DDD Weekly

October 22, 2026



Director Sheila Wunning

Director's Corner

Director Wunning is traveling and will share her insights again in the last week of October.

If you have questions about how to use the DDD Weekly, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

Get Involved

Trainings and Workshops

Tools for Everyone
Tools of Choice is focused on the implementation of universal positive practices. It covers key concepts such as what is behavior, building positive relationships, and how to increase desirable behavior.

Upcoming Sessions

- 11/4/2026: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Podcasts

- Growing Healthy Communities: Office of Autism Services
- Parents' Point of View (PPOV) Series
- NASDDDS: The Right Questions, Better Support

Ongoing Meetings

Employment First Support Coordinator Community of Practice
2nd Tuesday of the Month
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MO Open Door Benefit Series on Government Benefits
2nd Wednesday of the Month

- 11/4/2026 Special Health Care Needs Program

MO Open Door Series Technology Workshop
4th Wednesday of the month

- 10/28/2026 Giving People a Voice with Low Tech AAC
- 11/18/2026 And the Award Goes To…Best AT of 2026

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Missouri Department of Conservation – Accessible Outdoors

The Missouri Department of Conservation is dedicated to making outdoor recreation accessible to all Missourians with disabilities. Many of the state's conservation areas have improved accessible facilities and options available to help with navigation and to assist users with experiencing Missouri's outdoors. These accommodations range from smaller fishing devices to larger mobility devices. People using mobility devices are sometimes limited to where they can go due to rocky trails and uneven paths. Missouri's State Parks are hoping to alleviate some of those barriers by offering **all-terrain track chairs** and **adaptive beach chairs**. All of these accommodations are available at no cost, but advance reservations must be made. Explore the **accessibility information** on the Missouri State Parks website to find out which parks have chairs available and to read the user agreements. Questions can be sent to **moparks@dnr.mo.gov** or call 1-800-334-6946.

Missouri Tiered Supports Quarter 4 Newsletter

In this edition of the quarterly Tiered Supports newsletter, we are highlighting the 2026 Tiered Supports Summit. Follow the link below to see who our keynote speakers were as well as some fun pictures from the Summit. A huge thank you to those who participated and facilitated breakout sessions! Continue reading to see a detailed breakdown of our Tier 3 Intensive Supports team and see a flow chart of the team!

Click here to access the quarter 4 newsletter.

Want to learn more about Tiered Supports? **Click here to visit our website.**

Missouri Mental Health Foundation Seeking Champion Nominations

Every year, three individuals from Missouri, who have worked to overcome challenges in their lives, have a positive impact on others, and who have contributed to their communities, are chosen as Missouri Mental Health Champions.

Each year an award recipient is selected from each of the three nomination categories: mental illness, developmental / intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders. The chosen champions are celebrated at the annual Mental Health Champions' Awards banquet held in their honor at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO.

The Missouri Mental Health Foundation is currently accepting nominations until **November 14, 2026**. Visit the **Mental Health Champions website** for additional details on how to make a nomination or call 573-635-9201.

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Wait List for Comprehensive, Community Support and Partnership for Hope Waivers Effective October 15, 2026

Effective October 15, 2026, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) implemented waitlists for new enrollments in the PfH, CSW, and Comp waiver programs. This measure is necessary due to current budget limitations and to ensure DDD operates responsibly within available resources. Currently, there is no estimated end date for the wait lists. Individuals currently participating in any waiver will continue to do so. More information can be found in this **Wait List Memo October 15, 2026**.

Registration is now open for the upcoming BHIDD Regional Learning Collaboratives!

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What to Expect: These in-person networking events bring together provider, service coordination, clinical, and administrative professionals who support individuals with co-occurring behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability (BHIDD) needs.

The events focus on strengthening collaboration and service coordination across behavioral health and IDD systems through presentations, peer learning, and networking opportunities. Participants will share experiences, explore challenges, discuss promising practices, and learn from one another.

Participants will also have the option to tour a local BHIDD residential setting to see services and supports in practice. Tour space may be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date and Location of Events:

- November 18 | Southeast Region | 686 Lester Street, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
- December 10 | Kansas City Region | 4141 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64130

EVV Office Hours

October 27, 2026: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **Join Here**

The Division invites all Personal Assistant Providers to Office Hours. The office hours will be available for any questions providers have about EVV and where to find EVV resources.
Presenters:
Samantha Cook, Statewide Business Analyst
Holly Reiff, Provider Relations Director

Target Audience: Personal Assistant Providers

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MO DDD & You: Overview of Olmstead

October 27, 2026,12:30 PM - 1:00 PM **Join Here**

Agenda:

This 30-minute lunch-and-learn webinar will provide participants with an overview of the Olmstead decision. Participants will learn about the history of Olmstead, how the Olmstead decision impacted disability services, and hear about current efforts in the developmental disability field around Olmstead.

Presenters:
Lisa Nothaus, Supporting Families Lead, Division of Developmental Disabilities;
David Baker, Missouri Assistive Technology Project
Katheryne Staeger-Wilson, Program Coordinator; Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council

Target Audience: Families/caregivers, individuals/self-advocates, and other interested stakeholders

2026 Annual Oversight RN Webinar

November 10, 2026, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM **Join Here**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) invites you to attend the 2026 Annual Residential Oversight RN Webinar on November 10th, 2026, from 9 am – 12 pm. Presentations this year will discuss Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders, Developmental Disabilities Health Home, Medication Aide updates, HRST process changes, and other DDD updates. Participants must attend the entire webinar to receive a certificate. Each participant needs to register and sign in to the webinar independently using their email to receive attendance credit.

**Participants need to sign in individually with their email. Call-in users are not verifiable.

Presenters:
Dr. Angeline Stanislaus, DMH Chief Medical Director
Jade Byrd, Firefly DD Health Home Director
Shyla Brauch, DD Health Home, Federal Programs Program Manager
Ingrid Durbin, BSN, RN, Intellect Ability HRST Clinical Service Representative
Leslie DeGroat, RN, DDD Statewide Clinical Coordinator
Tricia Parker, BSN, RN, DDD Community Programs Clinical Coordinator
Target Audience: Residential Oversight RNs, other interested stakeholders

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Partners in Policymaking – Applications Now Being Accepted

Attention self-advocates/adults with I/DD and parents/guardians of young children with I/DD the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC) invites you to apply to the 2027 Partners in Policymaking (PiP) program.

This program provides a tremendous opportunity to people to enhance their leadership and advocacy skills while hearing from national speakers and learning about best practices in the field of I/DD. Participants will learn about disability policy, education, employment, housing, public policy, assistive technology, community organizing, and more.

The 2027 PiP class runs January-September 2027 and is free. Class size is limited and applicants are selected to participate. Participants are expected to attend and engage in each class and must complete homework assignments, including a final project, before graduating.

The deadline to apply is **November 16, 2026**. Learn more about the Partners in Policymaking program and find a link to the application on the **MODDC's website**. If you need assistance or have questions, call MODDC at 1-800-500-7878 or contact Courtney Leader, Program Coordinator, at **mailto:partnersinpolicymaking26@gmail.com**

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