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ParentLink

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Looking for information, resources, and connections about parenting, family, home, and daily living supports? Consider contacting [ParentLink](#). ParentLink is available to all Missourians through the University of Missouri-Columbia and focuses on creating healthy environments where families and children develop and thrive. The professionals at ParentLink provide problem-solving supports, help make connections to resources, and offer support through various programs, including:

- Tel-Link (maternal and child health line) 1-800-835-5465
- Warmline calls: connect with Family Support Specialists 1-800-552-8522 or 573-882-7323
- Kin-4-Kid Line: Kinship Navigator Line (for kinship caregivers/grandfamilies/foster parents) 1-833-546-4543
- Navigator System of Care (SE Missouri region)
- Child developmental screenings
- Planned Fun Fest Events for Families (Columbia area)
- Resources, information, and support for incarcerated parents
- Support for kinship families (foster/caregivers/grandfamilies)
- Parenting materials and resources: Contact or follow ParentLink for more information. Call 1-800-552-8522 or e-mail ParentLink@missouri.edu; or find ParentLink on [Facebook](#).



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Registration is open! **19th Annual Thompson Center Autism Conference**

St. Charles Convention Center
St. Charles, MO
September 12-13, 2024

Visit the [Conference site](#) to register and find additional information including the conference schedule, speaker information, conference facilities, hotel information, and more.

Parent Conference

***Attention Parents, grandparents, and caregivers
of individuals with Autism.***

The Thompson Center is inviting parents, grandparents, and caregivers to attend a separate one-day conference on
Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

10:15am-4:15pm

Registration for this event is \$20.00 (lunch provided).
For more information about this event and to register,
visit Thompson Center's

[Parent Conference](#) page or call 1-573-882-2077.

The deadline to register is September 6, 2024.



FREE Webinar:

Ticket to Work Health Assurance 2024: What's Changed

July 16, 2024

12:00pm – 1:00pm

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC) and the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) will discuss updates and myths about the Ticket to Work program as well as insights about how people with disabilities can be more self-sufficient through being employed.

Sandy Keyser and Charles Bentley, who both have many years of experience in the field, will be joining the call as the guest speakers. Sandy has worked as a support coordinator, an Employment First Specialist, and now as a benefits counselor. Charles Bentley is a Medicaid Consultant for DMH and has years of experience with Medicaid eligibility and other cash assistance programs at the Department of Social Services. All participants must [register](#) for the call.

American Academy
of Pediatrics

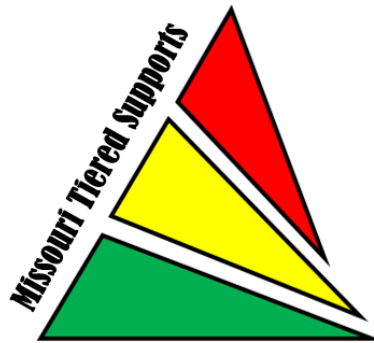


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A [policy statement](#), dated May 28, 2024, from the American Academy of Pediatrics provides guidance to pediatricians on how to help teenagers with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)

and their families navigate the transition to adulthood with regards to their healthcare. The policy statement outlines considerations of steps pediatricians should take, which includes starting conversations with the youth and the youth's support care team about healthcare decision-making. These conversations should begin when the youth is between the ages of 12 and 14 years old. The policy further suggests pediatricians should promote autonomy in their patients and support the least restrictive alternative method of decision-making necessary that meets their patient's needs.

Pediatricians should become familiar with the needs related to basic human rights and dignity for people with IDD, understand current terms and concepts in decision-making, and know what the current alternative decision-making processes are from least to most restrictive. Lastly, the policy statement provides practitioners with a list of resources to explore that promote autonomy, self-advocacy, person-centered planning, and decision-making alternatives.



Registration is Now Open

2024 Tiered Support Summit

August 5 & 6, 2024

Holiday Inn Executive Center Columbia, MO

Join the Division of Developmental Disabilities Tiered Supports team and the Missouri Behavioral Health Council for this two day summit. The summit will include change agents from across the country as well as a poster session and resource fair. Keynote speakers Dr. Anthony Biglan, author of *The Nurture Effect*, and Dr. Nicole Kanaman will

share innovative and inspiring evidence based practices and resources focused on improving the quality of life across Missouri.

Learn more about Tiered Supports, see implementation examples from Missouri and the United States, and get connected to resources for every stage of implementation.

Registration fee is \$10 per person and includes CEUs.

Location: Holiday Inn Executive Center - 2200 Interstate 70 Dr. SW, Columbia, MO 65203

Hotel Reservations are the responsibility of the attendee.
Call 888-465-4329 for more information.

For more information about Tiered Supports, available trainings, and positive behavior support resources, visit the **Division website**.



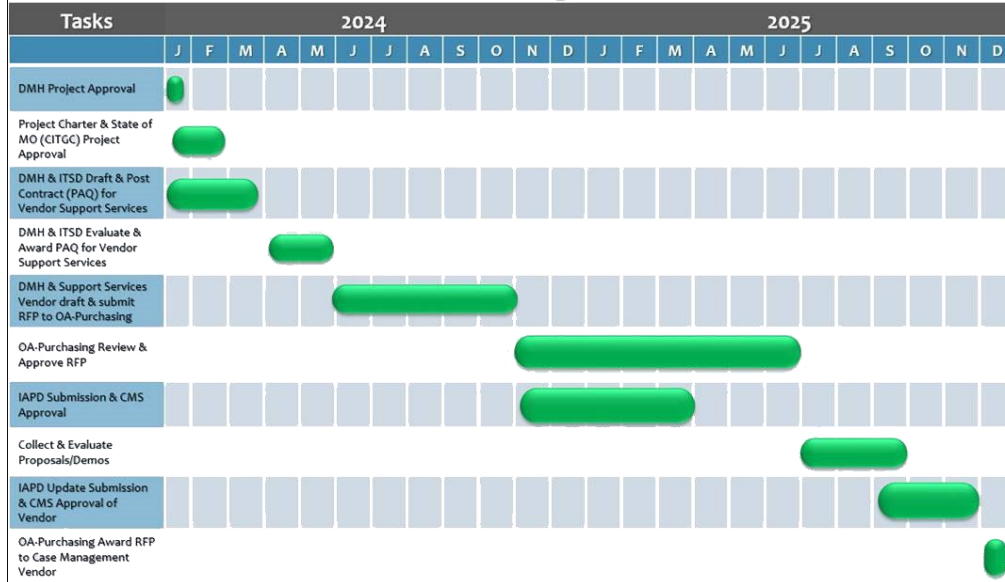
[Division of Developmental Disabilities

A Division priority is to provide timely updates to all stakeholders on the ConneXion Case Management System Planning and Procurement Project. ConneXion has a dedicated **webpage** with updates and information about the project.

The Division is seeking a new electronic case and financial management system to support the lifecycle of consumer care including information and referral; intake; assessment and reassessment; person centered care planning and service authorization; service delivery and payment; case closure; and reporting. The Division is currently in the Planning and Procurement phase of the project. The Division anticipates a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released for bid in summer 2025. Review the ConneXion **overview** for updated information regarding the restart of the ConneXion project.

The estimated ConneXion Planning and Procurement timeline is shown below.

Estimate of Connexion Planning & Procurement Timeline



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