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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

2/5/2026

Empowering Lifelong Employment: Tailored Strategies for Older Workers with IDD 2.0
1:00 p.m.

Amendments to Code of State Regulations for the Self-Directed Support Program
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

2/11/26

Living Longer: The Increasing Need for Dementia Care and Support for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
1:00 p.m.

2/17/26

Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

2/24/26

Due Process Components: What are they, and how to address each component
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MO DDD & You: Overview of MACDDS/SB40 Boards
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

3/3/26

Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3/10/26

Quarterly Benefits Presentation
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

Hey everyone! This week, I would like to talk with you about Charte, DMH's Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. An EHR is a digital version of an individual's record of care and treatment. It provides real-time information, making new entries available instantly and securely to authorized users. Using an EHR will help DMH provide direct care and support services to individuals in an integrated, consistent, efficient, effective, timely, and transparent manner. The Charte project began in July 2021, and now, Higginsville Habilitation Center

and Southwest Community Services have begun using Charte on February 1, 2026. This is a huge accomplishment! I want to thank all of our team for making this possible. I would like to specifically shout out Mike Brown, Desiree Hayes, Jessica Myers, Stephanie Haws, Casey Murphy, Caz Haws, Lori Black, Amber Farrar, Brandy Duncan, Kenny Allison, Will Thompson, Deborah Pryor, Trish Powell, Makyla Wilson, Matt Martin, Kurston Smith, Tara Stonebraker, Ron Young, and Jordan Baker for your support during the rollout of Charte at these sites.

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 direct you to another website where you can sign up for the meeting, learn more about the topic, and more. New information is added to the beginning of the newsletter. If you have questions about using *DDD Weekly*, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

3/19/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3/20/26
Share Your Story:
Together, We're
Changing the Story of
Disability
RSVP by 2/15/26

4/2/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4/26/26
Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

4/24/26
Division of Behavioral
Health Tech Summit
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4/29/26
Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

5/6/26
Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

5/11/26 – 5/12/26
Association on Aging
with Developmental
Disabilities

5/19/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6/3/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6/18/26
Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6/30/26
Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ongoing Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the
Month
Employment Community
of Practice for Support
Coordinators
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Public Notice & Comment Period: Comprehensive & Community Support Waiver Renewals Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) & Partnership for Hope (PFH) Waiver Amendments

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) posted a Public Notice on 2/5/26 for the Comprehensive and Community Support Waiver renewal applications, and the MOCDD and PFH Waiver amendment applications to align with the renewals. To view the waiver applications and learn how to make comments, visit MHD's [Alerts and Public Notice](#) page. The comment period will end 30 days from the day the notice is posted.

Employment Matters: Employment Services Toolkit

The Employment Services Toolkit is a practical resource designed to help employment service providers support individuals in exploring career interests, identifying talents, clarifying options, and developing a plan for job supports. The toolkit highlights best practices and adds structure to the service delivery process.

Key elements include:

- Person-centered, individualized services
- A team-based approach
- The importance of networking and relationship building
- Community-based experiences for career exploration
- The development of natural supports with a focus on inclusion

Access the toolkit here.

To request technical assistance or training on this toolkit, please contact your regional Employment First Missouri contact.

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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

Last Wednesday of the Month

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

Parents' Point of View (PPOV) Series

NASDDDS Podcast
The Right Questions, Better Support



Planning and Exploration for Employment in the Community – Online Training and Resource

The next Employment First Missouri online training is Thursday, February 26th, from 1:00 to 2:30. At this training, you will learn about using person-centered planning as the basis for successful employment and full participation in the community. This training is open to anyone interested in learning how to support individuals in becoming successfully employed and is offered at no charge. [Register at this link.](#) Looking for resources on person-centered planning and employment? The **Employment First Missouri Employment Services Toolkit** includes the **Career Planning: Job Interest and Exploration Profile** tool that can be used to collect information during person-centered planning. In addition, the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council has **A Guide for Career Discovery**, with detailed information on person-centered planning for career success.

Bringing Communities Together

Mark your calendar!

6th Annual ECHO Autism Communities Symposium
FREE Virtual event

April 2, 2026
8:00 a.m. -3:15 p.m.

This learning event is a chance to hear from individuals who live with Autism and from experts in the field of Autism as they share their insights and strategies to advance care, inclusion, and advocacy efforts within the autism community.

Explore the [ECHO Autism Communities Symposium](#) webpage to learn more about the speakers and download the agenda.

REGISTER for this event.



Missouri Charting the LifeCourse Chapter Network Meeting



(formerly called Stakeholders)

Thursday, February 26, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Missouri CtLC Chapter Network Meeting is a chance for individuals with disabilities and special health-care needs, family members, and the professionals who support them to make connections, learn from one another, and collaborate on person- and family-centered practices in Missouri.

This meeting provides a space to discuss issues important to people, share information and ideas, and serve as an advisory role to help shape the network as new products and programs are developed.

[REGISTER](#) for the meeting.

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

Available for Public Comment:

Amendments to the Code of State Regulations 9CSR-3.080 for Self-Directed Supports.

To review the proposed changes, please review [9CSR-3.080](#)

Submit comments, questions and input to GeneralSDS@dmh.mo.gov.

Self-Directed Supports New Fiscal Management Service Provider

DDD Self-Directed Supports (SDS) would like to announce that the contract for Fiscal Management Services has been awarded to Public Partnerships, LLC. Please visit our website, [DDD Self-Directed Supports Webpage](#), for updates on how this transition may impact individuals who use SDS.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) - Soft Launch of Claims Validation

On January 7, 2026, MO HealthNet (MHD) activated the soft launch of claims validation for services requiring EVV. MHD has analyzed common issues with claims. Many problems with claims were related to:

- EVV not being used by the provider
- Provider's EVV vendor not sending visits to EAS
- Visits in EAS not in verified status
- Claims submitted before EVV sends the visit to EAS

Providers, please ensure your visit is visible in EAS and is verified before submitting a claim.

For additional information, review [DSS MHD EVV Claims Validation Soft Launch Follow-Up](#).

For questions, contact Ask.EVV@dss.mo.gov. For additional resources, refer to the Education and Training Resources page and/or sign up for a live webinar by accessing our Provider Training Calendar.

Email MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov for more information.

DDD Needs Your Input - Organizational Efficiency Surveys

In 2019, DDD initiated the Organizational Efficiency project to evaluate its operations. The vision was to reshape the culture, align efforts to promote efficient and effective work, improve support to our provider network and promote outstanding customer service to individuals and families DDD serves. DDD wants to hear your opinions on this effort. Please take a few minutes to consider the following questions and offer your thoughts, experiences, and observations.

[Public Organizational Efficiency Survey](#)

[DDD Staff Organizational Efficiency Survey](#)

Tier 2 Risk Prevention

Join the Tier 2 Risk Prevention Consultants to learn and practice building and implementing systems of support for individuals with complex needs.

These workshops will include both learning and practicing skills with active participation. The consultants will be happy to answer any questions and ensure that participants leave with a clear understanding of how to apply what they learned in everyday scenarios.

Topics include Tier 2 Readiness and Risk Screening, Safety Crisis Planning as a System of Support, Check in Check out as a System of Support, and Enriched Environments as a System of Support.

Target Audience: Human Service Providers, Behavioral Service Providers, and any other interested Stakeholders

Virtual Learning Opportunities

February through March 2025

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the Month
9:00- 10:30 a.m.

Register with this [Link](#)

For more information, please contact Tier2@dmh.mo.gov.



The **Missouri Master Plan on Aging: Missourians Aging with Dignity** has been given to the Governor. Work will now focus on the suggestions that were outlined in the plan. Visit the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) [Master Plan on Aging](#) website to find more information and review a copy of the plan.

Important MissouriBUYS information for TCMs, Service Providers – Action Needed

Missouri is in the process of moving to a new electronic system for purchasing, payments and other tasks. All entities that wish to receive payments from the state of Missouri (including DMH) must be fully registered in MissouriBUYS, powered by MOVERS. MissouriBUYS powered by MOVERS is different than the former MissouriBUYS (WebProcure by Proactis). You can register at [MissouriBUYS powered by MOVERS Registration](#). Registration can take 3 months or longer to complete, so please begin the process today. If an entity is not fully registered, DMH will not be able to make payments until the entity is registered. For more information, email MissouriBUYS@mo.gov.

**Save the Date for Disability Rights Legislative Day:
February 25, 2026, Rally 11 am to 12 pm
Free for everyone to attend, in-person or virtually!**



The event will be held in person and virtually. People with disabilities, their family members, and others can participate regardless of their location within the state. The more people that participate, the more we can advocate for what's important to us and show legislators why disability issues and our stories matter.

Disability Rights Legislative Day will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. A rally will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will feature an impressive lineup of speakers, including powerful disability advocates. Before or after the rally, in-person participants are encouraged to meet with their legislators and explore the Capitol.

**Making Life Easier in the
Kitchen: Using Technology
to Meet Everyday Needs**



The Missouri No Wrong Door Technology Series provides information on a variety of assistive technology resources available to help people complete everyday tasks or make them easier.

Making Life Easier in the Kitchen provides an overview of assistive technology that can help people plan and prepare meals. Topics included in this webinar recording include how to access online shopping for ingredients, finding recipes, using adaptive utensils to help with preparing meals, cooking, and using adaptive utensils to help make eating meals easier.

You can find this recording and many more on the [Missouri's No Wrong Door](#) website.

Call for Presentations
Deadline for Submission:
March 6, 2026



The **Real Voices/Real Choices (RV/RC)** conference committee is seeking inspiring and informative presentations for the next RV/RC conference, scheduled for August 23-25, 2026.

People with developmental disabilities/self-advocates, people in recovery, family members, and mental health professionals with lived experience are encouraged to share empowering presentations that promote individual choices in services and opportunities.

The conference committee encourages people to be creative and think about important topic areas that could be shared to help and connect with others.

Example presentation topics could include:

- Peer Specialist and Support Services
- Autism
- Housing
- Assistive Technology
- Anger Management
- LGBTQ+
- Sobriety
- Grief
- Suicide Prevention
- Alternatives/Supported Decision-Making/Guardianship
- and more

All proposed presentations must be submitted to the conference committee no later than March 6, 2026. Visit the **Call for Presentations** webpage for more information and to submit a presentation idea.

Please reach out to Kailey Reeves at 573-751-3143 if you have any questions.

Governor's Council on Disability Legislative Education Project, Beginning in January 2026



The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability sponsors the Legislative Education Project (LEP) during the legislative session.

The purpose of the LEP is to educate and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become more active in creating positive public policies for people with disabilities.

The LEP is available for individuals and organizations that are beginners and are new to the legislative process or need additional learning. These webinars will focus on disability policies or proposed legislation that impact people with disabilities.

In 2026, the LEP will consist of four separate webinars. Each one will discuss the legislative process, communicate with legislators, and review current state bills related to disability. These webinars are FREE for participants and will be delivered via Webex.

The dates and times for the webinars are set for:

February 5, 2026 (9:00 am - 10:30 am)

March 5, 2026 (9:00 am - 10:30 am)

March 26, 2026 (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

Participants must complete a [registration form](#).

All questions about the LEP can be emailed to [Laura Meuth](#) or 1-800-877-8249.

State Offices Closed

Lincoln's Birthday – February 12th

Washington's Birthday – February 16th

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