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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

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[Employment First Missouri – Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement](#)
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6:00 p.m.

DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

This week, I'm writing to you from Arlington, VA. I am very grateful to attend the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) Directors Forum and Policy Symposium. This is an event where state and national leaders in developmental disabilities services get together to learn from one another and analyze complex policy issues. I always gain so much insight into administrative priorities, regulatory updates and what other states are doing from this event. I also like to see all the innovations

in Missouri highlighted. I have the privilege to attend the conference with DMH Director Huhn, who is also the President of the NASDDDS Board of Directors and Angie Brenner, Deputy Director of DDD. I'm excited to bring this knowledge back to Missouri to create a strong, sustainable DDD service system.

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.

Cyber Security Awareness

The FBI recently warned that the Silent Ransom Group has been acting like IT employees to gain access to organizations' devices and networks. They are targeting industries, including health care. Historically, scammers have sent phishing emails. Since this spring, they have begun calling or emailing employees, asking them to call IT support and grant remote desktop access. If that doesn't work, they have been sending people to work locations, telling them they need to insert a storage device into computers to fix and protect them from phishing emails. Scammers are dressing up like delivery drivers to gain access to locked areas in facilities. Remember to be on the lookout for anything suspicious and alert your IT provider.

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.

7/14/26

BHIDD – DDD Services: Intake, Eligibility, and Targeted Case Management Services
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

7/23/26

BHIDD – From Crisis to Progress: Integrating Therapeutic and Behavioral Supports
9:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.

8/20/26 - 8/21/26

MTS Summit – Register here!

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

Bright Spot

*Names and other identifying information have been changed to protect Personally Identifying Information (PII).

Joe lived in an Individualized Supported Living (ISL) residence for over a decade. About a year ago, Joe had a deep conversation about goals with his Support Coordinator. The Support Coordinator asked if living on his own was truly a goal he wanted or just something that was in his plan. Joe said he really wanted to live on his own.

Joe's Support Coordinator had attended the Missouri Assistive Technology Conference including a breakout session about remote supports. He told Joe about assistive technology and remote supports as well as providers who could help with those services. Joe spent months preparing to live on his own. After he moved into his apartment, in-person support was gradually stepped down. Joe now lives in his apartment with a few hours of personal assistance service weekly and remote supports.

This wouldn't have been possible without Joe's very supportive Public Administrator. The Public Administrator had confidence in Joe's abilities and respect for the dignity of risk. This was also possible for Joe due to the ISL providers' support. Their patience and willingness to go forward with this process was so important. Joe says the best part is having family over to his own home, having dinner and watching TV with them. This was a goal of Joe's for many years. Achieving it required a combination of supports, resources, and dedicated team members working with him.

Support for Employment Service Providers

Are you a new DMH contracted employment provider? If so, do you struggle with what you don't know, what questions to ask and who to ask them and where to find the information that you are looking for? If so, please reach out to Employment First Missouri. We can assist you in finding resources and connecting you with organizations and others who have valuable experience and insight to help you and your organization build your program. We can also provide resources and training that can move your organization and staff forward. Please visit our website for listings of training courses and resources, and to contact us to schedule a meeting. [Employment First Missouri](#).



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**

Missouri Talent Pathways (MO TAP) Continues to Grow



With 31 Employer partners participating and more than 600 active apprentices enrolled in the Direct Support Professional (DSP) apprenticeship pathway, Missouri's commitment to building a strong DSP workforce continues to grow. Through a blend of mentoring, "earn as you learn" training, and related technical coursework, this effort continues to strengthen the DSP workforce.

MO TAP is happy to celebrate over 300 DSP apprenticeship graduates who have gained valuable skills, hands-on experience, and industry-recognized credentials. Thank you to our employer partners whose commitment to apprenticeship and workforce development continues to help the DSP workforce grow and thrive. Interested in becoming an employer partner? Check out this MO TAP video to learn more about the benefits of being an employer partner.

[Missouri Talent Pathways \(MOTAP\) Registered Apprenticeships: Series 1](#)

You can also reach out to MOTAP@dmh.mo.gov.

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

BHIDD Virtual Training

Registration Now Open!

Training Name | **DDD Services: Intake, Eligibility, and Targeted Case Management Services**

Date | July 14, 2026

Time | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Description | *Demystify eligibility for DDD services and case management services.* Learn about the Intake and Eligibility process through the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), including services offered, who should apply, how to apply, and what to expect throughout the process from start to finish. The session will also cover what happens after eligibility is determined, who may qualify for waiver funding through the Division, and *what services are offered through Targeted Case Management (TCM).*

Register Here: <https://cvent.me/kNEOPR>.

Training Name | **From Crisis to Progress: Integrating Therapeutic and Behavioral Supports**

Date | July 23, 2026

Time | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Description | Collaboration across disciplines is essential to providing comprehensive, individualized care for individuals in the Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (BHIDD) population. This presentation will explore how *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and counseling services can work together to enhance treatment outcomes* through a multidisciplinary approach. The speakers will discuss best-practice strategies, treatment modifications, and collaborative interventions designed to address behavioral and mental health concerns. Attendees will gain insight into how behavioral and therapeutic approaches can complement one another to create person-centered support plans tailored to an individual's unique needs. Case examples will be reviewed to demonstrate the practical application and effectiveness of collaborative **care models**.

Register Here: <https://cvent.me/GL1dDa>.

Proposed CSR Amendment: Medication Aide Certification Public Comment Through July 10

DDD is seeking public comments on proposed changes to [9 CSR 45-3.070](#), Certification of Medication Aides Serving Persons with Developmental Disabilities. The purpose of the amendment is to update the approved manual for the Medication Aide Training Program, update the approved instruction format by adding an online component, update minor details of the certification process, update requirements for becoming an instructor, add additional certifications that medication aides can complete, and update the title of the Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities.

DDD is accepting public comments on these proposed changes between June 10, 2026 and July 10, 2026. Comment must be related to the proposed changes and submitted to Leslie DeGroat at Leslie.DeGroat@dmh.mo.gov.

For more information and to view the proposed changes, visit <https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/governance/drafts>.

Removal of Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS) in Response to General Revenue Shortfall

The budget passed by the Missouri General Assembly and submitted to the Governor for signature did not include funding for two services **beginning July 1, 2026**: Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS). Therefore, CS and IDGS will be removed as services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). CS and IDGS will be removed from the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers administered by DDD upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please refer to the corresponding [Removal of CS and IDGS Memo](#) and [Removal of CS and IDGS Provider Bulletin](#). Questions and comments should be directed to ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

The Link Center Learning Group Sessions

The Link Center hosts virtual shared learning groups for direct support professionals, clinical professionals, family members, and people with lived experience. These groups provide opportunities to dive into important topics and tap into your expertise and experiences related to people with cognitive disabilities, including intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and brain injuries, and mental health conditions. This month's topic is Suicide and Suicide Prevention. Please visit [The Link Center Shared Learning Groups](#) to register and look for other learning opportunities.

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 Tier 2 June workshops: Register with the links below

June 23, 2026, 9 am - 10:30 am - [Tier 2 Workshop: Enriched Environments](#)

For July and August, the Tier 2 team will be putting the workshops on hold to focus on creating exciting new workshops and planning the MTS Summit!

Tiered Supports Summit Registration is Open!

The Missouri Tiered Supports Summit will be held at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, MO, on Thursday and Friday, August 20-21, 2026. The Summit will include presentations from change agents from across the country sharing experiences, resources, and implementation strategies, with keynote speakers Dr. Ruth Anne Rehfeldt and Dr. Timothy Weil. Sessions will highlight the community-level impact of Tiered Systems of Support and strategies to maximize the implementation of evidence-based practices across environments.

The early bird registration rate is \$25. Register by **July 1st** to secure this rate. After this date, the registration fee will increase to \$35. This fee includes continuing education. MBHC will provide behavioral health contact hours to event attendees. The Department of Mental Health will be offering BACB® CEUs.

[Click this link to register.](#)

Early bird special is 25.00!



DATES AND COST BREAKDOWN

Main Conference | August 20 - 21, 2026

Price: | Early Bird Rate: \$25. Register by July 1st to secure this rate. After this date, the registration fee will increase to \$35.



LOCATION

Wyndham Executive Center
2200 I-70 Drive SW
Columbia, MO 65203



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Phone | 573-416-0447

Online | [Book Here](#)

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

Mass Adjustment of Claims for Services Requiring Electronic Visit Verification

Due to a temporary system issue, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) did not apply Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) validation edits to claims received from Personal Care and Home Health Care providers between May 6, 2026, and May 13, 2026. As a result, some claims that should have been denied were accidentally paid, and others missed required informational alerts.

What is Happening Next?

The State is conducting a mass adjustment to reprocess all affected claims received from May 6, 2026, through May 13, 2026. The claims will be reprocessed through the EVV claims validation edits, as they should have been when initially received. Here is how your claims will be affected:

- Soft launch claims: Will be updated to include the correct informational edits
- Hard launch claims (provider types 26 and 28): Any claim without a matching EAS visit will be denied
- Overpayments: Any payments made in error on hard-launch claims will be recouped

Key Dates to Watch

- May 29, 2026: The adjustment will appear on your Remittance Advice
- June 12, 2026: This is the check date associated with these adjustments

Additional Information and Resources

For more information on the soft and hard launch, review the following MO HealthNet Bulletins:

- [Bulletin 47-49: EVV Claims Validation](#)
- [Bulletin 48-45: EVV Claims Validation: Key Updates for Providers](#)

To support our providers subject to EVV claims validation, we have created an EVV provider webpage featuring user-friendly resources:

- [EVV Provider webpage](#) – A comprehensive hub of educational materials, provider and vendor resources, provider manuals, and targeted Bulletins and Hot Tips.
- [Mastering EVV Compliance and Claims Validation](#) – A searchable educational guide designed to help you manage claims validation, ensure accurate documentation, and resolve errors efficiently.
- [EVV Setup and Support webpage](#) – Essential guidance for selecting an EVV vendor, completing the required [EVV Aggregator Solution Provider Training](#), and accessing the step-by-step guide: [EVV: Requirements, Setup, and Support](#).

If you have reviewed these resources and require further assistance, please contact Provider Communications at (833) 222-7916 or email 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.

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](#)):

- July 8th: [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- August 12: [How Medicare fits into Long-Term Care](#)
- September 9: [Show Me Home Program](#)
- October 14: [Medicare Open Enrollment for 2027](#)
- November 4: [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.

- June 24: [Removing Barriers to Computer Access](#)
- July 22: [Comfort and Confidence for Personal Care](#)
- August 26: [Adaptive Crafting for All](#)
- September 23: [AT for Transitions: Are You Ready?](#)
- October 28: [Giving People a Voice with Low Tech AAC](#)
- November 18: [And the Award Goes To... Best AT of 2026](#)

State Offices Closed

Juneteenth, Friday, June 19

Independence Day (observed), Friday, July 3

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