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# DDD Weekly

## Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I wanted to talk a bit about how Missouri protects your personal information. Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is any data that can identify, contact or locate a person. This can include things like a Social Security number, name, or address. Protected Health Information (PHI) is a type of PII that is specific to health or medical information. Examples of PHI are medical records, diagnoses, or enrollment in services. This information is protected by both State and Federal law (HIPAA). One way the state protects your PII and PHI is through encryption. Encryption is the process of converting words or data into a code so that unauthorized people cannot access it. Missouri employees must use Missouri's Proofpoint email encryption service when sending PII or PHI to anyone outside of the state's email system. If you receive an encrypted email from Proofpoint, there are instructions on how you can view the email.

## 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](mailto:ddmail@dmh.mo.gov).

## 2026 Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT) Additions/Changes

Effective March 1, 2026, MO Healthnet will cover cognitive assessments and care planning for a clinical visit of participants living with cognitive impairment that results in a comprehensive care plan. This includes those who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, dementias, or mild cognitive impairment.

Any MO Healthnet-enrolled practitioner who is eligible to report evaluation and management services may be reimbursed for this service.

For more information, please visit the [New Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning Service Provider Bulletin](#).

## Ongoing Meetings

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

**Employment Community of Practice for Support Coordinators**  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

**Free MO Open Door Series Benefits for Individuals with IDD**

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

**Free MO Open Door Series Technology Workshops**

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**

**NASDDDS Podcast The Right Questions, Better Support**

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## Fiscal Management Service Contract

The Fiscal Management Service Contract award to Public Partnership LLC was protested. After review, the protest was upheld. The Office of Administration will post the Request for Proposal on the MO Buys website. All FMS transition activities have ended.

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## Partners In Policymaking

**Partners in Policymaking** - Partners is a leadership training program designed for advocates and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. The program is based on a national model that began in Minnesota over 25 years ago. The goal of Partners is to develop productive partnerships between people who need and use services and those who are in a position to make policies and laws.

Partners graduates are in a position to help change these policies and laws through the knowledge they gain through participation in the program. They will have opportunities to meet and talk with national leaders in developmental disabilities and to become acquainted with and connected to organizations, opportunities, and endless possibilities.

The program provides information and the development of skills around current issues, state-of-the-art approaches and best practices, and policymaking and legislative processes at local, state and national levels.

Be sure to check out the **MO DDD & You Webinar from October 2025: Partners in Policymaking** to learn more.

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## Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience (MO ABLE Program)

The MO ABLE program, administered by the Missouri State Treasurer's Office, allows individuals with disabilities to save up to \$19,000 per year, tax-free, without losing federal benefits like Medicaid and Social Security Income (SSI). To learn more about the MO ABLE program and to take an eligibility quiz, visit [MOABLE](#).

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## Charting the LifeCourse

Planning with people who have intellectual/developmental disabilities is essential in helping them achieve the life they desire. Through the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) offers planning tools and resources to anyone involved in planning for themselves or with others to reach their Good Life. Using the CtLC tools can help people organize their ideas, vision, and goals. Explore the tools, learning videos, and supporting resources on the LifeCourse Tools website, [Charting the LifeCourse Learning](#).

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## Missouri Assistive Technology

The mission of [Missouri Assistive Technology](#) is to increase access to assistive technology for Missourians with all types of disabilities, of all ages. Programs and services of Missouri Assistive Technology are directed by the Missouri Assistive Technology Council, which was established by state statute in 1993. The Council is charged to serve as an advocate for policies, regulations and programs to establish a person-responsive, comprehensive assistive technology service delivery system. The Council meets at least four times a year, reports annually to the Governor and the general assembly on Council activities to increase access to assistive technology, and provides programmatic direction for all activities and services.

In State FY 2023, Missouri Assistive Technology provided 8,231 assistive devices and delivered AT services to 22,185 Missourians with disabilities, family members, advocates, educators, health care professionals, and others.

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## Aegis Crisis Prevention™

Is inviting all MO DMH/DDD providers to an informative virtual meeting to learn more about this approved crisis management training program in MO. There will be a brief presentation on the curriculum and then Q&A.

MO DMH/DDD Aegis Presentation  
March 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. ET

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 848 7956 9611

Passcode: 716350

## Crisis Prevention and De-escalation Training

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## Person-Centered Thinking Training – IntellectAbility

Register today for the one-day Person-Centered Thinking Training, the follow-up to the Person-Centered Thinking eLearn course.

Attendees are trained in essential person-centered practices that respect the autonomy of those with Intellectual and developmental disabilities while providing them with the highest possible level of care.

- Learn the fundamental skill sets of person-centered thinking
- Learn the tools and techniques that support people's hopes, dreams, and values without neglecting health and safety
- Acquire Observation, Problem-solving, and Management skills
- Creating and effectively using a Person-Centered Description

To register, visit - [One-Day Virtual PCT Training - Missouri - IntellectAbility](#)

## Self-Advocacy Resource and Technical Center (SARTAC)

**SARTAC** - The mission of the Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC) is to strengthen the self-advocacy movement by supporting self-advocacy organizations to grow leadership opportunities for all their members. At SARTAC, self-advocacy is a top priority. They share resources on current issues and organizational matters, and they are always updating them to help you or your organization. They are currently accepting applications for their 2026 fellowship program.

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

## People First of Missouri

People First of Missouri is a self-advocacy organization in Missouri that has local affiliated chapters across the state. People First of Missouri is a nonprofit organization that promotes equality for people with disabilities so they can live the lives they want in their communities. Learn more about [People First of Missouri](#) and find local chapters by visiting their website or following them on Facebook.

Be sure to check out the [MO DDD & You Webinar from April 2025: Let's Talk about People First](#) to learn more.

## **March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM)**

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM) focuses on promoting inclusion, educating the public, and celebrating the contributions of people with developmental disabilities. The annual campaign, often led by the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), highlights efforts to remove barriers to full, productive lives across all community areas. Did you know that the official color adopted to represent DDAM is orange? Here at MODDD, we will wear orange on Fridays, but you can also show support by wearing orange clothing or ribbons throughout March to support DDAM.

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## **StationMD and the Division of Developmental Disabilities**

StationMD and the Division of Developmental Disabilities have partnered to learn more about your health care needs and experiences with the Health Assessment and Coordination (HAC) waiver service, a telehealth program designed to provide quality health care to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your response will help us identify opportunities to connect individuals and families with appropriate services and improve access to specialized support. Please complete this short survey to share your health care experience and help us determine how the HAC service might benefit you and those in your care.

[StationMD Engagement Survey](#)

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## **Post-Discharge Hospital Reimbursement Agreement and Attestation**

Post-Discharge Hospital Reimbursement Agreement and Attestation. Limited funding is available for hospitals to receive reimbursement of expenditures related to extended stays of qualifying individuals receiving Department of Mental Health (DMH) services. Reimbursement is considered for individuals eligible for hospital discharge but not discharged for a specified period of time due to a lack of availability within an appropriate community placement. The eligibility criteria for individuals and the required documentation are outlined in the Post-Discharge Hospital Reimbursement Memo.

DMH will accept reimbursement requests at [DMH.PPD.Payment@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:DMH.PPD.Payment@dmh.mo.gov) between April 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026.

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## Missouri Division of DD – MO DDD & You Monthly Webinars

The Missouri Division of DD & You (MO DDD & You) monthly webinar is a 30-minute information-sharing opportunity focused on disability-related topics, geared toward people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, their family members, and their support teams. Webinar topics include presentations on related resources, programs, lived experiences, planning, and more. You can find upcoming ones in our DD Weekly newsletter and sign up for them there or watch the recording on our MODDD YouTube page under the [MODDD & You Webinar playlist](#).

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## Division Monthly Nursing Meeting update

As we look to improve how we connect, we will be pausing the Division Monthly Nursing Meetings starting in March to re-evaluate our approach. Our goal remains to support networking, mentorship, and clinical discussion. In the meantime, we encourage you to leverage the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) to connect with colleagues or reach out to your [Regional Office nurses](#) for assistance.

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## Employment First MO Advisory Committee

Do you know a self-advocate who would be interested in serving on the **Employment First MO Advisory Committee**?



This commitment consists of attending four 90-minute virtual meetings per year with a diverse group of employment services and DD professionals. Input from persons with disabilities who have experience accessing various services/systems is **vital** as we discuss how to increase positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities. Please consider recommending a self-advocate to share their voice via this committee! Anyone interested may contact Leslie Quarles at [Leslie.Quarles@umb.edu](mailto:Leslie.Quarles@umb.edu) for more information.

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## **WeSaid at the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)**

The University of Missouri-Kansas City's Institute for Human Development (UMKC-IHD) is the federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) for the state of Missouri. It is a member of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and one of 67 UCEDDs located in every state and United States territory. As an applied research and training center for human services at UMKC, the IHD reports to the Office of the Provost and serves as a bridge between the university and community. They identify and address individual, family, and community needs with a focus on building long-term capacity. They work with a wide variety of partners across all levels — local, state, regional and national — tackling persistent challenges people and families face throughout the life span, from infancy to late adulthood. They focus on community and social belonging for all, striving to improve people's overall quality of life.

**WeSaid** at the UCEDD supports people with lived experience in developmental disabilities through numerous channels, including:

- **WeSaid Speakers' Bureau** – Find your next keynote speaker or share your story or expertise.
- **Candace's Corner (Podcast)** – Shares information on important topics for people with lived experience in developmental disabilities.
- **Take FIVE with Skye (Video Series)** – Five-minute episodes, hosted by Skye VanLanduyt, feature people with and without disabilities telling stories about resilience, empowerment and feeling self-determined throughout the human journey.
- **WeSaid Academy (Training and Technical Assistance Center)** – Offers training for and by individuals with lived experience to promote advocacy, self-determination and independence.

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## **MO Tiered Supports**

It is a multi-tiered positive behavior support consultation framework that focuses on teaching and coaching organizational teams to serve individuals in their services better.

The Quarter 1 Tiered Supports Newsletter for 2026 highlights information on Value-Based Payments (VBP), Tiered Support incentives, each Tier in the MTSS framework, and a differential reinforcement skill-up from a Tier 3 Behavioral Analyst.

To learn more, check out our full newsletter! [Tier 1 Newsletter for Quarter 1 | dmh.mo.gov](#).

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## Attention Support Coordinators

(Targeted Case Management agencies and DDD employed)

To meet DDD waiver requirements, all Support Coordinators must attest in the HRST system after an annual HRST screening. This confirms that HRST results were reviewed with the planning team and that risks will be included in the PCSP Healthy Living section, ensuring compliance with the [ISP Guide. Attestation Instructions for Support Coordinators | dmh.mo.gov](#)

**Reminder:** There is still an option to use the Health Risk Support Plans (HRSP) in the HRST system to link to the PCSP for the identified risks and supports in the Healthy Living section of the PCSP, or to enter the information directly in the plan.

**Feedback request:** There is an [HRST Documentation Guide for PCSP Requirements](#) posted on the HRST webpage. Please let us know if it is helpful and how we can improve by completing this 3-question [survey](#).

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## Employment First MO Training Opportunity



It's not too late to register for the webinar offered by Employment First Missouri!

***Language Issues in Supporting Individuals with Disabilities***  
**Presented by Leslie Quarles, Training Associate**

**Date: March 26, 2026, from 1 to 2:30 pm central - [Register here](#)**

Learn about how disability language relates to service provision, and the importance of providing services and supports in a way that is sensitive and responsive. You'll also learn about the ongoing evolution of language in describing people with disabilities, the difference between person-first and identity-first, and the importance of honoring individual preferences. An introduction to Plain Language will also be provided.

[Language Issues in Supporting Individuals with Disabilities - Registration](#)



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## Save the Date- Tiered Support Summit 2026

Save the Date for the annual Tiered Supports Summit, Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 21st, at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, MO!

See how Missouri Tiered Supports is paving the way in supporting people and organizations across the state. Sessions will highlight the community-level impact of Tiered Systems of Support, Positive Behavior Supports, and strategies to maximize the implementation of evidence-based practices across environments. Join us in building systems that last!

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## **Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for High School Students with Disabilities**

The 2026 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MOYLF) will take place July 14-18, 2026, on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

Applications for this unique, week-long experience have been open since November, and we want to ensure that eligible students and their families have the information they need to apply before the March 16 deadline. MO-YLF is designed to help high school students with disabilities (ages 16–21) transition into adulthood with confidence. Each year, 30 delegates are selected to participate in a curriculum built on five core pillars:

- **Leadership & Advocacy:** Developing self-determination and participating in a mock legislative session at the State Capitol.
- **History & Culture:** Connecting with mentors and peers to explore the legacy of the disability rights movement.
- **Career & College Readiness:** Practical workshops to prepare for higher education, employment, and life after high school.
- **Community & Friendship:** Networking with young leaders from across the state and building lifelong support systems.
- **Recreation & Fun:** Experiencing campus life through adaptive sports, social events, and a talent show.

We understand that for many students, this may be their first time away from home. To provide peace of mind for families, MO-YLF provides 24-hour on-site nursing care and overnight dorm supervision. Thanks to our generous sponsors, the entire program—including housing and meals—is offered at no cost to selected delegates. The application window is currently open, and the deadline to apply is March 16, 2026.

More info about the program can be found on our [website](#).

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## **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 2/6/26 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 after the notice is posted.

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## Bringing Communities Together

Mark your calendar!

6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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:

**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.

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## Missouri Open Door FREE Workshop Series

Missouri Open Door (MOD) hosts both a FREE **Government Benefit** and a **Technology Workshop Series**. Each series offers a virtual monthly workshop focused on a specific topic area. Each workshop shares ideas and solutions that can be used immediately. These virtual workshops are open to anyone who wants to learn more about the topic, is looking for a resource, or needs help for themselves or someone they support.

The MOD Benefit Series focuses on Government Benefits and is held on the second Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Upcoming workshop topics for 2026 include ([click on each topic to register](#)):

- April 8th: [Brain Injury Association of Missouri](#)
- May 13th: [Community Behavioral Health Liaisons & Behavioral Health Crisis Centers](#)
- June 10th: [Centers for Independent Living](#)
- July 8th: [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- August 12th: [How Medicare fits into Long-Term Care](#)
- September 9th: [Show Me Home Program](#)
- October 14th: [Medicare Open Enrollment for 2027](#)
- November 4th: [Special Health Care Needs Programs](#)

The MOD **Technology Series** focuses on assistive technology and other items that can enhance daily life. The Technology Series is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

- March 25th: [Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Artificial Intelligence but were too Afraid to Ask](#)
- April 22nd: [Smart Homes for Safety, Comfort, and Control](#)
- May 27th: [Parenting Made Easier: Tools, Strategies and Supports](#)
- June 24th: [Removing Barriers to Computer Access](#)
- July 22nd: [Comfort and Confidence for Personal Care](#)
- August 26th: [Adaptive Crafting for All](#)
- September 23rd: [AT for Transitions: Are You Ready?](#)
- October 28th: [Giving People a Voice with Low Tech AAC](#)
- November 18th: [And the Award Goes To... Best AT of 2026](#)

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### State Offices Closed

Truman Day, Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

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