MO HealthNet Provider Update

Upcoming Mandatory Multi-Factor Authentication Implementation for eMOMED

MO HealthNet is implementing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for eMOMED. Starting 5/20/26, all users will be prompted to select and register an MFA method. Options will include SMS, Email, and Authenticator App.

Although MFA verification will not be required or enforced until August, and access to eMOMED will continue as usual until then, we encourage all users to complete the selection process early to ensure a smooth transition.

Please ensure you are receiving provider updates directly from MO HealthNet. To sign up, please visit: [MO DSS News and Updates Sign Up](#)

Employment Resource: Job Accommodation Network

Have you ever worked with an individual and tried to identify accommodations that will enable them to perform job tasks for employment success? The [Job Accommodation Network \(JAN\)](#) is a federally funded resource with extensive information on job accommodations and related issues, including disclosure and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The JAN website contains a large [database of accommodations](#) and a wide variety of articles on accommodation-related topics. [JAN staff are also available](#) to answer specific questions from people with disabilities, service providers, and employers.

Employment Matters: Online Training Opportunity



How to Build Knowledge in Yourself or Your Staff in Order to Move Up the Ladder

Date: April 16, 2026, from 1 to 2:30 pm central

- [Register here](#)

Working for any employer may be difficult especially if you are not aware of what you need to know to be promoted. It is also difficult as a supervisor to promote staff if you are not sure if they possess the knowledge necessary to take the next step. This training breaks down the potential knowledge someone may need to have for each level of supervision. There is no cost to attend. If you require accommodations to participate, please email Nicholas.holz@umb.edu.

April is World Autism Month

Missouri's Office of Autism Services

The Office of Autism Services (OAS) was established in 2008 (633.225 RSMo) to provide leadership in program development for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. OAS is committed to supporting the independence and self-sufficiency of individuals with autism by leading collaborative efforts to improve system supports for individuals with autism and their families.

For additional information or resources, check out the [Office of Autism Services](#) webpage.

Additional Missouri Autism Resources:

- [Understanding Autism](#)
 - [Autism Insurance FAQ's](#)
 - [Missouri Autism Guidelines](#)
 - [Additional Resources](#)
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Employment Matters: How to locate an Employment Service Provider

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) offers an array of employment services to recipients of the Medicaid Waiver. These services are provided by contracted community organizations that are either nationally accredited, licensed, or certified. These Employment Service Providers are located throughout the state of Missouri.

In an effort to provide updated information on available Employment Service Providers, DDD recently updated the [Employment Services website](#) by removing old provider maps and adding a list of employment service providers, the counties they serve, and the employment services they provide. [Employment Service Providers Excel | dmh.mo.gov](#). This list can be filtered by these categories listed above.

If Employment Service Providers would like to update information on the counties they serve or the services they provide, they are encouraged to reach out to Kim.Buckman@dmh.mo.gov.

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

Celebrating the Life and Contributions of Caitlin Bartley

The University of Missouri School of Social Work is honoring our colleague, Caitlin Bartley, during the MU wreath-laying ceremony on Friday, April 10, at 4:00 PM.

[University of Missouri School of Social Work's Post](#)



Would you like to know how Employment First Missouri has assisted agencies across the state?



In the last three months of 2025, we provided services to over twenty agencies (employment providers and Targeted Case Management agencies). These activities included training on several topics, such as job coaching, labor market information, and the ADA; providing guidance to agencies on program structure; and offering valuable mentoring hours.

If you would like more information on how Employment First Missouri can assist you and your agency, please visit our website at: <https://www.employmentfirstmo.org/>

Autism Prevalence

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) releases **ASD prevalence reports** from the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network, based on data collected from 11 communities across the United States. **CDC estimates that about 1 in 31 8-year-old children has been identified with ASD.**

The Missouri Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Project (MO-ADDM) was established in 2003. A Snapshot of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Missouri can be found in the **CDC Community Report on Autism 2025.**

More information, including data, is available on the **CDC's ASD Homepage.**

Due Process Status Updates

Support Coordinators, Service Providers, and Guardians as listed on the DD Due Process Referral Form will start getting a weekly Due Process status update every Friday morning. If you are a Support Coordinator, Service Provider, or Guardian with multiple referrals submitted to the Due Process Review Committee (DPRC), you will get one email notification with all referrals listed along with the status. Once the referral is marked as "Process Completed," it will be listed in the following Friday's email and will then drop off.

Definitions of the "Referral Status":

- **Submitted:** The referral has been submitted to DPRC, but has not yet gone through initial screening or been reviewed by the DPRC.
- **Submitted to Ad Hoc Review Panel:** The referral is submitted as an Emergency Restriction.
- **Screening:** The referral is going through the initial screening process. This is done before the DPRC reviews it to ensure all components are addressed.
- **Referred to Prohibited Practice:** Upon initial screening or during the DPRC, a prohibited practice is discovered, it will be referred to the Behavior Support Review Committee by the Columbus DPRC.
- **Assigned to IRC:** The referral is not complete and needs assistance from the QPS Team to address required components and elements.
- **Assigned to DPRC:** Initial screening is complete. The referral is scheduled for review by the DPRC.
- **Closed by DPRC:** The referral has been reviewed by the DPRC.
- **Processing Complete:** All notifications have been made of the outcome of the screening or DPRC meeting. Columbus DPRC uses this to signal they are finished with the referral.
- **'blank':** The Submitter did not complete all parts of the referral. The referral is stopped because there is not enough information for the committee to move forward.

If you notice a referral on your list where the "Status" column is 'blank' and believe this is a mistake, please

email DDDueProcessCommittee@dmh.mo.gov.

Tiered Supports Summit Call for Posters

The Annual Tiered Supports Summit is calling for posters! Has your organization been working on something interesting? Want to share information about systems, events and trainings? Submit a poster proposal to the email below and share it with providers, direct service personnel, therapists, support coordinators, TCMs, public administrators, and others from across the state of Missouri and bordering states! Have an idea, but not sure where to start?! Our team can support you in building and showcasing your ideas!

Topics could include:

- Building a system in your organization
- Data you'd like to share
- Training events
- New ideas for supporting individuals

The deadline for submissions is May 17th

The Summit will be held on August 20th and 21st at the Wyndham Executive Center.

If you are selected to present a poster, you or a representative must be present at the event.

See more information on our webpage: 20226 Tiered Supports Summit Call for Posters, or reach out to PSC@Dmh.mo.gov for details on submission.

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.

- 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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