

In the LOOP

December 2023



Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Health Home

The Division continues to develop and implement a statewide program funded through MO HealthNet (Medicaid) called a Health Home. At this time, projected implementation is set for July 2024.

Individuals covered by MO HealthNet are eligible to be served by a DD Health Home if they have an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability and have, or are at risk of, developing one of the following conditions:

- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Cardiovascular disease or hypertension
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Overweight (Body Mass Index (BMI)>25)
- Dementia
- Dependent on a ventilator
- Tobacco use
- Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- One of the Fatal Five Plus Conditions: Pulmonary Aspiration, Bowel Obstruction, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), Seizures, Sepsis, Dehydration
- Health Risk Screening Tool identifies potential risk for individuals with a Healthcare Level of 3 or greater.

Participation in the DD Health Home program will be optional. Individuals who qualify for the program will be auto-enrolled by the Division but can opt out if they do not want to participate. Enrollment in the DD Health Home will not affect an individual's current MO HealthNet (Medicaid) benefits or services. Individuals who participate in a DD Health Home will have access to a team of healthcare professionals that will help identify healthcare needs, develop lifetime

healthcare goals, and help promote healthy lifestyle choices and wellness.

Additional information, including resources and introductory video, is available on the [DD Health Home Webpage](#). Email questions to ddhealthhome@dmh.mo.gov



Self-Directed Supports Rate Study

The Division of Developmental Disabilities has partnered with Mercer, a consulting firm that helps organizations evaluate services, to conduct a rate study for the Self-Directed Supports (SDS) program. The goal of the SDS Rate Study is to model service rate ranges that are reasonable based on market data. The Division held the first SDS Rate Study Stakeholder Meeting on November 30, 2023. SDS participants, designated representatives, and interested stakeholders are asked to review the materials identifying the cost components from the November 30 webinar and provide feedback to ddmail@dmh.mo.gov no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The first Self-Directed Supports Rate Study Stakeholder Meeting presentation is available for review on the Division's [previous webinar page](#).

The Division has tentatively scheduled additional stakeholder meetings on March 12 and May 16, 2024.

The Division encourages participation in the SDS Rate Study process and asks that all questions be sent to ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.



**2023-2024 Surveys:
We Need Your
Feedback!**

The Division participates in three National Core Indicators surveys and the Missouri Quality Outcomes Survey. These surveys ask people with

intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families about their lives and the services they receive. Earlier this fall, the Division of Developmental Disabilities began a new survey cycle.

People receiving Division services are randomly selected to participate in these surveys. If you or your family are selected, you will be contacted by mail or telephone. Mailed surveys will come from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development. Telephone contact will be made by your local regional office.

If you have the chance to participate, please do! All survey responses are anonymous and help to make services better for everyone. The 2023-2024 survey cycle ends on June 30, 2024.

To learn more about surveys, view the [Surveys & You: Your Voice Matters Easy Reader](#). You may also email questions to Caitlin Bartley, NCI Project Coordinator, at: caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov



Missouri Tiered Supports **FREE** Family Coaching Workshops

Are you a parent or family member looking for strategies that will help you improve positive relationships between members of your family?

Do you want to learn skills you can use to help reduce difficult behaviors and enhance communication?

If so, the MO Tiered Supports invites you to participate in FREE Family Coaching Workshops. These workshops are available to parents and family members to help them recognize how their responses to behaviors can affect the outcome of an interaction. Workshops are designed to provide a positive learning environment where parents and family members can learn skills and receive guidance from the Tiered Supports team to help them develop better reactions to negative behaviors. Each session focuses on a different topic related to recognizing behaviors and identifying alternative responses. Workshops held virtually, are one-hour in length, and take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The next workshop series is scheduled to run through March 28, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Check out the [Family Coaching Workshops](#) flyer to find more information and register for the workshop sessions.



LifeCourse Nexus invites interested advocates, families, and professionals to “**Embrace the All!**” at the [8th Annual Charting the LifeCourse Showcase](#) scheduled for April 23-25, 2024 in Kansas City, MO. Early Bird registration is open and discounted rates are available now.



Missouri Assistive Technology presents:
[Power Up 2024 Assistive Technology Conference](#)

April 8-9, 2024
Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, MO

[Conference Event Guide](#) - provides information about registration, lodging, rates, and conference agenda.

[Exhibitor Registration](#) is open. Discounted exhibitor registration by January 31, 2024.



Missouri Family-to-Family Good Life Group

[Missouri Family-to-Family](#) invites parents and families to join a statewide learning collaborative to prioritize and plan for self-care in 2024. Self-care is a vital part of a Good Life and can look different for each person. During this call, participants will identify what self-care looks like for them and use the Integrated Support Star tool to explore how to make their self-care goals a reality. This Good

Life Group will take place on January 25, 2024, beginning at 12:30pm.

[Register](#) for this call.



Artwork is now being accepted for

The 2024 Director's Creativity Showcase

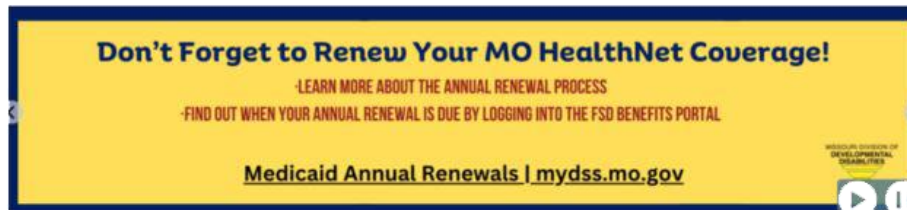
Since 1979, the Director's Creativity Showcase has given individuals the opportunity to display their creative talents across the state. This art contest is open to any individual living with a mental illness, substance use disorder, or intellectual or developmental disability. The featured pieces are reviewed and awarded by a panel of judges for the following categories:

- Mental illness
- Substance use disorder
- Developmental disability
- Crafts
- Photography

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. Entry deadline is January 26, 2024. Visit the [Director's Creativity Showcase](#) webpage to find competition rules, details on how and where to submit an entry,

and view entries from last year's Showcase. All questions about the Showcase can be directed to:

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Missouri's Master Plan on Aging

Did you know there are currently more than 1.1 million Missouri citizens over the age of 60? Estimates suggest that older adults will outnumber minors for the first time by 2030, and older adults will greatly outnumber minors by 2060. The U.S. older population is also becoming more diverse. These demographic shifts will have a profound impact on the volume and types of services and support that states provide to older adults and people with disabilities, as well as family caregivers.

On January 19, 2023, Governor Parson signed [Executive Order 23-01](#) to establish a Master Plan on Aging to help reduce age and disability discrimination, eliminate barriers to safe and healthy aging, and help Missourians age with dignity. This Executive Order created an advisory council and tasked the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) with the development of a plan by December 31, 2025.

A Master Plan on Aging is a cross-sector, state-led strategic resource that can help transform the infrastructure and coordination of services

for this rapidly aging population. The plan will build bridges across government agencies, facilitate collaboration with diverse stakeholders, promote equity, raise awareness among policymakers and the public, establish statewide priorities, and incorporate an aging and disability lens across state priorities beyond traditional health care and community.

Your feedback is needed! The Master Plan on Aging is focused on gathering valuable information and feedback from all Missourians about the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers. Town Hall events are being planned across the state. Plan to participate in a Town Hall in your area.

MISSOURI MASTER PLAN ON AGING TOWN HALL *Events*

SPONSORING AGENCY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
AGING BEST	2/26	9-11 AM	AGING BEST 2027 CHRISTY DR JEFFERSON CITY
CARE CONNECTION	2/27	2-4 PM	WARRENSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER 445 E GAY ST WARRENSBURG
YOUNG AT HEART	2/28	9-11 AM	EAST HILLS LIBRARY THEATER ROOM 502 N WOODBINE RD ST. JOSEPH
NORTHEAST MISSOURI AREA AGENCY ON AGING	2/29	2-4 PM	MONROE CITY NUTRION CENTER 314 S MAIN ST MONROE CITY
MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL	3/1	9 AM-12 PM	KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION CENTER 4801 ROCKHILL RD KANSAS CITY
AGING AHEAD	3/5	9-11 AM	MARYLAND HEIGHTS COMM CENTER 2300 MCKELVEY RD MARYLAND HEIGHTS
ST LOUIS AREA AGENCY ON AGING	3/5	2-4 PM	O'FALLON PARK REG COMPLEX 4343 W FLORISSANT AVE STL
AGING MATTERS	3/6	2-4 PM	SHOW ME CENTER 1333 N SPRIG ST CAPE GIRARDEAU
SENIORAGE	3/7	2-4 PM	SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CENTER 2215 S FREMONT AVE SPRINGFIELD
REGION X AREA AGENCY ON AGING	3/8	2-4 PM	JOPLIN SENIOR CENTER 2616 S PICHER AVE JOPLIN



WE WANT TO KNOW THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS, ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, AND CAREGIVERS IN YOUR AREA. JOIN A TOWN HALL MEETING. SHARE YOUR INPUT.

Visit the master plan website



AGING WITH DIGNITY
Missouri's Master Plan on Aging



FHIR-ed Up *for* INTEROPERABILITY

The Division continues to collaborate with the Office of Administration - Information Technology Services Division (OA-ITSD), EMI Advisors, Lewis & Clark Health

Information Exchange, Tiger Institute, and Velatura Health Information Exchange to support the implementation of the electronic Long Term Services and Supports (eLTSS) dataset. Project teams met in November to discuss a revised timeline to implement the eLTSS dataset. Due to delays in the implementation of a case management solution, the eLTSS project will be split into two phases – a testing phase and a production phase. Production phase timing is to be determined.

Project teams continue to meet weekly to design the end-to-end architecture of the project and to gather technical requirements.

Upcoming milestones include a transition from design and requirements gathering to development and testing.



After careful consideration, the Division and FEI Systems, Inc. have mutually agreed to end the current iteration of the ConneXion project.

The Division project teams are meeting internally to plan a path forward to achieving the Division's goal of implementing an integrated electronic case management system to standardize, centralize, and automate the service planning process for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability receiving Medicaid Waiver and other State plan services.

Future communication can be obtained by subscribing to the [Division's e-mail blast](#) or via the [ConneXion website](#).

*The Division of Developmental Disabilities would like to wish you a
Happy and Safe Holiday season!*

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