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

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

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

Ongoing Webinars

Every Monday

[HRST – Office Hours](#)

1:30 p.m – 2:30 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the Month

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

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DDD Weekly



Director Sheila Wunning

Director's Corner

This week, I want to talk about the services available to individuals served by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) who have both intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) and behavioral health (BH) diagnoses. Many people who have been diagnosed with IDD and who have case management and other services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities have also been diagnosed with a mental illness or substance use disorder. This is often called a dual diagnosis. Many services to support people with mental health and substance

use are available through the DMH Division of Behavioral Health. Individuals who have a dual diagnosis can receive services from both Divisions of the DMH.

Services available through the Division of Behavioral Health are provided through Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) or Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). CMHCs are community-based programs that offer many services to support mental health. CMHCs can assess symptoms, identify goals and help create treatment plans. CCBHCs are also community-based programs that provide a variety of services to address both mental health and substance misuse. DMH's listing of Community Mental Health Centers can be found at [Community Mental Health Centers](#) and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics can be found at [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics](#).

If you, a family member, or individual for whom you provide decision making supports or legal guardianship receives case management and/or other services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities and has been diagnosed with a mental illness or substance use disorder, please let your Support Coordinator or service provider know so that you can talk about the services available through the Division of Behavioral Health. They can help you with getting connected to these services, if you are interested.

If you are a Support Coordinator, it is important to ask questions about behavioral health diagnoses and symptoms when you are talking with the individuals you support. Some individuals may have a behavioral health condition and not know there are resources to support them. If someone is interested in receiving behavioral health services, they can contact a CMHC or a CCBHC. You can also support them by providing a direct referral to these services.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful week!

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Director Wunning featured in *News Tribune* article

On October 26, 2025, Director Wunning was featured in the *News Tribune*. Sheila Wunning was promoted to the Director of the Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities.



Sheila was quoted as saying, "I was a little bit worried that I would not have as much opportunity to connect with individuals and families and employees. ... I think I have been able to find ways to make sure I'm continuing to connect." "I've been finding even more joy in it than I thought," Wunning said. "I do feel that I have a lot of opportunities to impact the direction of this division. I'm very excited about it."

[Click here to read the full article](#)

November is National Caregivers Month 2025 Theme: *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.

Brain Injury Association of Missouri Support Group

Please join the new Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Support Group in Rolla, Missouri. This group is for survivors, family members, and friends to share stories and gain insight. The BIA-MO meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at **Crossroads Ministries, 708 North Main St., Rolla, MO 65402**.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Tuesday, December 23, 2025
Tuesday, January 13, 2025
Tuesday, January 27, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Please let us know if you have questions. Reach out at katie@biamo.org or by phone at 314-426-4024.

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.

Personal Care Services and Home Health Care Service Providers

MHD is preparing to implement claims validation for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) with a soft launch in January 2026. During this phase, all EVV-required claims must have a matching visit in the EAS, and providers will receive remark codes on their remittance advice about future payment policy changes. Claims without matching visits will still be paid, allowing providers to familiarize themselves with these codes. After the soft launch, a hard edit will deny claims that do not match EVV visit information, starting with personal care service providers. Home Health Care Service providers and those under the Department of Mental Health will follow. Providers must continue submitting claims, but must ensure that visit data is accurate in the EAS.

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

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. The Division 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 in these surveys. People who are selected will be contacted by mail or telephone to participate. 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.

All survey responses are anonymous and help improve services for everyone. DDD evaluates all survey responses to help guide decisions about program development 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

Veteran's Day - November 11th
Thanksgiving - November 27th

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