

# In the LOOP

February 2024



## Missouri Alliance for Dual Diagnosis (MOADD)

The Missouri Alliance for Dual Diagnosis (MOADD) was established in 2018 to bring awareness about the support individuals with an intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) and a behavioral health diagnosis need and to initiate change in the service delivery systems.

Through the MOADD ECHO, efforts are focused on helping to bridge the care gap of services for children with dual diagnoses. MOADD ECHO, which is a collaborative effort between MOADD and ECHO Autism Communities, provides a real-time virtual opportunity for professional mental health providers, state agencies, and service delivery systems to focus on best practice approaches and brainstorm available resources. MOADD ECHO calls occur on the first and third Wednesday each month 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. Visit the [MOADD ECHO](#) webpage for more information.

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[StationMD](#) is a free medical telemedicine service available 24/7 to individuals who are enrolled in a Medicaid Waiver service through the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Join the upcoming MO DDD & You lunch and learn webinar on February 27, 2024, 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm to hear Rebecca Pitchford from StationMD describe how individuals with developmental disabilities can access StationMD and the benefit of using the unique telemedicine service. Registration information is available on the [Division's upcoming webinar page](#).

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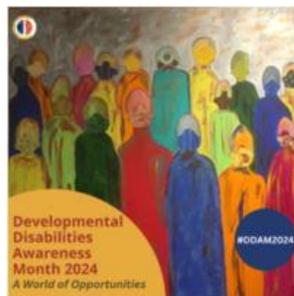
**2024 Disability Rights  
Legislative Day  
FREE Event**

The 2024 Disability Rights Legislative Day (DRLD) is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. Disability advocates, family members, and stakeholders are invited to participate. DRLD is an opportunity for attendees to share their perspectives and lived experiences about the things that matter most to them. Following a planned rally event, attendees will have opportunities to visit with legislators and share their information.

Virtual options will be available to anyone who is not able to attend the event in person but would like to attend from their home or community location. To register for DLRD and virtual participation, visit the [DLRD Registration webpage](#)

**March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**  
“A World of Opportunities”

Following a Presidential Proclamation signed in 1987, the month of March was declared as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This proclamation focuses on the self-advocacy efforts and strides people who are living with intellectual and developmental disabilities have made over the years. Watch for email blasts and Facebook posts as the Division celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.





## Town Hall Events

Goal: "All Missourians, regardless of age or ability, will have access to person-centered programs and services necessary to help them age in their environment of choice in a safe and healthy manner."

Missouri's Master Plan on Aging is underway! Missourians are invited to attend and participate in Town Hall forums to provide valuable input about the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers across the state. In-person Town Halls are scheduled in various locations beginning February 26, 2024. A virtual Town Hall option, scheduled for March 21, 2024, is also available for anyone who is not able to attend an in-person event. Participants that need translation, interpretation, or another accommodation to help them fully participate in a Town Hall event are encouraged to reach out to their local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in advance to request assistance. Town Hall registration links and a map of the AAAs are located on the Master Plan on Aging [webpage](#).

Newly added **Missouri Aging Profiles** are available on the webpage to give Missourians a quick look at county-based data related to some of the top issues older adults are facing. Users can click on the county of interest to view a one-page overview with relevant statistics.

Share the opportunity with others and register to attend a Town Hall event to share your perspectives and help make Missouri the best environment it can be for the current and future aging population.



8<sup>th</sup> Annual Charting the LifeCourse Showcase 2024

## “Embrace the All”

April 23-25, 2024  
Kansas City, MO

Registration is open! The Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) Showcase is an annual event hosted by the LifeCourse Nexus. The Showcase brings together advocates, families, and professionals to network and explore how CtLC enhances personal growth, community engagement, policy advancements, and technological innovations to promote self-determination and good lives for all. Visit the [Showcase webpage](#) for registration and the [Showcase FAQs](#) for additional information.



## Missouri Sibling Leadership Network Virtual Social Hour

The MO Sibling Leadership Network (MO SLN) consists of adult siblings of people with disabilities that meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

Adult siblings of individuals with disabilities are invited to grab a beverage and their favorite snack and participate in the virtual call to connect with other siblings. All participants must register to receive the meeting link. Connect with MO SLN through e-mail at [missouri.sln@gmail.com](mailto:missouri.sln@gmail.com) or follow on [Facebook](#).



**Missouri Assistive Technology  
Power UP 2024**  
April 8-9, 2024  
Columbia, MO

Registration is open! Visit the Power Up AT [Conference & Expo webpage](#) to find information about this year's keynote speaker, session topics, presenter bios, list of exhibitors, conference agenda, and other important information.



## **2024 ECHO Autism Communities Symposium**

FREE Event  
April 11, 2024  
8:00 am - 3:15 pm

This symposium brings together experts and participants to learn together about specific topics to enhance services, access, care, and advocacy within the autism community. Session topics include:

- Amplifying Perspectives Across the Lifespan and Across the Spectrum
- Equitable Access to Global Autism Evaluations
- Understanding Neurodiversity
- Behavior as Communication
- See Possibilities in All Abilities
- Autism and Trauma.

Dr. Kristin Sohl, MD, FAAP, will facilitate and provide opening and closing remarks. CEUs are available upon successful completion.

Read speaker bios, download the symposium schedule, and register to participate on the [Autism Communities Symposium webpage](#).



Interested in learning more about Tiered Supports? Check out the [MTSS February 2024 newsletter](#) and learn about the four focused systems of tiered supports. Acknowledge and celebrate organizations who have successfully graduated from Tiered Supports. Discover how role-playing can help with staff retention. View February and March 2024 trainings.

## **Comprehensive and Community Support Waiver Renewal Stakeholder Input Sessions**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Comprehensive and Community Support waivers expire June 30, 2026. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the State to obtain public input during the development of a waiver renewal in accordance with 42 CFR 441.304(f).

The Division has started the renewals and is requesting input from stakeholders, individuals, family members, and providers on current waiver programs.

Registration is required if you plan to attend in person, as seating is limited.

Presenters include Jeanine Zlockie, NASDDDS Technical Assistance Team and Emily Luebbering, DD Federal Programs Unit.

March 4, 1:00 - 2:30	St. Charles Satellite Office 119 Olympic Way St. Peters	<a href="#">In-Person</a> and Webinar <a href="#">Webinar registration</a>
March 5 1:00 - 2:30	900 W. Nifong Blvd. Ste. 200, 2nd Floor Conference Room Columbia	<a href="#">In-Person Only</a>
March 6	Springfield	<a href="#">In-Person</a>

1:00 - 2:30	Regional Office 1515 East Pythian Springfield	and Webinar <a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>
March 7 1:00 - 2:30	Kansas City Regional Office 821 E. Admiral Blvd. Conference Room 3 & 4 Kansas City	<a href="#">In-Person</a> and Webinar <a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>

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