



Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services 2012 Legislative Priorities

Expand County and State Partnerships-

Support the state in fully funding county based Targeted Case Management (TCM) in order to reduce waiting lists for services.

Explore other county initiatives directed at efficiencies.

Oppose actions undermining county boards' statutory authority or that would impact revenue or appropriations affecting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Essential Health and Safety-

Stabilize community supports for Missouri's most vulnerable citizens through sufficient funding of long term quality providers.

Prevent premature, costly out-of-home placement by funding individual and family supports, through expansion of the Partnership for Hope. Fund prevention services for people who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Increase the number of Lopez Waiver slots to 400 (increase of 200) to serve children under the age of 18 who have a permanent and total disability.

Continue to reduce the census of Habilitation Centers. Redirect Habilitation Center funds to allow individuals to explore community living.

Provide statewide specialized community supports for individuals in medical or behavioral crisis. These may be individuals moving out of habilitation centers or at-risk of entering them. Services are needed in-home and in short-term residential settings.

Continue to mandate and appropriately fund Early Childhood Special Education for all eligible children ages 3-5, based on individual needs.

Maintain Missouri Department of Transportation funds and support state and local transportation initiatives to allow people to access their communities for medical and employment purposes.

