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. Business Acumen Learning Collaborative for Disability Organizations

Missouri was one of five states chosen to receive an award through the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD). This award provides technical assistance through national experts to support state leadership in the development of innovative practices designed to improve the quality of care and health for individuals with IDD. Missouri's team will strategize to develop marketing and communication tools to negotiate with healthcare providers/plans, to manage risk, utilize technology, and ultimately improve healthcare access and outcomes for people with IDD. By sharing these strategies with the provider community and other stakeholders, Missouri will build community-based networks that work collaboratively across multiple state and local agencies. Success will be measured through improved health outcomes along with reduced pharmaceutical, hospital and emergency room costs.

The Missouri Team includes participants from: Mo HealthNet, Division of Senior and Disability Services, Mo. Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council, Institute for Human Development at UMKC, Missouri Alliance for Home Care, Missouri Council for In-Home Services, community service providers and targeted case management agencies.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announcement and additional information about the learning collaborative can be found at: https://www.acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/five-state-teams-selected-disability-network-business-acumen-learning

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