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supports and services  
THAT FOSTER self-determination.

**MO Department of Mental Health  
(DMH)  
Division of Developmental Disabilities  
(DDD)**

Supporting Individuals and Families

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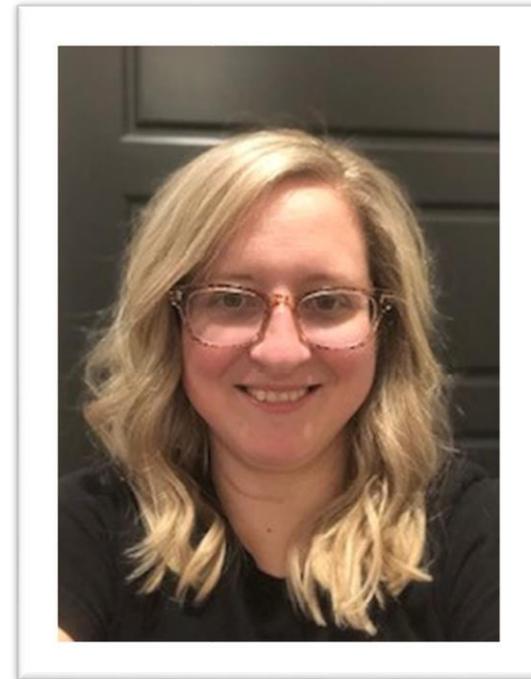
# Introductions

- I am Lisa Nothaus
- I live in mid-MO
- I work at the Division of DD
  - Supporting Families Lead
- I am a parent



# Introductions

- I am Kara Ready
- I live in mid-Missouri
- I am a parent of a child with DD
- I work at the Division of DD
  - Advocacy Specialist



# Agenda

- About the Division of DD
- Who the Division of DD Serves
- Navigating to DD Services
- Division of DD Program Areas
- Education & Learning
- Connect with the Division of DD



# About the Department of Mental Health (DMH)



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- Comprised of three Divisions:
  - Administrative Services
  - Behavioral Health
  - Developmental Disabilities (DD)

Resource:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei1AKvkRgMg>

# About the Division of DD



## Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD)

### **Vision:**

“all people are valued members of their community”

### **Mission:**

“to enhance the lives of people with disabilities”

### **Values:**

Integrity

Dependability

Empowerment

Best Practice

Accountability

Effective Communication

## What is a Developmental Disability?

- Attributed to an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, head injury, autism, or a learning disability related to brain dysfunction, or any other mental or physical impairment;
- Occurs before the age of 22;
- Is a disabling condition that is likely to continue indefinitely;

# Who we Serve

- Results in substantial functional limitations in 2 of the following six areas: self-care, receptive/expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living/economic self-sufficiency; and
- Requires some level of habilitative training. (habilitative means learning new skills that help an individual to become more independent)



# Navigating to DD Services

Support Coordinators will help with:

- **Reviewing** support needs
- **Identifying** supports and services
- **Developing** a plan for supports
- **Linking & referring** to supports and services
- **Monitoring** supports and services

# Navigating to DD Services

Home and Community-Based Waivers include:

- Comprehensive Waiver
- MO Children with DD Waiver
- Community Support Waiver
- Partnership for Hope Waiver

Resource: <https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/waivers-individuals-dd-fact-sheet>



# Division of DD Focus Areas

- Self-Advocacy - [Self-Advocacy | dmh.mo.gov](https://dmh.mo.gov)
  - Self-Advocacy Training through Charting My LifeCourse
  - Easy Readers
- Supporting Families - [Supporting Families](#)
  - Community of Practice for Supporting Families
  - MO DDD & You Monthly Webinars
- Education & Learning - [Education | dmh.mo.gov](https://dmh.mo.gov)
  - Training calendar/webinars
  - Relias Self-Registration portal
  - Podcast from the Directors Desk
  - “In the Loop” newsletter

# Connect with the Division of DD

- Landing Page: Created for a broad audience.
  - Created for self-advocate, individuals, families and guardians, DMH staff, and provider agencies.
  - [Developmental Disabilities | dmh.mo.gov](https://dmh.mo.gov)
- Connect With Us!
  - [Social Media Connections | dmh.mo.gov](https://dmh.mo.gov). Follow the Division of Developmental Disabilities on your favorite social media platform for information, resources, and timely updates.
  - Email updates

# Questions?





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**Thank You**

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