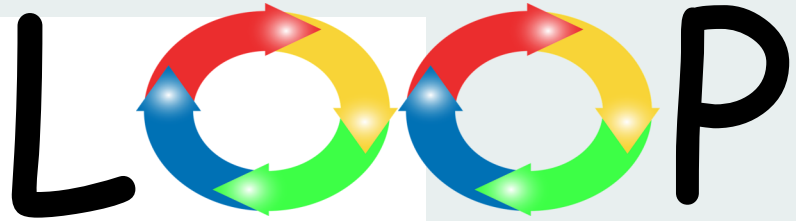


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New Developmental Disabilities Division Director Named

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is pleased to announce Jessica Bax as the new Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, effective May 10, 2021.



Ms. Bax joins the DMH team with more than 16 years of experience in state government at the Department of Health and Senior Services. She began her tenure in 2005 working in the Division of Senior and Disability Services. She served in various roles in the Division Director's office including Constituent and Emergency Services Manager and Bureau Chief of Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports.

ECHO Autism Communities 2021 Symposium



Mark your calendars and register to participate in a FREE Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Autism Communities Symposium event. The symposium will be held April 21, 2021, 8:00 am-4:30pm. The Symposium sched-

ule includes presentations, panel discussions, and resources that will benefit everyone who is interested in Autism related development. Participants will hear from guest speakers who are experts in the field of Autism, parents of individuals who have Autism, and adults who are on the Autism spectrum. For more information and to register for a zoom participation link, please visit the [ECHO Autism Communities website](#).

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April 2021

The [Connexion case management](#) project is currently in the design and development phase with configuration of multiple applications, including but not limited to service planning, provider application, provider enrollment, provider certification, and quality monitoring. The initial phase of interface design and development is beginning in April 2021, with a total of 10 interfaces being configured through the project.

As of April 2021, the project is 36% complete. The project schedule is currently being finalized to include a pilot and go-live date in 2022.

[CDC Updates Vaccine Resources for Disability Populations](#)

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the page on its web site titled "[Vaccine Considerations for People with Disabilities](#)." This webpage provides information for people with disabilities or conditions that may increase their risk of getting and spreading COVID-19, and for their care providers. The CDC also updated the resource page titled "[Guidance for Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities for Vaccination Sites](#)," which contains guidance for vaccination clinics and providers to ensure that they are prepared to accommodate the needs of these populations when they receive vaccination services.

[MODDC Plan Survey](#)

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council developed a state plan to guide their work for the next five years. During the development process, the Council conducted a statewide needs assessment, received extensive public input, reviewed data and trends, and researched best practices. The Council used this information to develop the draft 2022-2026 State Plan. The Council would like feedback from self-advocates, parents, and other stakeholders on the draft State Plan.



The MODDC State Plan Survey, which includes the draft plan is available in English and Spanish. The plan is now available for public comment. The deadline to provide comments on the draft plan is 11:45 p.m. CT on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

[MODDC State Plan Survey](#) [Encuesta sobre el Plan Estatal del MODDC](#)

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](#), [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.

