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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

11/11/25

[SDS Family Support Advocacy](#)

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[IntellectAbility: I/DD Perspectives](#)

[Top Challenges in Supporting People with Dual Diagnosis](#)

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[2025 Annual Residential Oversight RN Webinar](#)

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[StationMD: Understanding UTIs in Individuals with I/DD](#)

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[Virtual Supporting Families Best Practice: Federal Policy Updates Impacting the Disability Field](#)

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[Supported Decision Making and Other Alternatives to Guardianship](#)

Ongoing Meetings

Every Monday

[HRST Office Hours 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.](#)

2nd Wednesday of the Month

[Free MO Open Door Series Benefits for Individuals with IDD](#)

4th Wednesday of the Month

[Free MO Open Door Series Technology Workshops](#)

[DDD Monthly Nursing Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.](#)

2nd&4th Tuesday of the Month

[Brain Injury Association of Missouri Support Group](#)

Podcasts

[Growing Healthy Communities: Early Childhood Edition Podcast](#)

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DDD Staff Only

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[Quarterly Benefits Presentation](#)

DDD Weekly



Director Sheila Wunning

Director's Corner

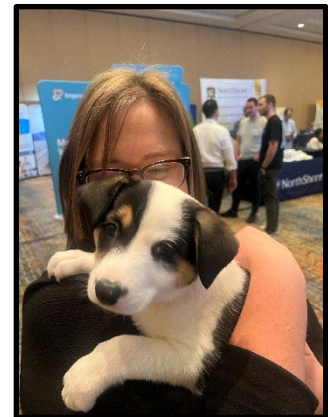
Last week, I was able to attend the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) Annual Conference.

DDD staff presented on several topics at the conference. Angie Brenner presented about DDD's Direct Service Provider ([DSP Apprenticeship Program](#)). Nicole Jones, Katherine Earll and Cana Elowen presented on [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\)](#) and [Value-Based Payments for](#)

[Tiered Supports](#). Finally, Holly Reiff presented on [MO Technology First](#).

I attended many sessions and truly enjoyed hearing about all the innovative programs that other states have implemented. I also find great value in meeting with the other state DD Directors to discuss the challenges we are facing and the solutions we have found that are working. It is a wonderful way to learn from one another and foster collaboration through connections with leaders from other states.

I was also able to meet a very cute puppy!



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. New information is added to the beginning of the newsletter. If you have questions about using *DDD Weekly*, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

DDD General Updates

- Targeted Case Management Contract language is under review.
- Missouri submitted its Rural Health Transformation Grant proposal. More information is available through the MO Department of Social Services at [MO Rural Health Transformation](#)

- For SNAP benefit updates, visit the MO Department of Social Services: [MO SNAP Benefits](#)
- One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Impacts in Missouri, including Medicaid redeterminations, visit: [OBBBA Impacts](#)
- All Providers should sign up for the Department of Social Services, [MO Healthnet News](#). It is critical that Providers receive timely and accurate information directly from MO Healthnet.

Electronic Visit Verification Virtual Town Hall

MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will host a virtual town hall for HCBS providers on 11/13/25 at 1:00 p.m. Information about the launch of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Claims Validation will be discussed, as well as modifications to the process for submitting accrued minutes. All providers required to use EVV are encouraged to attend. The town hall will be recorded and made available on MHD's webpage.

Register [here](#) for MHD's EVV Claims Validation Virtual Town Hall.

More updates will be shared in Provider Bulletins and Hot Tips, and detailed information is available on the [EVV Provider webpage](#).

Save the Date: Restrictive Interventions and Due Process Review Committees: What are Limited Practices and Prohibited Practices?

DDD is hosting a workshop on December 11, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Jefferson City. Space is limited; registration will be available soon.

Workshop participants will: learn key components of due process, how to access assistance through Individual Rights Consultation, differences between limited and prohibited practices, definitions of key terms and work through example scenarios.

DDD Quality Advisory Council (QAC)

The QAC is made up of amazing volunteers who provide input and recommendations to DDD on the development of and enhancements to programs and services offered by DDD. QAC members are individuals and family members or guardians who are receiving DDD services or who have received DDD services within the past two years.

November is National Caregivers Month: *Plug-in to Care*

The month of November is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers. Connecting to peer support, educational resources, or taking part in webinars to learn and share with others can help caregivers become empowered, informed, and feel less overwhelmed in their roles.

The [Caregiver Action Network](#) (CAN) website has many resources available to explore, including a Help Desk that is staffed by caregivers who can help people find specific resources. The Help Desk is available online and by phone at 1-855-227-3640.

2026 Partners in Policymaking Taking Applications Now



Partners in Policymaking (PiP) is a leadership training program available through the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC) that runs from January-September 2026. The PiP program is designed for self-advocates and parents of young children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The goal of PiP is to develop leadership and advocacy skills of the people and families who need and use the I/DD service system. PiP focuses on enhancing partnerships between the users of services and those who are in a position to make policies and laws. Participants in the program will have opportunities to meet with national leaders in the DD field, become familiar with various organizations, and get connected to opportunities and endless possibilities.

Participants chosen for the program are required to attend all sessions and complete all assignments.

Topics discussed during the sessions include:

- History of Disability Movements
- Quality Education
- Employment
- Housing and Person-Centered Planning
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Parliamentary Procedure: How to Take Control of Meetings
- State/Federal Policy and Legislative Issues
- Assistive Technology
- Community Organizing

Applications are available on the MODDC website. The deadline to submit applications is December 14, 2025. All questions should be sent to MODDC at: 1-800-500-7878 or e-mail: moddc@moddcouncil.org

Missouri Mental Health Champions

Nominations are due by November 14, 2025.

Missouri Mental Health Champions are selected from three categories: Mental Illness, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), and substance use disorders. Anyone nominated must agree to share their story. Persons nominated should have shown courage and resilience, made positive contributions to their community, and inspired others with similar lived experiences to increase their potential for independence.



Nominations can be made online or by printing out the form, completing it, and returning it by mail. Find the nomination form on the **Missouri Mental Health Foundation's webpage**. It is important to fill out the nomination form completely and provide details. Nominees will be reviewed based on the nomination form.

Three individuals will be honored at Missouri's Mental Health Champions' Awards Banquet. The 2026 Champions' Banquet is scheduled for May 7, 2026, and will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO. Visit the **Mental Health Champions' Banquet** webpage for more information and details. Direct all questions to the Missouri Mental Health Foundation at: 573-635-9201; mmhf@missourimhf.org.

2025-2026 National Core Indicators and Missouri Quality Outcomes Surveys: Your Feedback is Important!

The MO Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has begun a new survey cycle. DDD participates in three National Core Indicators (NCI) surveys and the Missouri Quality Outcomes Survey. These surveys ask people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families about their lives and the services they receive.

People receiving DDD services are randomly selected to participate. People selected will be contacted by mail or telephone. Mailed surveys will come from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Institute for Human Development, later in the year. Telephone contact will be made by staff from the local Regional Office starting in November 2025.

Survey responses are anonymous. DDD reviews and uses the surveys to guide decisions about programs and enhance services. The 2025-2026 survey cycle ends on June 30, 2026.

Please explore DDD's Easy Reader [Surveys and You: Your Voice Matters](#). Any questions about the surveys can be sent to Caitlin Bartley, NCI Project Coordinator. caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov.



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 for doctors, providers, and support coordinators to share important information—like medical history or support plans.

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.

State Offices Closed

Veterans Day - November 11th

Thanksgiving - November 27th

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