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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

5/14/26
Statewide BHIDD Learning Collaborative
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5/19/26
Tier 2 Workshop: Check-in/Check-out as a System of Support
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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

5/26/26
Tier 2 Workshop: Enriched Environments
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

5/28/26
Beyond Compliance: Making Due Process Meaningful
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

6/1/26
Certification of Medication Aides Code of State Regulation Proposed Amendment-Public Engagement
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

6/2/26
Certification of Medication Aides Code of State Regulation Proposed Amendment – Public Engagement
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6/3/26
Certification of Medication Aides Code of State Regulation Proposed Amendment – Public Engagement
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I am writing to you from the 35th Annual Aging with Developmental Disabilities (AADD) conference in St. Charles, Missouri. I have had the privilege of chairing the planning committee for the last few years. I am so pleased with this conference and its ability to help bring aging and developmental disability professionals together to learn best practices to improve the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities as they age.

The AADD conference has 4 different tracks in 2026, including: direct care, professional, medical and potpourri. There really is something for everyone to learn and take back to their work.

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.



6/7/26

Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
10:00 a.m.

6/7/26

Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
1:00 p.m.

6/8/26

Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
6:00 p.m.

6/15/26

Beyond Compliance: Making Due Process Meaningful
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

6/18/26

Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6/30/26

Employment First Missouri – Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
10:00 a.m.

6/30/26

Employment First Missouri – Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
1:00 p.m.

6/30/26

Employment First Missouri – Professionals' Input Session on Work and Retirement for Individuals with IDD
2:30 p.m.

6/30/26

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

7/7/26

Professionals' Input Session on Work and Retirement for Individuals with IDD
2:30 p.m.



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. Using the CtLC tools can help people organize their ideas, vision, and goals. DDD staff member, Lisa Nothaus, was awarded the Crystal Bell Charting the LifeCourse award. The LifeCourse Nexus team presents this award and honors an individual who embodies the spirit, values, and authenticity that Crystal Bell brought to everything she did. To view the tools, you can visit: [Charting the LifeCourse Tools](#). Congratulations to Lisa!

7/8/26

Employment First
Missouri- Self-advocates
Input Session on Work
and Retirement
6:00 p.m.

7/8/26

Professionals' Input
Session on Work and
Retirement for People
with IDD
9:30 a.m.

7/8/26

Employment First
Missouri –
Professionals' Input
Session on Work and
Retirement for People
with IDD
9:30 a.m.

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

Relias Users – Attention Needed

On May 21, 2026, Relias will be transitioning to a new security platform. After May 21, 2026, updates will be required if your organization uses an “IP Allow List” to control network activity.

What You Need to Do:

- Click the diagnostic link below to help determine if an IP Allow List needs to be updated.
- Please do this while connected to your organization’s network on a work computer. Using a different location or connection method (for example, VPN or hotspot) will not be a valid test.
- If the page loads, you can expect continued access to Relias from the test device and network without further action.
- If the page does not load, please partner with your IT and Information Security teams and contact Relias Support as soon as possible for details about the required changes, so we can help ensure uninterrupted access.
- Please forward this communication as a courtesy to your IT and Information Security teams for their information and review.

IP Allow List Test

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our Support team via [Relias Connect](#).

Employment Matters: Missouri Job Centers



Missouri Job Centers can be a great resource for assisting individuals with their employment needs, in conjunction with services being received from the Division of Developmental Disabilities and service providers. Job Center services include **job search workshops**, connections with employers and local sector initiatives, training and education, and access to local labor market data to understand hiring trends better. Outreach to your local **Job Center** to discuss how to partner with them and how you can support individuals in using the Job Center’s services.

Registration for the 2026 APSE Missouri Annual Employment Summit is Open!



The 2026 **APSE Missouri Annual Employment Summit** is taking place **July 23–**

24, 2026, at the **Courtyard by Marriott** in **Columbia, Missouri!**

This year's 2-day summit will bring together leaders, advocates, professionals, and job seekers from across the state who are committed to advancing **competitive, integrated employment** for people with disabilities. Over two powerful days, we'll share best practices, innovative strategies, and inspiring success stories that are driving inclusive employment forward.

What to Expect:

- Dynamic keynote speakers
- Engaging breakout sessions
- Networking with peers and experts
- Tools and resources to strengthen your work

Whether you're a provider, policymaker, self-advocate, family member, or employer, this summit is for you. Let's come together to learn, connect, and keep pushing toward a future where employment is for **everyone**. [Follow this link to register or learn more.](#)

Call for Breakout Session Proposals: Starling Conference 2026

Starling, Missouri's statewide association of IDD providers, is seeking outstanding breakout session proposals for its annual leadership conference. This year's theme is "Rooted in Purpose: Leading with Intention," and will take place on **November 17–18, 2026**, at the Branson Convention Center.

This is an event for Missouri professionals from the disability field, but topics don't need to be IDD-specific. They're looking for dynamic, 40-minute sessions that inspire and equip executives, managers, and emerging leaders in a mission-forward career of service. If you have a compelling idea, an innovation, or expertise that helps leaders navigate today's challenges, this is your platform.

Submit a proposal here: [Breakout Presentation Proposal Form](#).

Certification of Medication Aides Code of State Regulation Proposed Amendment- Public Engagement

Division of Developmental Disabilities Statewide Clinical Coordinator, Leslie DeGroat, will review the proposed amendment to the Certification of Medication Aides Serving Persons with Developmental Disabilities regulation. There will be three different opportunities for the public to listen in and comment.

Monday, June 1, 2026, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Missouri Department of Economic Development Regulatory Relief Office

The Department of Economic Development's **Regulatory Relief Office** administers Missouri's **General Regulatory Sandbox Program**, allowing businesses to pilot innovative products or services in a monitored setting without being burdened by certain state regulations. Participating companies receive temporary waivers and support through a streamlined application process—helping them enter the market faster, lower risk, and foster innovation. Businesses and entrepreneurs can also submit suggestions through the **Regulatory Relief Suggestion Box** to highlight outdated or cumbersome rules. Insights from the sandbox help shape long-term regulatory reform, making Missouri's business environment more competitive and forward-thinking.

CMS Contractor, CoventBridge, Provider Audits

The Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit (MMAC) is responsible for oversight and auditing compliance with Medicaid Title XIX, CHIP Title XXI, and Medicaid Waiver Programs in Missouri.

MMAC has stated that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), through its contractor CoventBridge, Inc., may randomly select several Missouri providers to participate in a Medicaid integrity audit.

If CoventBridge, Inc. contacts you, respond promptly. Please ensure your organization receives information directly from DSS by signing up for MO DSS

Email Updates. For more detailed information, please go to: [Maintaining Compliance with Medicaid Program Requirements](#).

The Missouri Commission on Autism Update

The Missouri Commission on Autism is charged with developing an “Autism Roadmap for Missouri” that spans a person’s lifespan living with autism. The roadmap includes best practices for care and services within health care, education, vocational support, and community resources, and highlights opportunities for improvement. Work is being conducted in four phases:

1. Transitioning to adulthood
2. Screening, Diagnosis, and Early Interventions for Young Children with Autism
3. Access to care
4. Complex Behavioral Needs and Crisis Care

The commission is currently drafting recommendations for Phase IV.

For more information, check out the Missouri Autism Commission on the Office of Autism [webpage](#).

DDD MOCDD Team

The DDD MOCDD Team offers assistance for the MO Children's Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver Request Process in two ways.

Technical Assistance: Support Coordinators can reach out to request help or consult with the team on completing a MOCDD Waiver Request Process packet.

Completion of Full Packet: Support coordinators, individuals and families can request that the DDD MOCDD Team complete the entire MOCDD Waiver Request Process.

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

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.

- 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

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

Juneteenth, Friday, June 19th

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