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# In the LOOP

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## Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Health Home

The Division of DD is working to develop a statewide program funded through MO HealthNet (Medicaid) called a Health Home. The DD Health Home will be designed to help coordinate healthcare for individuals who have a developmental disability, are eligible for Division of DD services, have a Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) Healthcare Level of 3 or greater, and have one or more of the following conditions:

- Chronic health condition(s) to include: Diabetes, Asthma, Cardiovascular Disease or Hypertension, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Overweight, Dementia, Dependent on a Ventilator, and Tobacco Use
- Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- One of the Fatal Five Plus Conditions: Pulmonary Aspiration, Bowel Obstruction, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), Seizures, Sepsis, and Dehydration

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Participation in the DD Health Home program will be optional. Individuals who qualify for the program will choose if they want to enroll. Participating 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 health goals, and help promote healthy lifestyle choices and wellness.

For additional information:

- DD [Health Home Webpage](#)
- Email questions to: [ddhealthhome@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:ddhealthhome@dmh.mo.gov)



## Missouri Tiered Supports News

If you are looking for information and updates from the Division's Tiered Supports/Positive Supports program area, be sure to check out the [June Newsletter](#).

The newsletter provides information on focus areas, coaching tips, beneficial resources, and dates for upcoming trainings and workshops.





## Summer Travel Tips and Resources

Summer is here and in full swing! If you or someone you support is considering vacation travels, check out the articles in [Exceptional Parent](#) magazine. The Annual Summer Fun and Travel issue is out and available FREE online. This issue provides great tips and resources for people who are traveling. Articles pertaining to the considerations needed when traveling with mobility, health related, and equipment needs are included.

If you are looking for places to go closer to home, consider visiting one of Missouri's State Parks. Did you know there is an [accessibility information link](#) available on the Missouri State Parks webpage? Each State Park link provides additional information about what is available at each location as well as contact information so you can call ahead and ask questions before heading out.

This travel [tip sheet](#) provides additional considerations around airline travel, accessible hotel and lodging tips, traveling with support animals, and more.

[Autism Speaks](#) provides information, links, and guides to help people with Autism plan in advance for travel experiences. Resources include links to preparation tips, printable guides and social stories, and considerations from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

When traveling, be sure you stay weather aware. Summer travel can include being in areas where temperatures are excessive. Make sure you plan in advance, even for short trips, before leaving home.

Be sure to stay hydrated (travel with drinking water) and dress in lightweight, breathable, light colored clothing. Stay indoors, when possible, and know where cooling centers are located in your area. Consider traveling in early morning or evening hours when temperatures are the coolest. Reduce physical activity during excessive temperatures, wear sunscreen, and watch weather

forecasts before leaving home. Check for [Cooling Centers](#) in Missouri through an interactive map.

Other heat related resources include:

Observe! Decide! Act! [Preventing Heat-Related Illness](#)

Observe! Decide! Act! [Burn Prevention & Safety](#)

Health & Senior Services [Hyperthermia](#)

MO State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) [Extreme Heat](#)

### **Upcoming Home and Community Based Services Waiver Changes**

The Division of DD is providing training on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) approved Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. This training will cover changes to services in each of the four waivers. This training is being offered on two different dates/times for scheduling convenience: July 11 (1:30pm - 3:00pm) and July 18 (1:00pm - 2:30pm). The target audiences for this training include providers, individuals and families, and state team members. Registration information is available on the [Division's Upcoming Webinar page](#).



### **Mark Your Calendars**

The 2023 Missouri Tiered Supports Summit will be held September 26-27, 2023 at Stoney Creek Hotel in Columbia, MO. The theme for the summit is **Building Systems That Last.**

The 2023 Missouri Tiered Supports Summit provides an opportunity for agency team members, administrators, supervisors, coaches, family caregivers, Department of Mental Health team members, and other behavioral health professionals to learn more about the practices and implementation of Tiered Supports.

The Summit will include presentations from change agents and behavior analysts from across the country.



Plans are underway for the next Missouri Alliance for Dual Diagnosis (MOADD) Summit, which will be held in Columbia, MO. Mark your calendar now for November 9, 2023.



**How did we do?  
Provide feedback.**

The Division of DD is dedicated to providing quality customer service to all stakeholders and is committed to maintaining valuable communication efforts. In order to collect critical feedback from stakeholders, the Division has implemented feedback opportunities.

As you explore the Division's webpages, you will notice a button/link seeking input and feedback about your experience. The feedback survey is anonymous, short, easy to complete, and provides an opportunity to provide additional written input, if desired.

The Division welcomes your feedback and invites you to complete a [customer service survey](#).



## Real Voices/Real Choices

### Registration is Open

Registration for the Department of Mental Health's "Real Voices / Real Choices" conference is open.

The conference is scheduled for August 27-29, 2023 at the Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach, MO.

Visit the [RV/RC webpage](#) for more information, review conference dates, find answers to frequently asked questions, or to register on-line.



The [ConneXion webpage](#) has new and updated documents under the Project Resources, Education, and Communication section including:

- Billing and Claims Resources
- ConneXion FAQ
- General ConneXion Q&A
- ConneXion Training Q&A
- Training Registration Updates
- Training Facility Guide

Please share these links, as well as the ConneXion webpage, to help ensure stakeholders have the most current information available.

### FHIR-ed Up for Interoperability

The Division of DD is excited to announce that it is partnering with three Missouri Health Information Networks (HINs): [Lewis & Clark Health Information Exchange](#), [Tiger Institute](#), and [Velatura HIE](#).

These partnerships mark the beginning of an exciting initiative aimed at implementing a cutting-edge technology interface solution that will

enable social and health care providers to better serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The project's objective is to facilitate the rapid and efficient electronic exchange of person-centered care plan data, ensuring seamless collaboration and improved care outcomes.

The project's official kick-off occurred on June 1st, with 28 participants representing eight different organizations or offices. As part of the initial phase, the HINs will be responsible for ensuring appropriate legal and data-sharing agreements are in place and a signed attestation document.

Division of DD will take the lead in project planning and conducting meetings to gather technical requirements with the participating HINs. In addition, the HINs will be required to seek feedback from clinical and HCBS providers to help ensure the solution meets the specific needs and preferences of the users. This collaborative effort aims to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the implemented solution.

Division of DD is also partnering with the Office of Administration Information Technology Services Division (OA-ITSD) to solicit a Project Assessment Quotation (PAQ) for a technology vendor to support this work. The chosen vendor will assist DMH-DD, OA-ITSD, and participating HINs in planning, developing, testing, and implementing Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) 4 Application Programming Interface (API) for exchanging standards-based care plan data.

The project phases are shown in the table below.

