

## Improving lives THROUGH supports and services THAT FOSTER Self-determination.

## **April is World Autism Month**

## The Missouri Commission on Autism Update

The Missouri Commission on Autism is charged with developing 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, and community resources, and highlights opportunities for improvement. The commission is currently drafting recommendations for Phase 3 and have started work on Phase 4.

Work is being conducted in 4 phases:

- 1. Transitioning to adulthood
- 2. Screening, Diagnosis, and Early Interventions for Young Children with Autism
- 3. Access to care
- 4. Complex Behavioral Needs and Crisis Care

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



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