

In the LOOP

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Autism Communities Resources for Families and Professionals

ECHO Autism Communities is about equipping all communities to care for and support individuals with autism and their families through best practices, regardless of geographic location. Utilizing the ECHO Autism Model to mentor and guide community practitioners, educators, and advocates, creates local expertise and increases access for individuals with autism and their families.

Check out the [August 2021 Newsletter](#) which highlights *Momversations*, a new series highlighting the experiences of moms with children on the autism spectrum, resources to support the transition to adulthood, links to the Autism 2021 symposium sessions, and more.

SAVE the DATE!

ECHO Autism Communities Symposium 2022
Mark your calendar now for April 7, 2022,
and plan to attend the next symposium.

Details and information will be posted on the [ECHO Autism website](#).



Real Voices / Real Choices Virtual Consumer Conference “Freedom Through Support, Advocacy, Empowerment, Awareness, Connection, and Recovery” August 30-31, 2021

Individuals and youth living with or in recovery from mental illness or a substance use disorder and individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are invited to participate in the Real Voices/Real Choices (RV/RC) consumer conference. The conference is FREE and will be held virtually. Registration is required and can be completed online. For additional information and details or to register, please visit the [conference website](#) or follow the conference posts on the [Facebook page](#).

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August 2021



Beginning late spring and throughout the summer, the Division has been working on Phase 2: Design, Build, and Configuration with FEI Systems. Detailed requirement sessions have been held on the Individualized Support Plan, Quality Assurance, Consumer Referral, and Billing and Claims. Additional sessions were conducted to continue to refine requirements for the new case management system.

In addition, the Division is working with FEI on an updated detailed project schedule with additional tasks and revised start and end dates. The proposed re-baselined project schedule has a go-live date of October 2022 for a pilot, November 2022 for full go-live, and project end date of September 2023 (to be inclusive of stabilization and CMS certification of the system post go-live). This project is now expected to last a total of 38 months from initiation to close-out.

Check out the [ConneXion webpage](#), as it was recently updated to provide more relevant and updated information on the project.

COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall

The Division of Developmental Disabilities, along with Station MD, hosted a Town Hall public forum that was offered virtually through WebEx around COVID-19 Vaccinations. The Town Hall featured Dr. Angeline Stanislaus, DMH Chief Medical Director, and Dr. Deven Unadkat, Chief Medical Officer, Station MD, sharing important information and key facts about COVID-19 vaccines and the latest information about the virus and its variants.

If you missed the opportunity to participate in the live Town Halls, you can still listen to the [recording of the event](#) to hear the information that was shared and discussed.

New NCI Survey Year!

The MO Division of Developmental Disabilities is preparing for a new National Core Indicators (NCI) survey year! NCI is a survey project that helps the Division improve quality of services. People receiving services from the Division are randomly selected to participate. If you are selected, it will be your chance to tell us about your life and if you are happy with your services!

If you are selected to participate, you will be notified later this year by phone or mail. To learn more about NCI, please visit the [National Core Indicators website](#) or the [Division's NCI page](#).

Stay Connected

A Division priority is to provide ongoing and consistent communication with all stakeholders, including individuals, families, service and case management providers, service partners, and state team members. To promote timely and effective messaging, the Division uses a variety of approaches, including [monthly information webinars](#), [daily email blasts](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and the [Division website updates](#). If you have not done so already, you are encouraged to participate in Division communication efforts and share these efforts with others.

