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Empowering Lifelong
Employment: Tailored
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Value Based Payments (VBP)
Focus on Current & New
Participants
Register

Promoting Assertive
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Registration

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Ongoing Webinars

2nd Wednesday of the Month
Free MO Open Door Series
Benefits for Individuals with
IDD

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Free MO Open Door Series
Benefits for Individuals with
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Quarterly Benefits
Presentation

DDD Weekly



Director Sheila Wunning

Director's Corner

This week, I want to talk a little bit about Supported Decision-Making (SDM). The right to make choices and have control over our own lives is important to everyone. SDM is an option that can help people with disabilities make their own choices. I think it's important that individuals with disabilities, their friends, family members, and everyone who provides support to those individuals with disabilities know SDM is an option to Missourians. I also wanted to ensure all of those interested in SDM had access to more information about SDM, which is below.

SDM is asking friends, family, professionals or other trusted people to help you make a decision. You are using SDM when you ask someone for help making or communicating decisions. An example of SDM: John wants to be healthy. John agrees to meet with his doctor and a family member to talk about John's treatment plan for diabetes. John's family member helps John communicate with the doctor about his fear of needles. John's doctor prescribes a new medication that doesn't require needles, which will help control John's diabetes. John and his family member talk about healthy food choices and make a grocery list. John and his family member find a safe walking area near John's home where John can exercise.

SDM is recognized in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, RSMo, 475.075.13(4) as an alternative to guardianship for individuals whose needs could be met by SDM. You can create a Supported Decision-Making Agreement to formalize your SDM plan. To learn more about SDM visit: [MO Supported Decision-Making Consortium](#), [MO Developmental Disabilities Council Supported Decision-Making Resources](#).

How to Use DDD Weekly

DDD Weekly contains links to webinars, trainings, meetings and other websites with additional information about the topics covered in *DDD Weekly*. If you click on the [blue text](#), it will take you to another website where you can sign up for the meeting, learn more about the topic, etc. If you have questions about using *DDD Weekly*, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is observed each year in October.

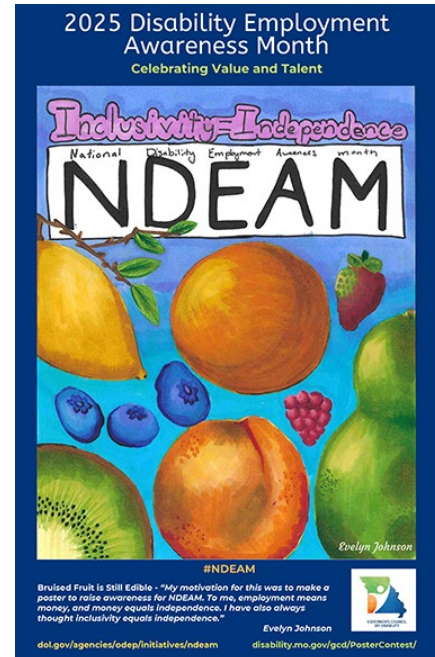
The MO Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) holds a poster contest each year to help bring awareness about the contributions workers with disabilities bring to their jobs and to educate the public about the value of including people with disabilities in the workforce.

This year's winning poster was submitted by Evelyn Johnson. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Businesses, schools, organizations, and others can help share awareness and promote NDEAM by displaying posters.

Posters are available and can be picked up at the Governor's Council on Disability office. Contact GCD for additional information at 1-800-877-8249 or visit:

<https://disability.mo.gov/>.



Missouri Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

The Missouri Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) newsletter for quarter four is now available to view on the [MTSS Webpage](#). This quarters installment features data and information from the 2025 Tiered Supports Summit, as well as specific quotes from providers around the state. The newsletter also provides a skill up on a Tier 1 universal strategy as well as a spotlight article from Dr. Chad Lewis, BCBA with Laci's Haven. You can find some of the upcoming events hosted by Tiered Supports as well! In the event that you have any questions, please contact PSC@dmh.mo.gov. Quarterly Incentive Reporting.

Quarterly Incentive Reporting

Value-Based Payment Data Collection Quarterly Reporting Is Open

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Value-Based Payment (VBP) data collection system is open for SFY26 Quarter 1 reporting for the Employment Pay for Reporting, Registered Apprenticeship, and Tiered Supports Level of Implementation, for the performance period July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025. The quarterly reporting period will close on November 15, 2025. Data must be submitted and in Complete status within REDCap to be eligible for an incentive payment. The VBP data collection platform, REDCap, captures requests and data entry for the nine approved incentives. REDCap is a secure online data collection tool that can be bookmarked as a website link or added to browser favorites. To request user access, complete the [REDCAP User Access Form](#). Information about the VBP incentives,

including data collection and REDCap training, is located on the [Division's Value-Based Payments webpage](#). VBP questions may be submitted to the Division VBP mailbox at DMHDD.VBP@dmh.mo.gov.

Missouri Assistive Technology Connecting People to Assistive Technology

Most people benefit from using some form of assistive technology every day. It can be as simple as using a pencil grip to help with writing, help users control their environments, provide them a way to communicate with others, or operate a vehicle.



The programs offered through Missouri Assistive Technology (MoAT) are designed to increase knowledge of assistive technology and to help Missourians with disabilities access the things that can help them gain more control and independence, give them more options and choices, and give them greater opportunities in their daily life.

Visit [MoAT's website](#) to explore the programs and resources available or contact MoAT at 1-800-647-8557; TTY: 1-800-647-8558.

Family Resource Services Offers Tool Kits

The [Family Resource Services](#) team at the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at the University of Missouri-Columbia is available to help support families in their journeys with autism.



Family Resource Services offers free [Tool Kits](#) on a variety of topics. Questions can be directed to the Thompson Center at: 573-884-6052.

Health Risk Screening (HRS) Process Phase II



Effective October 1, 2025, the Regional Office Quality Program RNs (QPRNs) will resume the HRST Expanded Clinical Review (ECR) Process. As a reminder, the HRST Expanded Clinical Review (ECR) is an additional quality measure that the Clinical Reviewer (Regional Office Quality Program RN) completes for individuals who have a Health Care Level (HCL) of 4 or higher. As the title implies, it is a more in-depth clinical review for those individuals who are at a higher risk of destabilization or may need some additional support. The Expanded Clinical Review Process (ECR) has two components: A Desk Review and an On-Site Review.

The clinical reviewer will conduct the HRST Expanded Clinical Review Process when:

- Annual clinical reviews conducted for individuals receiving residential services and supports indicate a Healthcare Level of 4 or higher or
- Throughout the course of the PCSP year, an individual has an increase from their previous health care level of 3 or higher by one health care level, and
- The Clinical Review has reached agreement status

For more information, please review the [HRST Phase II Process Document](#) or visit the HRST general webpage [DDD HRST Information](#). You may also reach out to your agency's assigned [Quality Program RN](#) or send questions to the MO DD HRST Project mailbox at MODDHRSTProject@dmh.mo.gov.

Missouri Open Door Workshop Series



The Missouri Open Door (MOD)

Workshops are FREE virtual workshops

available to anyone interested in the discussed topic and who wants to learn more. The two monthly workshops available are the Benefit Series and the Technology Series.

The **MOD Benefit Series** covers topics related to Government benefits such as Medicare, SSI/SSDI, Long-term Care, veterans' benefits, etc. It takes place on the second Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. each month.

The **MOD Technology Series** is designed to provide information about using technology in everyday life, such as using technology for daily living tasks, smart home features, environmental adaptations, community access, employment, and more. It is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Visit the Ongoing Webinars section of *DDD Weekly* for the link to the training webpage. Sign up for the [Missouri Open Door Workshop](#) mailing list to receive regular notifications.

MO Office of Special Education Proposed Changes to Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act State Plan

Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MO-DESE), Office of Special Education has proposed changes to the state plan for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The proposed changes are available for public review. Anyone interested in reviewing the proposed changes can go in-person to the Office of Special Education, explore the webpage, or attend a virtual public hearing. Additional information and details can be found on the State Plan for Special Education webpage under the [Description of State Plan Changes](#) tab. All written feedback must be submitted no later than the close of business on October 17, 2025. All questions should be directed to (573) 751-0699.



Disability Rights Legislative Day – Save the Date

Disability Rights Legislative Day (DRLD) 2026 is on the calendar! Save the date for **February 25, 2026**.

Find additional information about DRLD and watch for updates on the [DRLD website](#) or follow along on [Facebook](#).

Home and Community-Based Services “Got Choice”

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) are available to people who are eligible and need specific supports. The services provided through HCBS are person-centered, which means they are focused on the person and help them plan for the life they want. HCBS services help people access and take part in their communities and neighborhoods, supports personal choice, ensures the person's rights are recognized, encourages independence, and ensures the person has a choice of services and providers.

Download and explore the DDD's “[Got Choice](#)” HCBS brochure for more information.

Documentation in the Person-Centered Service Plan for Waiver Services Requiring Individualized Backup Plans

DDD has posted guidance on documentation in the Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) for Waiver Services Requiring Individualized Backup Plans. This document outlines waiver services that require Individualized Backup Plans, as well as those services that may require Individualized Backup Plans. Individuals are required to have an Individualized Backup Plan in place and documented in the PCSP when there is a critical waiver service that places the individual at risk, should the provider/caregiver fail to deliver the service. The guidance can be found on our [DDD Webpage](#).

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 health care needs?

Want to make a meaningful impact on 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 in 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: mofamilytofamilly@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](#).

What is ConneXion?

ConneXion is a secure online system that helps providers, support coordinators, and teams share and access important information about individuals receiving Developmental Disabilities (DD) services.



Goal for ConneXion:

To create a simple, secure system that helps people who support individuals with developmental disabilities share important information—so everyone can work together to provide the best care and services.

What's Happening:

We're planning for the future of ConneXion! Right now, our team is writing a detailed plan—kind of like a shopping list—that explains what we need in a new system to better support individuals and meet state rules.

We hope to share this plan with technology companies in January 2026, so they can show us how they would build it.

What is FHIR?

FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) is a national standard that helps different computer systems safely share health and support information.



Goal for FHIR:

To make it easier for health care providers, support teams, and service systems to securely share important information—so individuals with developmental disabilities receive better, more connected care.

What's Happening:

Our team is building tools that help different computer systems “talk” to each other using FHIR.

This makes it easier to share important information—like medical history or support plans—between doctors, providers, and support coordinators.

We are working to share person-centered service plan data in real time through the Health Information Network (HIN) viewer. This will help teams quickly see the most up-to-date information for individuals receiving DD services.

We're aiming to have this ready to go live between January and February 2026.

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 20, 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

This is to be used when the budget authorization is not available in DCI when 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 are rejected 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, and 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 which code to use, your Acumen agent is available to help. Using the right code ensures that time is entered correctly and avoids problems later.

Reminder: State Offices will be closed on October 13, 2025, in observance of Columbus Day.

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