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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

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BHIDD – From Crisis to
Progress: Integrating
Therapeutic and
Behavioral Supports
9:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.

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MTS Summit – Register
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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

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I wanted to talk to everyone about Remote Supports (RS). RS is an increasingly important part of the services DDD provides. RS uses technology to provide support to an individual instead of having staff in the same location. RS can monitor an individual's health and safety through various technologies, such as sensors and alerts, that provide real-time data. Individuals can talk with the RS staff through phone calls or video chat. RS technology may be used only with the individual's consent to protect their privacy. Emergency

response staff can be sent to an individual's home, as needed, for in-person assistance.

RS promotes independence, increases self-determination and builds self-confidence. These are things we all want for the people we care about. RS also helps with the Direct Support Professionals (DSP) workforce. The more individuals that use RS, the more DSPs are available when individuals really need in-person support.

Here is one of the many success stories of using RS. *Names and other identifying information have been changed to protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

Joe lived in an Individualized Supported Living (ISL) residence for over a decade. Joe really wanted to live on his own. Joe's support coordinator told Joe about assistive technology and remote supports and connected Joe to providers who could help with those services. Joe spent months preparing to live on his own. After he moved into his apartment, in-person support gradually stepped down. Joe now lives in his apartment with a few hours of personal assistance service weekly and remote support. Joe is very happy living in his own apartment! He says that his favorite part of living on his own is having family over for dinner.

If you are an individual or caregiver interested in learning more about RS, please contact your support coordinator. If you are a provider interested in learning more about RS, please visit [DDD Value-Based Payments Remote Supports](#) for more information about incentives for using remote supports.

Podcasts

**Growing Healthy
Communities: Early
Childhood Edition
Podcast**

**Parents' Point of View
(PPOV) Series**

**NASDDDS Podcast
The Right Questions,
Better Support**

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.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Hard Launch

On January 7, 2026, MO HealthNet (MHD) initiated the soft launch of claims validation for services requiring EVV. During this phase, MHD claims for these services were compared to visit data in the EVV Aggregator Solution (EAS). DDD Provider Relations team has been working with providers since this time to correct errors in reporting to ensure a smooth transition prior to the hard launch phase.

The third phase of the hard launch will impact claims for services requiring EVV delivered by DDD Provider Type 85 providers. This phase will begin October 1, 2026. At that time, claims submitted for services requiring EVV without matching visits in the EAS will be denied.

Please see the [EVV Hard Launch Provider Bulletin](#) for more detailed information.

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Individuals enrolled in the [Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\)](#) are NOT eligible for any Medicaid-funded programs and services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), including Targeted Case Management (Support Coordination), Home and Community-Based Waiver services and DDD Health Home services. PACE is a comprehensive health care, social, recreational, and wellness service that supports older adults to live safely in their homes instead of nursing facilities. All needs must be coordinated through the individual's PACE provider.

MO HealthNet Record Review Request

On July 1, 2026, MHD requested records from **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**, from the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Targeted Case Management (TCM), Technical Assistance Coordinator (TAC) Supervisors will be provided with a list of the individuals whose records are needed.

Records are due to MO HealthNet no later than August 13, 2026.

The following records are required for review:

- A copy of the Level of Care (LOC) determination form covering the current review period plus the previous LOC to determine whether the LOC was completed within 365 days of the previous LOC.
 - A copy of the Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) for the current review period plus the previous PCSP to determine if the PCSPs were completed yearly. Also, include any updated and/or revised PCSPs for the current review period.
 - Medicaid Waiver Choice Statement(s).
 - Provider/Services Choice Statement(s) for all waiver services in the plan.
 - A copy of the tool/assessment as it applies: MAAS or any other tool/assessment used to determine the LOC.
 - CEMOR a copy of all service authorizations only covering this review period.
 - Support Coordinator Monthly reviews and/or Quarterly reviews.
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Engaging in Transportation Advocacy

Transportation is typically identified as one of the biggest barriers to employment for people with disabilities. An important part of expanding transportation options is connecting with and providing input and feedback to transportation agencies. There are many opportunities in Missouri for individuals with disabilities, service providers, and other stakeholders to connect with those who are experts on transportation in their area, and who are making decisions about how transportation resources are used.

The [Missouri Department of Transportation website](#) has information on transportation activities, public meetings, and contacts for each of the MODOT districts. Take a look to learn more about transportation developments in your area. Reach out to your district's staff to learn more about transportation resources in your region and how to get more engaged in the transportation planning process.

Missouri Tiered Supports Quarter 3: Newsletter

In the 3rd Quarter Tiered Supports Newsletter, we are putting the spotlight on our Tier 2 Risk Prevention team. Follow the link to learn the primary functions of Tier 2, who the Risk Prevention Consultants (RPC's) across the state are, and get an early sneak peek at the new personalized Tier 2 trainings coming this fall! And join us at our Annual Tiered Support Summit August 20th and 21st. Access the registration site in the newsletter and get more information!

[Click here to access the quarter 3 newsletter.](#)

Want to learn more about Tiered Supports? [Click here to visit our website.](#)

Employment First – A Shared Mission

It's especially exciting for the Employment First Missouri team to see service providers across regions connect and provide mentorship, recognizing the importance of working together to push the needle in improving employment outcomes for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Hanna Harvill of Independence Center of Ste. Genevieve recently shared her appreciation for Janice Hinson of Warren County Pathfinders.

"From the beginning of the Independence Center's efforts to add Employment Services to our contract, Janice and I connected and have continued to stay in touch as our programs have grown. What started as a virtual introduction has developed into an ongoing relationship where she has generously shared her experience, resources, and guidance - including forms, documentation, materials, and even opportunities for shadowing.

More recently, we were able to reconnect in person at the APSE Employment University, where we had meaningful conversations about our internal structures, including staffing, caseloads, job roles, and ideas around policy and procedure development.

As I continue to grow in Employment Services, Janice has been an incredible resource. Her willingness to collaborate and support another organization has been truly appreciated. We are both aligned in our *shared mission* to expand access to high-quality services and support as many individuals as possible in achieving greater independence and success."

If you are interested in connecting with peers who share an Employment First Mission, contact our Employment First Team who can help connect you. [Employment First Missouri](#)

Alt text for photo: Featured in the photo include Hanna Harville (left) and Janice Hinson (right) stand together smiling; Hanna wears a floral dress, and Janice wears a pink V-neck shirt. Both are smiling.



MO Talent Pathways (MO TAP): Helping People Changing Lives



Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the foundation of quality services. Investing in the stabilization and success of DSPs strengthens individuals, providers, and communities. Through MO TAP, a registered apprenticeship program for DSPs, employers are building a more skilled, confident, and stable workforce while creating career opportunities for DSPs.

One of the most encouraging outcomes of the program is workforce stability. MO TAP has achieved a 60% retention rate, exceeding the state average. This demonstrates that when DSPs receive structured training, mentorship, and opportunities for professional growth, they are more likely to remain in the field.

Beyond retention, participants consistently report increased confidence in their skills, professional growth, and improved quality in the care they provide. Watch our video featuring DSP graduates from the MO TAP program to hear more about the impact MO TAP has in helping people changing lives.

[Missouri Talent Pathway \(MOTAP\) Registered Apprenticeships: Series 2](#)

If you are interested in participating in MO Talent Pathways or learning more email MOTAP@dmh.mo.gov.

Quarterly, Semi-Annual, & 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 4, second semi-annual reporting, and 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 April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

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 January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

Annual reporting for the National Core Indicator (NCI) State of the Workforce Survey incentive is open and covers the performance period from the release of the survey through June 30, 2026.

The quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reporting period will close August 15, 2026, at 11:59pm, CST. Data must be submitted and in complete status within REDCap to be eligible for 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.

July is Disability Pride Month

During the month of July, we will celebrate Disability Pride Month under the 2026 national theme: ***The World Works Better With Us.***

This July also marks the 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark piece of legislation that expanded civil rights and opportunities for people with disabilities.

At the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Division of Developmental Disabilities, we believe every person deserves the opportunity to pursue the life they choose. Throughout the month, we'll celebrate the voices, leadership, talents, and contributions of people with developmental disabilities while sharing resources, stories, and ways we can all help create more inclusive communities. Follow along all our social media channels and the DDD Weekly to learn more.

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

BHIDD Virtual Training

Registration Now Open!

Training Name | From Crisis to Progress: Integrating Therapeutic and Behavioral Supports

Date | July 23, 2026

Time | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Description | Collaboration across disciplines is essential to providing comprehensive, individualized care for individuals in the Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (BHIDD) population. This presentation will explore how *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and counseling services can work together to enhance treatment outcomes* through a multidisciplinary approach. The speakers will discuss best-practice strategies, treatment modifications, and collaborative interventions designed to address behavioral and mental health concerns. Attendees will gain insight into how behavioral and therapeutic approaches can complement one another to create person-centered support plans tailored to an individual's unique needs. Case examples will be reviewed to demonstrate the practical application and effectiveness of collaborative **care models**.

Register Here: <https://cvent.me/GL1dDa>.

East and Northwest Missouri Autism Projects Family Flexible Assistance Program FY27 Funding Announcement

The Family Flexible Assistance Program (FFAP) application period for FY27 will open on **July 22, 2026, at 10:00 am (CST)** for eligible individuals with autism enrolled with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DMH-DDD) who live in the:

- East Missouri Autism Project (EMAP) region
- Northwest Missouri Autism Project (NWMAP) region

Applications close on August 20, 2026, at 11:59 pm (CST).

Please review your regional funding announcement and the [EMAP](#) or [NWMAP](#) webpage for:

- Counties served
- Funding details
- Priority consideration information
- Application instructions and link

Important Reminders:

- Because funding is limited, submitting an application does not guarantee funding.
- Apply only if you expect to use the full award amount during the fiscal year.
- Funds must be used by June 30, 2027.
- Keep receipts for eligible purchases made on or after July 1, 2026.
- Award notifications will be sent in December 2026.

If you are unsure whether FFAP funding is needed or if a support/service is allowable, please contact the [Office of Autism Services](#) before applying.

Helpful Resources

Before applying, review:

- [FFAP Program Guide](#)
 - [FFAP webpage](#)
 - [Allowable Expense Quick Reference](#)
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Removal of Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS) in Response to General Revenue Shortfall

The budget passed by the Missouri General Assembly and submitted to the Governor for signature did not include funding for two services **beginning July 1, 2026**: Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS). Therefore, CS and IDGS will be removed as services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). CS and IDGS will be removed from the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers administered by DDD upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please refer to the corresponding [Removal of CS and IDGS Memo](#) and [Removal of CS and IDGS Provider Bulletin](#). Questions and comments should be directed to ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

Tiered Supports Summit Registration is Open!

The Missouri Tiered Supports Summit will be held at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, MO, on Thursday and Friday, August 20-21, 2026. The Summit will include presentations from change agents from across the country sharing experiences, resources, and implementation strategies, with keynote speakers Dr. Ruth Anne Rehfeldt and Dr. Timothy Weil. Sessions will highlight the community-level impact of Tiered Systems of Support and strategies to maximize the implementation of evidence-based practices across environments.

The early bird registration rate is \$25. Register by **July 1st** secure this rate. After this date, the registration fee will increase to \$35. This fee includes continuing education. MBHC will provide behavioral health contact hours to event attendees. The Department of Mental Health will be offering BACB® CEUs.

[Click this link to register.](#)

Early bird special is 25.00!



DATES AND COST BREAKDOWN

Main Conference | August 20 - 21, 2026

Price: | Early Bird Rate: \$25. Register by July 1st to secure this rate. After this date, the registration fee will increase to \$35.



LOCATION

Wyndham Executive Center
2200 I-70 Drive SW
Columbia, MO 65203



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Phone | 573-416-0447

Online | [Book Here](#)

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](#)):

- August 12: [How Medicare fits into Long-Term Care](#)
- September 9: [Show Me Home Program](#)
- October 14: [Medicare Open Enrollment for 2027](#)
- November 4: [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.

- July 22: [Comfort and Confidence for Personal Care](#)
- August 26: [Adaptive Crafting for All](#)
- September 23: [AT for Transitions: Are You Ready?](#)
- October 28: [Giving People a Voice with Low Tech AAC](#)
- November 18: [And the Award Goes To... Best AT of 2026](#)

State Offices Closed

Labor Day, Monday, September 7

Columbus Day, October 12

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