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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

4/22/26
[From Challenging Behavior to Communication: The Power of FCT](#)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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[Tools of Choice](#)
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

4/28/26
[MO DDD & You: Overview of Individual Rights and Due Process](#)
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5/6/26
[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities](#)

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[Statewide BHIDD Learning Collaborative](#)
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[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Tools of Choice](#)
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6/18/26
[Tools of Choice](#)
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[Tools of Choice](#)
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I wanted to talk to everyone about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and the community engagement and recertification requirements it adds to the Medicaid program. On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the Working Families Tax Cut (WFTC), which is part of the OBBBA. The changes are set to take place January 1, 2027. The information I discuss below is a summary of information that I believe is helpful to people who read *DDD Weekly*. I am not detailing all requirements within the legislation.

WFTC requires community engagement for some Medicaid beneficiaries. In the WFTC, examples of community engagement include working at least 80 hours, completing 80 hours of community service, participating in a work program for 80 hours, or at least half-time enrollment in an educational program, during the month. WFTC excludes some individuals from the community engagement requirements. Here is a summary of some of the individuals excluded from the community engagement requirements: parent, guardian, caretaker relative or family caregiver of a dependent child who is 13 years of age and under or of a disabled individual; an individual who has special medical needs, including individuals who are blind, disabled with a substance use disorder, mental health disorder, physical, intellectual or developmental disability that significantly impairs their ability to perform activities of daily living; or with a serious or complex medical condition. This means anyone who is in DDD waiver services would be excluded from the requirements. You can find all of the exclusions and exceptions as well as more information about all of the community engagement requirements, at [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Families Tax Cut Legislation](#).

WFTC also makes changes to redeterminations for some Medicaid beneficiaries. Currently, eligibility determinations occur around every 12 months. WFTC requires redeterminations of Medicaid eligibility every 6 months for some individuals in the Medicaid adult group. Individuals enrolled in non-Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) based eligibility groups, such as Aged, Blind and Disabled, are exempt from the six-month redetermination requirements. This means that anyone who is in DDD Waiver services would be excluded from the six-month redetermination requirement. For more information from CMS about the requirements, please review the [CMS Eligibility Redetermination Guidance](#).

Ongoing Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month

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

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

MO Healthnet is working very hard to ensure that everyone has access to Medicaid services. DMH does not make any decisions on exceptions to WFTC requirements.

How to Use DDD Weekly

DDD Weekly includes links to webinars, training sessions, meetings and other websites with additional information on 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.

April is World Autism Month

Missouri Autism Projects

Missouri's Autism Projects consists of five regional projects that provide autism programs and services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. Funded through the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Autism Projects provide support and services to approximately 7,000 families statewide.

Each regional Autism Project has a **Regional Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** made up of parents or adults with autism. Regional PACs serve as a statewide network of advocates working together to influence policy and services for individuals with autism. PAC members offer advice, consultation, and recommendations to the Missouri Department of Mental Health regarding policy, budget, services, and service providers. For more information, check out the **Missouri Autism Projects** webpage or contact the **Office of Autism Services**.

Quarterly Incentive Reporting

Value-Based Payment Data Collection Reporting Is Open

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Value-Based Payment (VBP) data collection system is open for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Quarter 3 reporting.

Quarterly reporting for the Employment Pay for Reporting, Registered Apprenticeship, and Tiered Supports Level of Implementation is open and covers the performance period January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026.

The quarterly reporting period will close May 15, 2026, at 11:59 pm CST. Data must be submitted and in Complete status within REDCap to be eligible for an incentive payment.

The VBP data collection platform, REDCap, captures requests and data entry for the approved incentives. REDCap is a secure online data collection tool that can be bookmarked as a website link or added to browser favorites. To request user access, complete the [REDCAP User Access Form](#).

Information about the VBP incentives, including data collection and REDCap training, is located on the [Division's Value-Based Payments webpage](#). VBP questions may be submitted to the Division VBP mailbox at DMHDD.VBP@dmh.mo.gov.

Missouri DDD Day Habilitation Data Request

The State of Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) requested that Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer) conduct a rate study on the Day Habilitation waiver services. To help inform the rate study, DDD and Mercer are reaching out to solicit your participation in a data request for your Day Habilitation program(s).

The attached PDF will help you understand the type of information being requested and will enable you to gather and summarize the necessary data before accessing an online form.

To complete the data request and have your data considered, Missouri Day Habilitation providers must use the official online data request link at https://mercer.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6M2YPYg3rjYOCou. Due to anticipated response volume, all responses must be submitted through the online link (i.e., emailed responses cannot be accommodated).

DDD and Mercer request that providers complete the data request by **April 28, 2026**. If you require any technical assistance while completing the data request, please send an email to MODataRequestHelp@mercer.com and mention "Day Habilitation Data Request" in the subject line.

We greatly appreciate your participation.

MO Children’s Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver Application Assistance

The DDD MOCDD Team offers assistance for the MO Children’s Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver Application process in two ways. Technical Assistance: Support Coordinators can reach out to request help or consult with the team on completing a MOCDD Waiver Application Packet. Completion of Full Packet: Support Coordinators or individuals and families can request that the DDD MOCDD Team complete the entire waiver application process. The DDD MOCDD Team will assume case management responsibilities. If the individual is added to the waitlist, the DDD MOCDD Team will transfer the individual back to the originating TCM or appropriate TCM.

Support Coordinators or individuals and families who would like assistance or more information can email MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov.

Missouri Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Quarter 2 Newsletter

It is time for another installment of the quarterly MTSS Newsletter! In this quarter’s newsletter, we broke down each specialization in Tier 1: Consultation, Training and Coaching. We also highlight some of the awesome Tier 1 training opportunities we offer for DMH staff and provider agencies. Each training course includes a small description and a QR code linked to the registration page on Humanity! Interested in consulting with us? Please check out our process map to see how we can help you achieve your agency goals!

[Click here to access the MTSS Quarter 2 Newsletter.](#)

Want to learn more about Tiered Supports? [Click here to visit our website.](#)

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The winners of the First Quarter – Employee of the Quarter are:

**Connie Spencer – Poplar Bluff
Janet Arlen – Rolla**

Their peers nominated Connie and Janet for exemplifying the Division of Developmental Disabilities' core values of accountability and collaboration. They will be celebrated with a special luncheon at Central Office on April 21, 2026. Congratulations, ladies.

MoHealth Net – Provider Updates

Upcoming Mandatory MFA Implementation for eMOMED

As part of our commitment to enhance security, we are implementing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for eMOMED. Starting 5/20/26, all users will be prompted to select and register an MFA method. Options will include SMS, Email, and Authenticator App.

Although MFA verification will not be required or enforced until August, and access to eMOMED will continue as usual until then, we encourage all users to complete the selection process early to ensure a smooth transition.

Employment Resource: Job Accommodation Network

Have you ever worked with an individual and tried to identify accommodation that will enable them to perform job tasks for employment success? The **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)** is a federally funded resource with extensive information on job accommodations and related issues, including disclosure and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The JAN website contains a large **database of accommodations** and a wide variety of articles on accommodation-related topics. **JAN staff are also available** to answer specific questions from people with disabilities, service providers, and employers.

Employment Matters: Online Training Opportunity

How to Build Knowledge in Yourself or Your Staff in Order to Move Up the Ladder

Date: April 16, 2026, from 1 to 2:30 pm central

- [Register here](#)

Working for any employer may be difficult, especially if you are not aware of what you need to know to be promoted. It is also difficult, as a supervisor, to promote staff if you are not sure they possess the knowledge necessary to take the next step. This training breaks down the potential knowledge someone may need to have for each level of supervision. There is no cost to attend. If you require accommodations to participate, please email Nicholas.holz@umb.edu.



Missouri's Office of Autism Services

The Office of Autism Services (OAS) was established in 2008 (633.225 RSMo) to provide leadership in program development for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. OAS is committed to supporting the independence and self-sufficiency of individuals with autism by leading collaborative efforts to improve system support for individuals with autism and their families.

For additional information or resources, check out the [Office of Autism Services](#) webpage.

Additional Missouri Autism Resources:

- [Understanding Autism](#)
- [Autism Insurance FAQ's](#)
- [Missouri Autism Guidelines](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)

Employment Matters: How to locate an Employment Service Provider

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) offers an array of employment services to recipients of the Medicaid Waiver. These services are provided by contracted community organizations that are either nationally accredited, licensed, or certified. These Employment Service Providers are located throughout the state of Missouri.

In an effort to provide updated information on available Employment Service Providers, DDD recently updated the [Employment Services website](#) by removing old provider maps and adding a list of employment service providers, the counties they serve, and the employment services they provide. [Employment Service Providers Excel | dmh.mo.gov](#). This list can be filtered by these categories listed above.

If Employment Service Providers would like to update information on the counties they serve or the services they provide, they are encouraged to reach out to Kim.Buckman@dmh.mo.gov.

Tiered Supports Summit Call for Posters

The Annual Tiered Supports Summit is calling for posters! Has your organization been working on something interesting? Want to share information about systems, events and trainings? Submit a poster proposal to the email below and share it with providers, direct service personnel, therapists, support coordinators, TCMs, public administrators, and others from across the state of Missouri and bordering states! Have an idea, but not sure where to start?! Our team can support you in building and showcasing your ideas!

Topics could include:

- Building a system in your organization
- Data you'd like to share
- Training events
- New ideas for supporting individuals

The deadline for submissions is **May 17th**

The Summit will be held on August 20th and 21st at the Wyndham Executive Center.

If you are selected to present a poster, you or a representative must be present at the event.

See more information on our webpage: 20226-Tiered Supports Summit Call for Posters or reach out to PSC@Dmh.mo.gov for details on submission.

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**):

- 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.

- 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**

State Offices Closed

Truman Day, Friday, May 8th

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

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