

# In the LOOP

## Managing Family Stress During the Holidays



While the holidays are a great opportunity to spend time with friends and family, they can also be stressful. Changes in routines, managing different schedules, and trying to maintain traditions can be overwhelming to some and exhilarating to others.

This in-depth webinar addresses this important topic. Alongside ECHO Autism professionals, two dads of children on the spectrum discuss ways to manage family stress during the holiday season. You can watch the full webinar [here](#). Check out other webinars and resources [here](#).

## Director's Creativity Showcase



The Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Missouri Mental Health Foundation (MMHF) are accepting entries for the Director's Creativity Showcase. The Director's Creativity Showcase is an annual event that displays the talents and artistic creations from individuals who are receiving services for mental illness, developmental disabilities, or are in recovery for substance use disorders. Anyone who is receiving services is eligible to submit an entry into the competition. Entry submission categories include: substance use disorders, mental illness, developmental disabilities, professional, photography, and crafts. Entry deadline is January 27, 2023.

To view entry guidelines, entry forms, and other important details, visit the Missouri Mental Health Foundation's [website](#) or you may contact them at (573) 635-9201 or [mmhf@missourimhf.org](mailto:mmhf@missourimhf.org)

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

ConneXion implementation is currently 86% complete. The requirements gathering phase of the project is closed. During fall 2022, resources were moved to build/configuration of the system. Finalization of Contract Amendment requirements will be completed December 2022. Preliminary system testing on specific areas and interfaces will continue through year-end. Formal User Acceptance Testing (UAT) has begun and will continue through March 2023.

### PROJECT STATUS TABLE

Project Phase Name	Actual % Work Complete	Health Indicator
Phase 1: Start-Up/Planning Phase	100%	Green
Phase 2: Design & Build/Configuration Phase	97%	Green
Phase 3: Testing	45%	Green
Phase 4: Deployment/Implementation	57%	Green
Phase 5: Stabilization/Certification Phase	26%	Green
Phase 6: Close-Out Phase	0%	Green

### UPDATED GO-LIVE DATE

As a result of contract amendments and system testing, the project schedule has been revised and the System Go-live date has been moved to **July 17, 2023**



\*Project Complete – 7/18/2024

### Stay Connected

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## FINAL WALKTHROUGH DEMONSTRATION

The Division of Developmental Disabilities and FEI Systems will host a Final ConneXion Case Management System walkthrough demonstration for all stakeholders on January 23, 2023, 1:30-4:30 pm. This webinar will showcase the requirements gathered and configured in ConneXion around ISP Planning and Service Authorizations. Focus areas for this demonstration will highlight the ISP planning process and all modules that interact with the ISP and Service Authorizations.

Topic Areas: ISP including workflow, Assessment, Person Profile, ISP Budget, Service Packet, Service Authorization, Person Portal, HRST Interface with ConneXion ISP and TCM Case Note Billing. This webinar will be recorded and available on the MODD Content Self-Registration Portal. Target Audience for this webinar: Division Team Members, HCBS Service and Targeted Case Management Providers, Support Coordinators, Individuals and Families and other interested individuals. [Click](#) for more information about the demonstration including registration.

## TRAINING UPDATE

The ConneXion training plan and strategy are complete and training materials are currently in development. End-user training is required for all ConneXion users and will begin May 2023 and go through mid-July 2023. Training will be statewide, system-based, and focus on how to navigate the system, including systematic workflows. In-Person training locations will be in the following areas: Kansas City, Jefferson City, and St. Louis.

## Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) Showcase 2023



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charting the LifeCourse Showcase will be held at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City on May 2-4, 2023. The Showcase provides an opportunity for participants to enhance their knowledge, build capacity, and engage with others to learn how to use the CtLC framework and tools. Advocates, family leaders, professionals, support staff, and anyone interested in hearing about unique ways CtLC is used are encouraged to attend.

Pre-Showcase intensive sessions are also available for anyone who would like to enhance their knowledge prior to attending the Showcase events. Early Bird discounted registration is available until January 3, 2023.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Charting the LifeCourse Showcase.

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