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THAT FOSTER self-determination.

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National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) – Employment First Missouri

Celebrated annually in October, NDEAM spotlights the contributions individuals with disabilities have as part of our statewide workforce and the importance of supporting individuals with pathways to employment. The Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) has made [employment a priority](#) as part of individuals living a self-determined life given the improved health, mental health, social and financial advantages associated with community integrated employment. No cost training and technical assistance is made available through DD funding for scaling fidelity of national best practice through [Employment First Missouri](#), benefits planning [Work Incentives Practitioner certification](#) through Cornell University, and information on the ability to balance earned income and benefits through [Missouri Disability Benefits 101](#).

To learn more about these training and resources visit [Promoting Employment](#) or email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov with a subject line of **Employment First**

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