MISSOURI DIVISION OF **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Improving lives THROUGH supports and services THAT FOSTER self-determination.

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March is Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month

Using People-First language emphasizes the person first, rather than a disability or a diagnosis. A person's disability is only a part of who they are. Words are influential, and they can have a powerful lasting impact. For more information, check out these resources:

- Communicating With and About People with Disabilities
- People First Language
- Disability Etiquette and People First Language