

In the LOOP

FREE Family Coaching Workshops

The Division of Developmental Disabilities Tiered Supports team is offering FREE virtual Family Coaching Workshops. These workshops provide participants an opportunity to learn about implementing positive behavior practices and strategies that can be used at home.

Virtual workshops will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:00-7:00 pm, beginning August 25, 2022. Workshop topics include: learning about behavior, how to avoid using coercion, building trust through approach, recognizing positive consequences, using pivot techniques to reduce behaviors, learning skills to de-escalate difficult situations, setting expectations, and identifying life values through creating a family matrix.

The [Family Coaching Workshops flyer](#) is available on the [MO Tiered Supports Tier 1 webpage](#) under Training. Participants will be able to connect with Tier 1 team members and other participants through the virtual event by clicking on the link embedded in the flyer.

Back-to-School Resources

[Missouri Parent's Act](#) (MPACT) is Missouri's federally-funded Parent and Training Information Center. Their mission is to empower families to advocate for themselves so that children with special education needs can reach their full potential in education and life – through support, training, and education.

MPACT offers a variety of resources and trainings, including sessions to help address questions or concerns around Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and other related special education topics. Training topics include Back-to-School Boot Camp, Understanding the Evaluation and IEP Processes, Effective Advocacy, Dispute Resolution, Section 504 Plans, Bully Prevention, Transition to Elementary School, and more.

Visit MPACT's [website](#) to find additional information about MPACT, view resources, read success stories, and sign up for trainings.

Value Based Payment Incentives

Value Based Payments (VBP) are a way to pay providers based on the value and quality of services they provide. The Division is working on VBP payments for waiver and targeted case management services. More information about the Division's plan for VBP is located on the Division's [Value Based Payments webpage](#).

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A Division priority is to provide timely updates to all stakeholders on the ConneXion Case Management System Implementation Project. The [ConneXion webpage](#) provides project information and updates.

Project implementation is currently 80% complete. The requirements gathering phase of the project has been completed and resources are being moved to configure the system. Contract Amendment requirements will be complete in September 2022. Preliminary system testing started in June 2022 and will continue through December 2022. Formal User Acceptance Testing (UAT) has also started and will continue through year end. Training strategy, plan, and materials work continues to progress. In addition, the Division is working to finalize contracts for end-user trainers. End-user training will be required for all end-users of the ConneXion system. Anticipated Go-Live of system is May 16, 2023, with all training occurring February – May 2023, prior to Go-Live.

Project Phase Name	Actual % Work Complete	Health Indicator
Phase 1: Start-Up/Planning Phase	100%	Green
Phase 2: Design & Build/Configuration	93%	Green
Phase 3: Testing	37%	Green
Phase 4: Deployment/Implementation	53%	Green
Phase 5: Stabilization/Certification	29%	Green
Phase 6: Close-Out Phase	0%	Green

New Easy Readers Available

The Division of Developmental Disabilities has five new Easy Reader booklets available. Easy Readers provide information in a clear and easy-to-understand format that benefits people of different age groups with various reading levels or needs. Easy Readers present information along with supporting illustrations or graphics and use plain language to help increase the reader’s ability to understand the material.

New Easy Reader topics include:

- Housemates and You
- What You Need to Know About Choosing a Home
- What You Need to Know About Self-Directing Your Supports
- Surveys and You: Your Voice Matters
- Waivers and You

These new Easy Readers can be found on the Division’s [Self-Advocacy webpage](#).

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 [informational webinars](#), [daily email blasts](#), [Social Media Connections](#), [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.