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#### Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

11/20/25

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

11/25/25

[MO DDD & You: Resources for Caregivers](#)

12/4/2025

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

12/11/25

[Restrictive Interventions and Due Process Review Committees: What are Limited Practices and Prohibited Practices? \(In-Person\)](#)

2/5/2025

[Empowering Lifelong Employment: Tailored Strategies for Older Workers with IDD 2.0](#)

#### Ongoing Meetings

Every Monday

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

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

# DDD Weekly

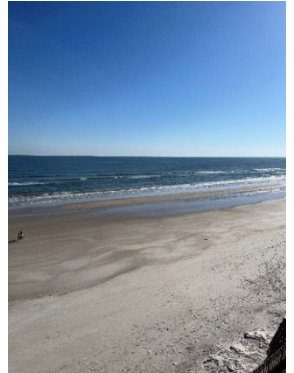
## Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

Director Wunning is taking a brief, well-deserved break.

DDD appreciates Sheila and her leadership.



## 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](mailto: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.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Free MO Open Door Series Technology Workshops

DDD Monthly Nursing Meeting  
11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Brain Injury Association of Missouri Support Group

Podcasts

Growing Healthy Communities: Early Childhood Edition Podcast

Parents' Point of View (PPOV) Series

DDD Staff Only

12/9/25  
Quarterly Benefits Presentation

## November is National Caregivers Month Taking Care of Yourself: Tips for Caregivers

Caregivers often neglect to focus on themselves and their own needs. They instead turn their attentions to the person they are providing care to and concentrate on their caregiving responsibilities. This often involves juggling multiple schedules, being always available, and finding ways to balance all the required activities. The National Institute of Aging (NIA) offers Tips for Caregivers that include recognizing when help is needed, reaching out to others for help, how to reduce feeling overwhelmed, and how to support the caregiver. Find Tips for Caregivers on the NIA's website.

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## Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Aggregator Solution (EAS) –Accrued Minutes

**Applies to:** Providers of Personal Care and Home Health Care Services required to use EVV

**Effective date:** November 19, 2025

- Accrued Minutes Process
- New Reason Code
- Accrual Minute Scenario
- Claims Validation Soft Launch
- Claims Validation Hard Launch

[Click to visit the Provider Bulletin 48-26.](#)

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## December Behavioral Health & Intellectual/Developmental Disability (BHIDD) In-Person Regional Networking

This in-person networking time is for **clinical and/or administrative agency staff** to come together and discuss implementation challenges and successes related to BHIDD-related needs, services, and best practices. Come prepared to learn, share, and show off what you are doing related to supporting the BHIDD population with trauma-informed support, positive behavior support, communication practices, staff training curricula, and lessons learned. Staff are encouraged to include individuals with BHIDD in the networking events.

December 03, 2025 | FCC Behavioral Health - Poplar Bluff

December 11, 2025 | Swope Health - Kansas City

December 12, 2025 | MBHC – Jefferson City

December 16, 2025 | Mark Twain Behavioral Health – Kirksville

**Register Here:** [BHIDD In-Person Event Registration](#)

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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 to 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 service users and those 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 connect with 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 via email at [moddc@moddcouncil.org](mailto:moddc@moddcouncil.org).

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## **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](mailto:caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **State Offices Closed**

Thanksgiving - November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas – December 25<sup>th</sup>

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