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
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• 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)

• Department of Mental Health (DMH)
  
  • Comprised of three Divisions:
    • Administrative Services
    • Behavioral Health
    • Developmental Disabilities (DD)

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

https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/regional-offices
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

• Employment First
• Technology First
• Positive Behavior Supports / Tiered Supports
• Autism
• Self-Directed Supports

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Division of DD Focus Areas

- **Self-Advocacy** - [Self-Advocacy | dmh.mo.gov](http://dmh.mo.gov)
  - Self-Advocacy Training through Charting My LifeCourse
  - Easy Readers

- **Supporting Families** - [Supporting Families](http://dmh.mo.gov)
  - Community of Practice for Supporting Families
  - MO DDD & You Monthly Webinars

- **Education & Learning** - [Education | dmh.mo.gov](http://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

• Connect With Us!
  • Social Media Connections | dmh.mo.gov. Follow the Division of Developmental Disabilities on your favorite social media platform for information, resources, and timely updates.
  • Email updates
Questions?
Improving lives through supports and services that foster self-determination.

Thank You

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