

Mental Health Mondays

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How many open referrals are there?

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What's going on with Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (BHIDD) in Missouri? In Missouri, 153 people with BH/IDD need a new community residential provider. Their need for behavior support exacerbates the challenges in finding a provider with the capacity to support them in the current environment of healthcare staffing shortages.

## What are we doing to help?

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) have partnered with providers to identify common behavioral themes that require additional support, current service options, and minor alterations to service implementation that can help individuals with BHIDD have a better quality of life.

The priority is on individuals with the greatest need first: the **people with BHIDD currently boarding in a hospital, jail, or homeless shelter.** 

The DMH and MBHC have started contacting multiple providers to receive feedback regarding the submission of proposals for the development, start-up, and furnishing costs of space/units to meet the needs of this BHIDD population.

## Training opportunities to support providers:

The DMH and MBHC are creating a BHIDD learning collaborative that will launch in January 2024.

The National Center for Start Services has many professional development and training resources available for those that support people with BHIDD: <u>https://centerforstartservices.org/training-professional-development</u>

The Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities National Training Center has Learn Now Training Modules in addition to other helpful resources: <u>https://www.mhddcenter.org/learn-now/?tx\_post\_tag=training</u>



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