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April is World Autism Month

The Missouri Commission on Autism Update

Per House Bill 432, the Missouri Commission on Autism reconvened in January 2022 to develop an "Autism Roadmap for Missouri" that encompasses the lifespan of a person living with autism. The roadmap includes best practices for care and services within healthcare, education, vocational support, community resources, and highlights opportunities for improvement. The commission is currently drafting recommendations for Phase II and have started work on Phase III.

The commission is charged with addressing four phases:

- 1. Transitioning to adulthood
- 2. Early identification and intervention
- 3. Access to care
- 4. Challenging behavior and crisis care

For more information, check out the <u>Missouri Commission on Autism</u> the Division's webpage.



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