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DDD Weekly



Director's Corner

On Monday, I had the privilege of presenting an update on the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to self-advocates at the Real Voices, Real Choices Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. After the presentation, I was able to sit down with several attendees to hear about their experiences and perspectives. These conversations are always meaningful, and I look forward to continuing them as we work together to strengthen our services.

Later that day, I traveled to Baltimore with members of our DDD team to attend the ADVancing States Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Conference. I'm especially proud that some of our staff are presenting at this event, showcasing the innovative and high-quality HCBS services we are building here in Missouri for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

This conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn from others across the country, share the great work happening here at home, and bring back new ideas that will help us continue moving forward together.

Become a Peer Mentor and Share Your Strengths with Others

Are you a parent, family member, or person with a disability who has experience navigating challenges or do you support someone with a disability or special healthcare need? Want to make a meaningful impact in someone else's life?



Consider joining the Sharing Our Strengths (SOS) program as a Peer Mentor!

As a Peer Mentor, you will:

- Offer support and guidance to families who are navigating similar experiences.
- Share your wisdom, advice, and insights gained from your own journey.
- Be a listening ear for someone who needs to know they are not alone.
- Celebrate the small victories and provide encouragement along the way.

Don't miss the last opportunity to become a Peer Mentor in 2025!

There are three upcoming informational meetings to get involved before the end of the year.

Dates for upcoming trainings:

September 16 @ 11:00am

October 15 @ 9:00am

November 6 @ 2:00pm

For more information about becoming a Peer Mentor, visit the [SOS website](#) or contact Missouri Family-to-Family at 1-800-444-0841 or e-mail: mofamilytofamily@umkc.edu.

I/DD Dual Eligibility Information

In Fiscal Year 2025, Missouri participated in the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS) Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Duals Innovation Cohort. This cohort worked to help NASDDDS develop a toolkit of resources regarding Dual Eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid. These resources will help explain how Medicare and Medicaid work together, as well as help individuals and families navigate dual eligibility. For more information, materials, and resources please see [Missouri's materials](#) or visit [the NASDDDS I/DD Dual Eligibility Toolkit](#).

ConneXion Update

A DDD priority is to provide timely updates to everyone on the ConneXion Case Management System Planning & Procurement Project. ConneXion has a dedicated [webpage](#) with updates and information about the project.

DDD is seeking a new electronic case and financial management system, including information and referral; intake; assessment; reassessment; person-centered care planning; service authorization; service delivery; payment; case closure; and reporting.

DDD is currently in the planning and procurement phase of the project and anticipates a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released for competitive bid by the beginning of 2026. DDD has contracted with HealthTech Solutions (HTS) to complete an RFP for a SaaS/COTS Case and Financial Management system and is currently 73% complete to date. DDD and HTS completed a full review of the Requirement Traceability Matrix (RTM) in April.

Please review the ConneXion [overview](#) to get a project background. Please reach out to the Project Manager, Jennifer Harrison (jennifer.m.harrison@dmh.mo.gov) for any questions regarding the project.



DDD continues to work to improve care coordination for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through the electronic Long-Term Services and Supports (eLTSS) Health Information Exchange Phase 2 Project.

DDD, with support from the Office of Administration Information Technology Services Division (OA-ITSD), has made a web application for State Support Coordinators to create Person-Centered Service Plans (PCSP) digitally. A part of the PCSP data will be put into the HL7® eLTSS FHIR® format so it can be shared with providers through the eLTSS application programming interfaces (APIs) that this project is developing.

Our participating Health Information Networks (HIN) are working with:

- Easterseals,

- StationMD,
- SETWorks, and the
- University of Missouri Department of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics and Medical Epidemiology (BBME).

The provider partners will help design the eLTSS, technology so, the PCSP information is readily accessible to them when they serve individuals with IDD.

Self-Directed Supports Communication for New Reason Codes

In February 2025, the 999 "Other" Reason Code was removed from Acumen's DCI system. When a time entry is corrected manually, a Reason Code is required. On August 20th, 2025, two (2) additional Reason Codes will be added to Acumen's DCI system to enhance EVV compliance. The new Reason Codes listed below will now be available to utilize when entering historical entries into Acumen's DCI system.

Reason Code #260: Budget Authorization Pending at Time of Service

To be used when the budget authorization is not available in DCI at the time service is provided, and time is entered manually when the budget does become available.

Reason Code #270: Did Not Comply with Service/Program Requirements

To be used when time entries reject due to business rules established by the program. Examples that would create a need for historical entries are:

- If one employee clocks in before the previous employee for the individual clocks out, the visit is rejected.
- If the time an individual clocks out puts them over 40 hours worked that week, the visit is rejected.

Not sure which code to use?

If you're ever unsure about which code to use, your Acumen agent is available to help. Using the right code helps make sure time gets entered correctly and avoids problems later.

East and Northwest Missouri Autism Projects Family Flexible Assistance Program FY26 Application Period Has Closed

The Northwest and East Missouri Autism Projects utilize the Family Flexible Assistance Program (FFAP) to help serve Missouri Autism Project families in these two regions.

The FFAP allows families and individuals choice and flexibility in accessing resources, supports, and services.

The FY26 FFAP application period has closed. **The next funding opportunity will open in July 2026.**

There were over 4000 applications received and all applications must be reviewed to ensure eligibility requirements have been met. The OAS team is working as quickly as possible to expedite this process. You will receive information via email regarding your award status in the coming months.

Individuals and families are encouraged to contact their Support Coordinator to ensure contact information is up to date (e.g., your email and/or postal mailing address) and sign up for the **Division Email Blasts** to receive timely Division updates.

If you have program specific questions you may **email** a Missouri Autism Project Specialist.

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD)

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) is preparing for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), which takes place every October. To help raise awareness about the importance of including people with disabilities in the workforce, the GCD asks all interested Missouri artists to submit their artwork for review. Selected artwork will be used on the NDEAM 2025 poster and promotional materials.



Artwork submitted should be original and relate to disability employment, the ADA, or community inclusion. All artwork must be submitted no later than August 31, 2025.

[Governor's Council on Disability Poster Contest Website](#) has more information about the poster contest and entry forms. If you have questions, you can contact the GCD at 573-751-2600 or 1-800-877-8249.

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