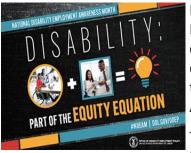
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### October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)



National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is an opportunity to educate communities and individuals about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

This year's theme is Disability: Part of the Equity Equation. Employers and communi-

ty agencies of all sizes and in all industries are encouraged to participate in NDEAM. For specific ideas and resources about celebrating NDEAM, visit National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2022. Explore the Division's Promoting Employment webpage to find resources and information about accessing employment services through the Division.

#### **2022 Virtual Autism Conference**

November 3 & 4, 2022 8:30 am-12:30 pm

<u>Keynote speakers</u> include Patti Vasquez, Haley Moss, and Jonathan Martinis. Registration information and a full conference schedule will be available soon. If you have questions, contact Tara Wehmeyer at <u>tara.wehmeyer@esmw.org</u> or Ashley Hartmann at <u>ashley.hartmann@esmw.org</u>.



## Family COACHING WORKSHOPS



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Learn more about positive practices to use at home.

Join other caregivers across Missouri to learn, practice, and get support!

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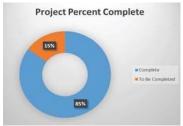
#### **Regional Offices**

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES







Progress continues on the Division of Developmental Disabilities new case management system—ConneXion. At this time, the project is 85% complete. A dedicated <a href="webpage">webpage</a> provides project objectives, benefits, scope, status, and other timely information.

#### MOADD Summit November 9, 2022

MOADD (Missouri Alliance for Dual Diagnosis) is preparing for the upcoming state-wide Summit, which will be held in Columbia, MO, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center on November 9, 2022, 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Summit topics include Systems Collaboration Efforts, Clinical Best Practices for Individuals with Dual Diagnoses, Therapy Options, Provider Panel, Healthy Sexual Behavior, Family Story Sharing, and Round Table Discussions. For additional information and to register for the Summit, visit the MOADD website.

## No Wrong Door (NWD) – Missouri Open Door (MOD) Workshop Series

The Missouri Open Door (MOD) Virtual Workshop Series is a FREE one-hour monthly workshop hosted by UMKC Institute of Human Development and the Missouri Assistive Technology Project. Each workshop focuses on a designated topic area that will provide immediate-use ideas and solutions for you, and those you support with a specific focus in the realm of technology. Topics for this free workshop series include using planning tools for personal outcomes, using adaptive equipment, using assistive technology to increase independence, and more. Participants can watch workshops through a live Zoom call or watch the recorded workshop events at their convenience through the <a href="mailto:Charting the LifeCourse">Charting the LifeCourse</a> YouTube channel. For additional information, contact Angelina Alpert (UMKC) at <a href="mailto:angelinaalpert@umkc.edu">angelinaalpert@umkc.edu</a>.

#### **November is National Family Caregiver Month**

National Family Caregiver Month (NFCM) is a time set aside for recognizing and honoring family caregivers across the nation. NFCM is an opportunity to raise awareness of important caregiving issues, educate communities about caregiving needs, and recognize the invaluable support family caregivers provide.

MO Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) maintains a caregiver webpage focused on caregiver awareness and additional caregiver resources on self-care, managing stress, tips for caregivers, and caregiver fact sheets.

#### **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, 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.

