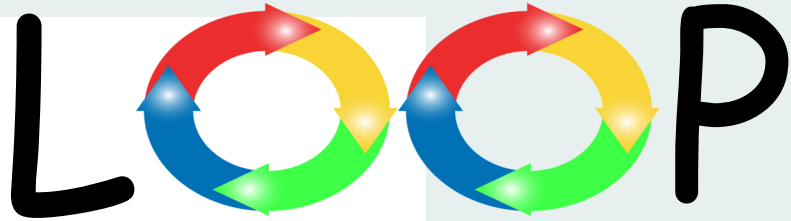


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Mark Your Calendar!
Real Voices/Real Choices
“Building a Better Tomorrow”
August 28-30, 2022

The Missouri Mental Health Foundation (MMHF) and the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) presents the Real Voices – Real Choices 2022 conference. This year’s conference will be held in person on August 28-30, 2022, at Margaritaville Lake Resort (formerly Tan-Tar-A) in Osage Beach, MO.

The conference committee is actively looking for presenters. The deadline for presenter applications is May 13. Additional information is available on their [website](#).

EZ Readers Available

What is an EZ Reader? The goal of an EZ Reader is to provide information in a clear and easy-to-understand format that benefits people of different age groups with various reading levels or needs. EZ Readers present information along with supporting illustrations or graphics and uses plain language that helps increase a readers ability to understand the material.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities, in partnership with UMKC-LifeCourse Nexus, has created six EZ Reader booklets that are available for viewing and downloading. Those EZ Reader topics include:

- Say No to Abuse and Neglect
- Know Your Rights and Responsibilities
- What is Your Individual Support Plan?
- What is Medicaid/MO Healthnet?
- What is the MO Division of Developmental Disabilities?
- Ways to Help Keep You Healthy

The EZ Readers are can be found on the Division’s [Self-Determination webpage](#).

April is Autism Awareness/Acceptance Month! Watch for email blasts and Facebook posts as the Division helps promote awareness.

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A continued Division priority is to provide timely updates to all stakeholders on the ConneXion Case Management System Implementation Project. ConneXion has a dedicated [webpage](#) with updates and information about the project.

A ConneXion walkthrough demonstration of configured modules was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. A recording of the walkthrough and a question/answer document will be sent out in the coming weeks.

The project is currently 70% complete. The gathering requirements portion of the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2022. Next, the project will be shifting focus to planning of testing and training. FEI's Development team will be finishing the configuration/build of ConneXion during summer 2022. Training will occur February – May 2023 for the anticipated Go-Live date of May 16, 2023.

| Project Phase | Actual % Work Complete | Health Indicator |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Phase 1: Start-Up/Planning | 100% | Green |
| Phase 2: Design & Build/ | 81% | Green |
| Phase 3: Testing | 26% | Green |
| Phase 4: Deployment/ | 43% | Green |
| Phase 5: Stabilization/ | 25% | Green |
| Phase 6: Close-Out Phase | 0% | Green |

Your Input is Needed! Missouri Quality Outcomes (MOQO) Town Hall Forums

The Division of Developmental Disabilities continues to reach out to self-advocates and families to encourage them to review and provide important feedback about the Missouri Quality Outcomes (MOQO) through Town Hall Forums. The Division, in partnership with UMKC, will continue to host Town Hall forums through mid-May.

The MOQOs were created with input from self-advocates and family members and they serve as a framework that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead self-determined lives. For more information about the MOQOs, check out the [Talking Point Series](#). To participate in a Town Hall Forum and provide your feedback, contact Eryiel Mascardo at emascardo@umkc.edu or Caitlin Bartley at caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov.

Stay Connected

A Division priority is to provide ongoing and consistent communication with all stakeholders, including individuals, families, service and case management providers, service partners, and state team members. To promote timely and effective messaging, the Division uses a variety of approaches, including [monthly information webinars](#), [daily email blasts](#), [Social Media Connections](#), [YouTube](#), and the [Division website updates](#). If you have not done so already, you are encouraged to participate in Division communication efforts and share these efforts with others.

