

Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services

MACDDS

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VISION

To be an effective catalyst—shaping public policy and practice for people with developmental disabilities.

MISSION

MACDDS is dedicated to promotion of county initiatives in developmental disability services.



“Embracing Change”
Artwork by Jake Jacobs, EITAS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS) believes that having local people solving local issues results in the best services for individuals with developmental disabilities. During 2013, MACDDS has worked to assure that services and supports for people with disabilities continue to be planned and carried out at the local level.

Last year MACDDS hired Les Wagner as our first Executive Director to assist the association in responding to the growth and changes of the past few years, and the challenges we anticipate for the future. Under his leadership, MACDDS has established an office, recruited new members while retaining existing members, met with State administration and elected decision makers including: Governor's Office, MMAC, Budget Director, DMH Director's Team, Division of DD Personnel, Legislators, provided expert testimony before House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and promoted county initiatives with the Division, Department and Governor's office.

Our vision, to be an effective catalyst—shaping public policy and practice for people with developmental disabilities continued to be



realized in 2013. As anticipated, the Partnership for Hope Waiver was expanded this year with 95 counties participating, serving 2,462 individuals at the end of June 2013. County Board led and private Targeted Case Management Services are now being provided in 97 counties and the City of St.

Louis.

As always, there are changes and challenges presenting themselves every day. Possible budget deficits, proposed changes to Federal and State regulations, and the economy are all threats to the current system of providing services to individuals with disabilities.

MACDDS has always led the way in assuring that the people we serve receive the best possible services and supports, even in the most demanding times. Those threats and others that have not presented themselves will give us the opportunity to find new and better ways to do business in the future. We are already working on new ideas! I have no doubt that the group will again rise to the occasion and will be successful. I'm looking forward to seeing the results!

Ann Graff

President — MACDDS 2013

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In 1969 a small group of parents of folks with developmental disabilities envisioned creating a local board; a government entity funded with property taxes

similar to the school board. Their vision became a reality when the General Assembly created sections 205.968 and 205.972 establishing the opportunities for counties throughout Missouri to have such boards. With each additional county board established, the local capacity to provide economical and effective community services has grown. Community services have become more available, more accessible.

The remarkable expansion of local case management and the Partnership for Hope are two trends mentioned by our President in her message and are illustrated on pages 15 through 17. Both of these initiatives engaged county boards in preventing crises and reducing waitlists. They also transferred, to the local level, decision-making about planning and authorizing services and supports for persons affected by developmental disabilities. The

results: reduced waitlists, more effective and responsive services, and high ratings by satisfaction surveys. Persons served had more choices, greater self-determination and opportunities to live and work in their communities.

And yet despite these initiatives, many Missourians with developmental disabilities are on waitlists and in crisis today, unserved and underserved. Facing great hardships, too many have no choice but to accept out-of-home placements, unwanted but necessary to receive needed supports. Many knowledgeable professionals, respected providers and county boards believe a different future is in sight. Many county boards are assessing their capacity and the capacity of multi-county cooperatives, to administer even more local decision-making for the services needed by those persons in their communities.

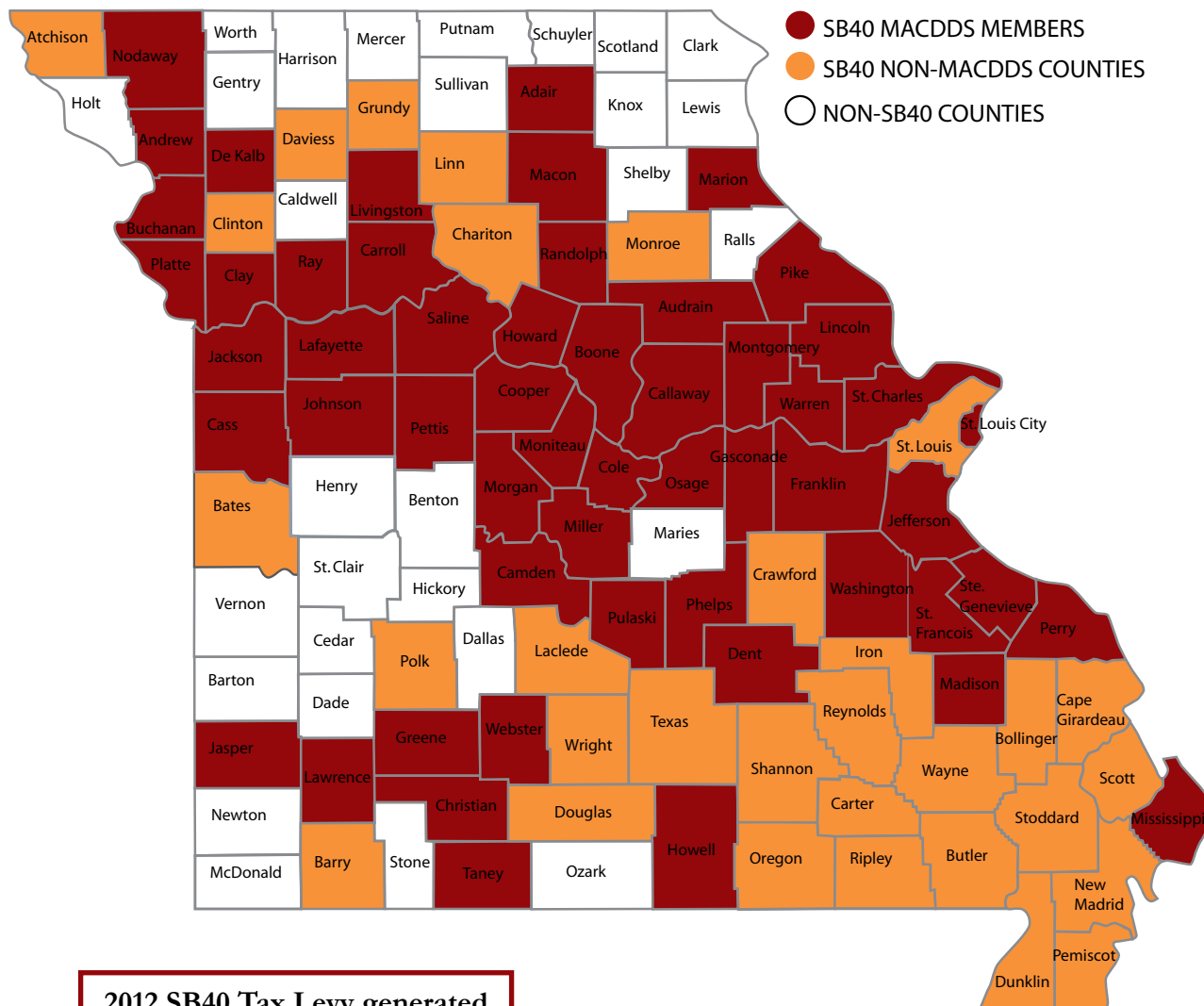
Today many county boards have eliminated the waitlists for Partnership for Hope services. Tomorrow, let's refocus our efforts and work to eliminate waitlists for all persons with developmental disabilities living with their families and in communities throughout Missouri.

Les Wagner

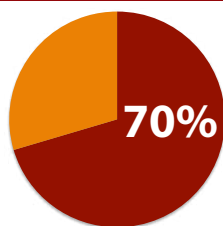
Executive Director—MACDDS 2013

MEMBER COUNTY MAP

Of the 85 SB40 Counties in the State of Missouri, plus the City of St. Louis,
55 are members of MACDDS.



2012 SB40 Tax Levy generated
\$85,534,095



● In 2012- \$85,534,095 in SB40 tax levy revenue was generated of which \$59,912,805 (70%) was generated by MACDDS Members.

SB 40 ENABLING LEGISLATION

FACILITIES AUTHORIZED-PERSONS TO BE SERVED, LIMITATIONS, DEFINITIONS. 205.968.

1. As set forth in section 205.971, when a levy is approved by the voters, the governing body of any county or city not within a county of this state shall establish a board of directors. The boards of directors shall be a legal entity empowered to establish and/or operate a sheltered workshop as defined in section 178.900, RSMo, residence facilities, or related services, for the care or employment, or both, of handicapped persons. The facility may operate at one or more locations in the county or city not within a county. Once established, the board may, in its own name engage in and contract for any and all types of services, actions or endeavors, not contrary to the law, necessary to the successful and efficient prosecution



and continuation of the business and purpose for which it is created, and may purchase, receive, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, sell, convey, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of real and personal property, or any interest therein, or other assets wherever situated and may incur liability and may borrow money at rates of interest up to the market rate published by the Missouri division of finance. The board shall be taken and considered as a “political subdivision” as the term is defined in section 70.600, RSMo, for the purposes of sections 70.600 to 70.755, RSMo.

2. Services may only be provided for those persons defined as handicapped persons in section 178.900, RSMo, and those persons defined as

handicapped persons in this section with or not employed at the facility or in the community, and for persons who are handicapped due to developmental disability. Persons having substantial functional limitations due to a mental illness as defined in section 630.005, RSMo, shall not be eligible for services under the provisions of sections 205.968 to 205.972 except that those persons may participate in services under the provisions of sections 205.968 to 205.972. All persons otherwise eligible for facilities or services under this section shall be eligible regardless of their age; except that, individuals employed in sheltered workshops must be at least sixteen years of age. The board may, in its discretion, impose limitations with respect to individuals to be served and services to be provided. Such limitations shall be reasonable in the light of available funds, needs of the persons and community to be served as assessed by the boards, and the appropriateness and efficiency of combining services to persons with various types of handicaps or disabilities.

3. For the purposes of sections 205.968 to 205.972, the term:

1. “Developmental disability” shall mean either or both

paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection:

(a). A disability which is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, a learning disability related to a brain dysfunction or a similar condition found by comprehensive evaluation to be closely related to such conditions, or to require habilitation similar to that required for mentally retarded persons; and a. Which originated before age eighteen; and b. Which can be expected to continue indefinitely;

(b) A development disability as defined in section 630.005, RSMo;

2. “Handicapped person” shall mean a person who is lower range educable or upper range trainable mentally retarded or a person who has a developmental disability.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS-BOARD MAY PROVIDE RESIDENCES OR SOCIAL CENTERS. 205.969

1. The board may provide a sheltered workshop program for the county or city not within a county and as part of the program shall conduct work and developmental programs as provided by section 178.910, RSMo, pursuant to rules and standards developed and adopted by the department of elementary and secondary education.

2. The board may provide places of residence and related activity or social centers for those eligible persons.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS, OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES- VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, PROCEDURE. 205.970

1. When approved by the voters pursuant to section 205.971, the governing body of the county or city not within a county shall appoint a board of directors consisting of a total of nine members, two of whom shall be related by blood or marriage within the third degree to a handicapped person as defined in section 205.968, and four of whom shall be public members. At least seven of the board members shall be residents of the county or city not within a county where the facility is located. After September 28, 1979, all board members shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years, except that of the first board appointed after September 28, 1979, three members shall be appointed for one-year terms, three members for two-year terms and three members for the three-year terms. Board members may be reappointed. The directors shall not receive compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

2. The administrative control and management of the facility shall rest solely with the board, and the board shall employ all necessary personnel, fix their compensation, and provide suitable quarters and equipment for the operation of the facility from funds made available for this purpose.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and irrespective of whether or not a county sheltered workshop or residence facility has been established, the board may contract to provide services relating in whole or in part to the services which the board may provide to handicapped persons as defined in this

law and for such purpose may expend the tax funds or other funds.

4. The board shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary for its membership. Before taking office, the treasurer shall furnish a surety bond, in a amount to be determined and in a form to be approved by the board, for the faithful performance of his duties and faithfully accounting of all moneys that may come into his hands. The treasurer shall enter into the surety bond with a surety company authorized to do business in Missouri, and the cost of such bond shall be paid by the board of directors.

5. The board shall set rules for admission to the facility, and shall do all other things necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 205.968 to 205.972.6.

6. The board may contract with any not for profit corporation including any corporation which is incorporated for the purpose of implementing the provisions of sections 178.900 to 178.970, RSMo, for any common services, or for the common use of any property of either group.

7. The board may accept any gift of property or money for the use and benefit of the facility, and the board is authorized to sell or exchange any such property which it believes would be to the benefit of the facility so long as the proceeds are used exclusively for facility purposes. The board shall have exclusive control of all gifts, property or money it may accept; of all interest or other proceeds which may accrue from the investment such gifts or money or from the sale of such property; of all tax revenues collected by the county on behalf of the facilities or services; and of all other funds granted, appropriated, or loaned to it by the federal government, the state, or its political subdivisions so long as these resources are used solely to benefit the facility or related services except those paid for transportation purposes under the provisions of section 94.645, RSMo.

8. Any board member may, following notice and an opportunity to be heard, be removed from office by a majority vote of the other members of the board for any of the following grounds:

1. Failure to attend five consecutive meetings, without good cause;
2. Conduct prejudicial to the good order and efficient operation of the facility or services; or
3. Neglect of duty. The chairman of the board shall preside at such removal hearing, unless he or she is the person sought to be removed. In which case the hearing shall be presided over by another member elected by the majority vote of the other board members. All interested parties may present testimony and arguments at such hearing, and the witnesses shall be sworn by oath or affirmation before testifying. Any interested party may, at his or her own expense, record the proceedings.

9. Vacancies in the board occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise shall be reported by the board occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise shall be reported by the board chairman to the mayor's office and shall be filled in like manner as original appointments; except that, if the vacancy occurs during an unexpired term, the appointment shall be for only the unexpired portion of

that term.

10. Individual board members shall not be eligible for employment by the board within twelve months of termination of service as a member of the board.

11. No person shall be employed by the board who is related with the third degree by blood or by marriage to any member of the board.

TAX LEVY, APPROVAL, USE. 205.971.

The board of aldermen or other governing body of a city not within a county and the county commission or other governing body of the county, except for a county of the first classification having a charter form of government containing in part a city with a population of more than three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, or a county of the first classification having a charter form of government with a population of at least nine hundred thousand inhabitants may, upon approval of a majority of the qualified voters of such city or county thereon, levy and collect a tax not to exceed four mills per dollar of assessed valuation upon all taxable property within the city or county for the purpose of

***Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 205
County Health & Welfare Programs
§205.968 - Aug. 28, 1999***

establishing and maintaining the county sheltered workshop, residence, facility and/or related services. The county commission nor other governing body of a county of the first classification having a charter form of government with a population of at least nine hundred thousand inhabitants may, upon approval of a majority of the qualified voters of such county or city voting thereon, levy and collect a tax not to exceed two mills per dollar of assessed valuation upon all taxable property within such county or city for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the county or city sheltered workshop, residence, facility and/or related services. The tax so levied shall be collected along with other county taxes, or in the case of a city not within a county, with other city taxes, in the manner provided by law. All funds collected for this purpose shall be deposited in a special fund and shall be used for no other purpose. Deposits in the fund shall be expended only upon approval of the board.

MAXIMUM TAX-BALLOT FORM. 205.972.

1. The tax may not be levied to exceed forty cents per each one hundred dollars assessed valuation therefor except for a county of the first classification having a charter form of government containing in whole or part a city with a population of more than three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, or a county of the first classification having a charter form of government with a population of at least nine hundred thousand inhabitants voting thereon shall not levy a tax to exceed twenty cents per each one hundred dollars assessed valuation therefor.

2. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall (name of county or city not within a county establish, improve, (and)(or) maintain a sheltered workshop (and)(or) residence facility (and)(or) related services for developmentally disabled and handicapped persons, and for which the county or city shall levy tax of (insert exact amount to be voted upon) cents per each one hundred dollars assessed valuation therefor?

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SB 40 2012 TAX LEVY RATES

County	Levy Passed	Levy	Total Assessed Value	Projected Funding
Adair		0.1500	\$257,238,426	\$385,858
Andrew		0.0810	\$221,586,325	\$179,485
Atchison		0.1000	\$117,197,290	\$117,197
Audrain	1976	0.2100	\$352,729,939	\$740,733
Barry		0.0700	\$444,281,784	\$310,997
Bates		0.0700	\$188,176,503	\$131,724
Bollinger		0.1000	\$118,413,473	\$118,413
Boone	1976	0.1146	\$2,414,699,063	\$2,767,245
Buchanan	1978	0.1000	\$1,155,116,064	\$1,155,116
Butler		0.0998	\$527,669,289	\$526,614
Callaway	1988	0.0979	\$739,716,380	\$724,182
Camden	1980	0.0553	\$1,567,077,816	\$866,594
Cape Girardeau		0.0772	\$1,118,332,960	\$863,353
Carroll		0.0959	\$188,589,617	\$180,857
Carter		0.0854	\$51,302,687	\$43,812
Cass	1976	0.0500	\$1,340,576,635	\$670,288
Chariton		0.1000	\$179,893,880	\$179,894
Christian		0.0799	\$1,009,082,706	\$806,257
Clay	1971	0.1191	\$3,450,504,996	\$4,109,551
Clinton		0.0905	\$274,943,636	\$248,824
Cole	1978	0.0893	\$1,324,400,350	\$1,182,690
Cooper	1982	0.2000	\$223,927,068	\$447,854
Crawford	1989	0.0925	\$280,164,728	\$259,152
Daviess		0.0800	\$112,410,229	\$89,928
DeKalb	1994	0.0900	\$147,366,877	\$132,630
Dent	1980	0.1500	\$154,600,642	\$231,901
Douglas		0.0834	\$131,319,844	\$109,521
Dunklin		0.1000	\$301,308,475	\$301,308
Franklin	1987	0.0939	\$1,850,904,474	\$1,737,999
Gasconade	1980	0.0965	\$213,496,968	\$206,025
Greene	1978	0.0466	\$4,313,780,016	\$2,010,221
Grundy	1992	0.0999	\$114,603,492	\$114,489
Howard	1983	0.1000	\$111,284,312	\$111,284
Howell	1977	0.0575	\$426,359,346	\$245,157
Iron		0.0899	\$190,131,812	\$170,928
Jackson	1976	0.0748	\$9,147,789,739	\$6,842,547
Jasper	1976	0.0823	\$1,478,251,254	\$1,216,601
Jefferson	1978	0.0935	\$2,971,071,571	\$2,777,952
Johnson		0.1200	\$540,364,599	\$648,438
Laclede		0.0672	\$387,976,367	\$260,720
Lafayette	1976	0.0642	\$385,096,438	\$247,232
Lawrence		0.0893	\$418,253,009	\$373,500
Lincoln	1977	0.1000	\$659,775,963	\$659,776
Linn		0.1983	\$140,401,844	\$278,417
Livingston	1991	0.1000	\$166,328,057	\$166,328

County	Levy Passed	Levy	Total Assessed Value	Projected Funding
Macon	1984	0.0967	\$189,294,684	\$183,048
Madison	1991	0.1943	\$104,985,148	\$203,986
Marion	1988	0.1322	\$374,560,176	\$495,169
Miller	1984	0.0834	\$373,585,070	\$311,570
Mississippi		0.1229	\$148,928,836	\$183,034
Moniteau	2000	0.1184	\$179,991,713	\$213,110
Monroe	1984	0.1000	\$113,864,928	\$113,865
Montgomery	1982	0.0954	\$206,635,480	\$197,130
Morgan		0.0403	\$465,391,374	\$187,553
New Madrid		0.0200	\$424,953,724	\$84,991
Nodaway		0.0500	\$305,715,961	\$152,858
Oregon		0.0998	\$87,219,315	\$87,045
Osage	1992	0.1000	\$188,635,754	\$188,636
Pemiscot		0.1000	\$186,117,612	\$186,118
Perry		0.0901	\$312,758,312	\$281,795
Pettis	1977	0.0879	\$546,562,797	\$480,429
Phelps		0.0708	\$551,565,375	\$390,508
Pike	1970	0.1914	\$255,622,761	\$489,262
Platte	1974	0.1300	\$2,208,210,454	\$2,870,674
Polk		0.0209	\$278,862,110	\$58,282
Pulaski		0.0689	\$441,232,974	\$304,010
Randolph		0.1470	\$436,456,606	\$641,591
Ray	1984	0.1857	\$283,992,798	\$527,375
Reynolds		0.1000	\$175,205,195	\$175,205
Ripley		0.0967	\$88,351,610	\$85,436
St. Charles	1977	0.1398	\$7,221,315,871	\$10,095,400
St. Francois	1980	0.0903	\$679,259,726	\$613,372
Ste. Genevieve		0.0600	\$394,818,883	\$236,891
St. Louis City	1980	0.1460	\$4,255,502,548	\$6,213,034
St. Louis	1979	0.0885	\$22,265,271,989	\$19,704,766
Saline	1979	0.0584	\$302,814,632	\$176,844
Scott		0.0400	\$424,012,816	\$169,605
Shannon		0.0972	\$66,338,268	\$64,481
Stoddard		0.0803	\$414,612,312	\$332,934
Taney	1980	0.0898	\$995,028,934	\$893,536
Texas		0.0976	\$203,286,279	\$198,407
Warren	1986	0.1600	\$527,536,913	\$844,059
Washington		0.1891	\$232,297,877	\$439,275
Wayne		0.0800	\$125,646,385	\$100,517
Webster		0.0789	\$347,724,421	\$274,355
Wright		0.0802	\$167,516,424	\$134,348

•Shaded Counties are MACDDS Members
 •Rates billed may be less than the voter approved tax levy due to state statutes that limit the annual revenue growth.

• Source: Missouri State Auditor's Office

COUNTY FUNDED SERVICES

Member County	Day Habilitation	Sheltered Employment	Community Employment	Residential	Transportation	First Steps	Children's Services	Personal Assistance	Targeted Case Management
Adair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Andrew	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Boone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buchanan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Callaway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Camden		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Carroll		✓		✓	✓				
Christian	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Clay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cole	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Cooper	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Dekalb		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Dent		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Franklin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gasconade	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓
Greene	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Howard	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Jackson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Jefferson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Lafayette	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Lincoln	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Marion	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓
Miller		✓		✓					✓
Mississippi				✓	✓			✓	✓
Moniteau	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Montgomery	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Morgan	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Osage	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
Perry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pettis	✓		✓		✓				
Phelps	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
Pike	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Platte	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Pulaski		✓		✓					
Randolph	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Ray	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Saline	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Saint Charles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
St. Francois	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
St. Louis City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Washington	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

*Of counties that reported information.

2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ESSENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ensure the appropriation of sufficient state funding to support Missouri citizens with developmental disabilities, including:

- Core services and critical needs
- Stabilization of long term quality providers
- Reduction of the census of Habilitation Centers and provide needed supports for residents as they move into the community
- Specialized community supports for individuals in medical or behavioral crisis

Support Medicaid transformation that expands coverage and increases access for people with developmental disabilities.

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



EXPAND COUNTY AND STATE PARTNERSHIPS

Support the state in fully funding match for Medicaid waivers.

Expand the Partnership for Hope Waiver to assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient, productive citizens.

Provide opportunities to expand county initiatives that improve the service delivery system.

Promote actions to enhance county boards' statutory authority.

EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Incentivize businesses to employ people with developmental disabilities at or above minimum wage.

Actively pursue local, state and federal partnerships which result in the full employment of people with developmental disabilities.

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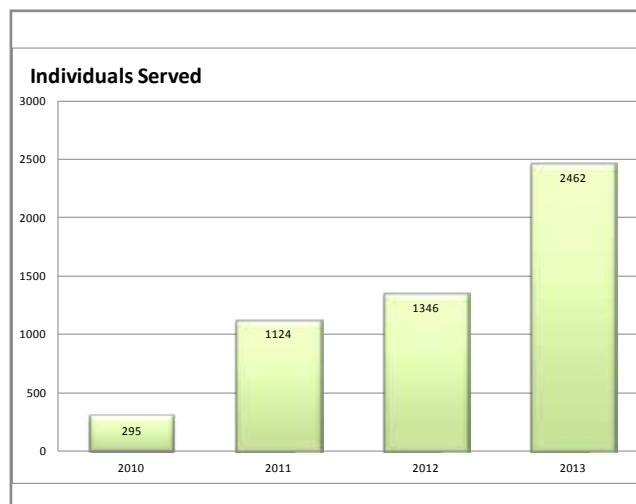
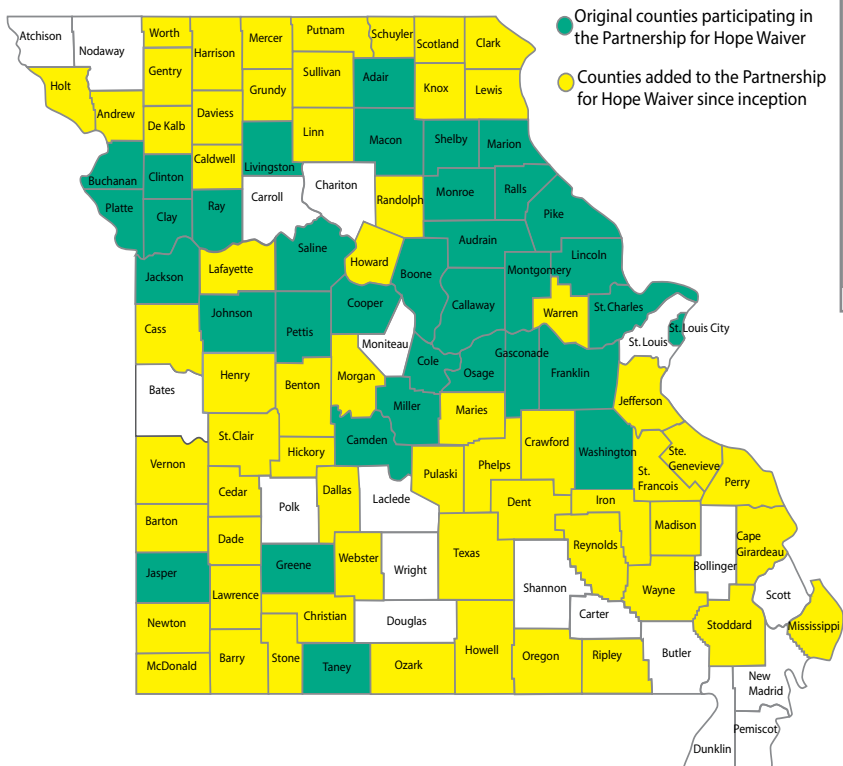


PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE



The Partnership for Hope is a Medicaid Waiver. A Medicaid Waiver allows states to use Medicaid (in Missouri: “MOHealthNet”) funding for services and supports to persons living in their homes, at their jobs, and in other community-based settings. Partnership for Hope is specifically designed for people with developmental disabilities who are not in crisis but still need some supports to live and work in the community.

Two of the services attainable through the Waiver are Assistive Technology and Personal Attendant Care. Robert Schroeder, above left, is a graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis-with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology. He volunteers his time providing website technical support for the non-profit Voices for Children. Above right, Heather Michele is, in her words, “now in charge of what [she] is doing” through home improvements and a personal attendant. Heather is now able to contribute to the cooking in her household.



PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE

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By Angie Anaya Borgedalen

Shortly after Joshua Boss was born 22 years ago, his mother knew something wasn't quite right. "There were some developmental delays," Kelcie Boss said. "Then he had a stroke when he was 2 that left him severely handicapped."

Boss said doctors told them Joshua had maybe a year to live, possibly five. Now 20 years later, Joshua spends his days in a wheelchair unable to speak, stand, walk or eat, and he has limited use of his left hand. Joshua is fed through a tube and has a fondness for stringed beads.

"He loves his beads and he likes bells, but the sound of the bells can get irritating," Boss said. Although he cannot talk and suffers seizures daily, Joshua does have ways to communicate. His mother said he does not like to be touched by strangers but likes to flirt with pretty girls, especially blondes.

Despite his limitations, Joshua does have a quality of life thanks to his family and the services he receives through Clay County Developmental Disabilities Resource Board's network of community partners. DDRB is supported with a 12-cent property tax levy that raises about \$4.5 million annually.

"We read, sing to him and watch TV and talk to him, but we don't know how much he understands," Boss said.

Until he was 21, Joshua attended classes at Maple Valley State School for the handicapped. And now that he has aged-out of Maple Valley, Joshua attends Triality's day program for adults weekdays. Triality staff pick him up and bring him home.

"They play games, listen to music, go on outing. It gives him an opportunity to socialize with other adults," Boss said, "and it gives me time to run errands like go to the grocery store. He seems to enjoy it."

Joshua also has a personal care assistant who takes him places on weekends or keeps him overnight if the family needs a break.

"The services we receive have been a lifesaver," Boss said. "We are so lucky."

The Bosses also have two other children, Zach, 21, a college student, and Elizabeth, 24, who is also receiving services through DDRB.

Boss said Elizabeth had a stroke when she was in third grade. Both Joshua and Elizabeth have been diagnosed with Moyamoya syndrome, a disease in which certain arteries in the brain are constricted. Joshua also has William's syndrome, a rare neuro-developmental disorder, Boss said.

Elizabeth is working with a case manager to help her explore employment opportunities through Vocational Services Inc. Considered high-functioning, Boss said her daughter hopes to live a normal life — get a job, move to an apartment, find a boyfriend and perhaps get married.

"That's what we want for her, too," Boss said. "We want her to be independent because we won't always be around."

The Boss siblings are just two of the consumers DDRB currently works with to provide needed services and place in appropriate programs, said Bill Taylor, board chairman.

Taylor said DDRB, located at 920 Kent St. in Liberty, took over targeted case management from the state last year.

"As of April 9, we were providing services for 456 Clay County consumers and are projecting the services will be extended to 1,000 by the end of 2013."

Charles Washburn, executive director of DDRB, said they plan to hire more case managers to handle the anticipated workload. His goal is to have each manager handle 40 cases.

"One of our biggest future challenge is dealing with emerging autism," Washburn said. "We're trying to do the best job we can."

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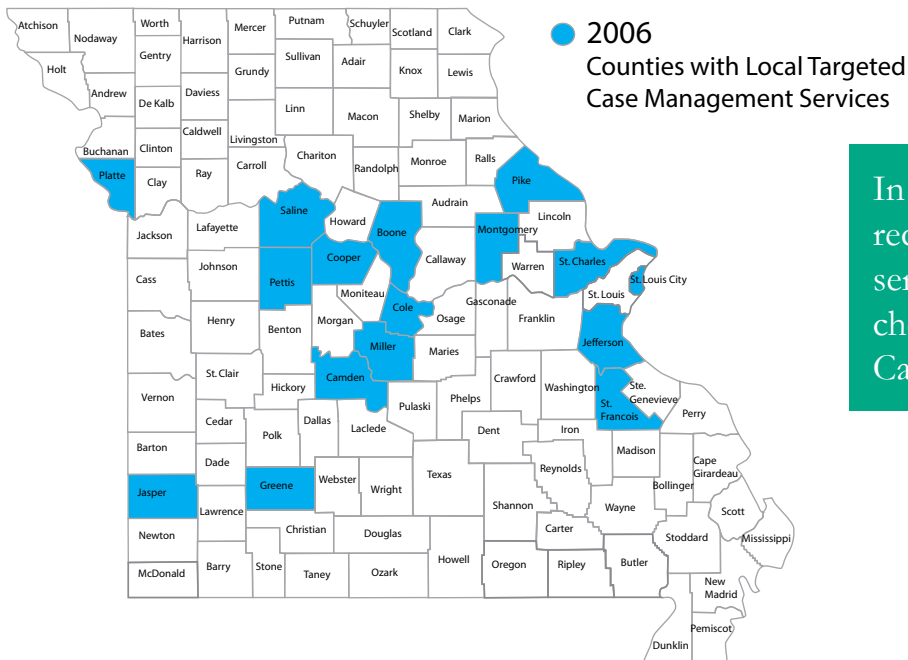


Angie Anaya Borgedalen/Staff Photo

Kelcie Boss and her son Joshua, 22, are among the families receiving services through the Clay County Developmental Disabilities Resource Board

TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT

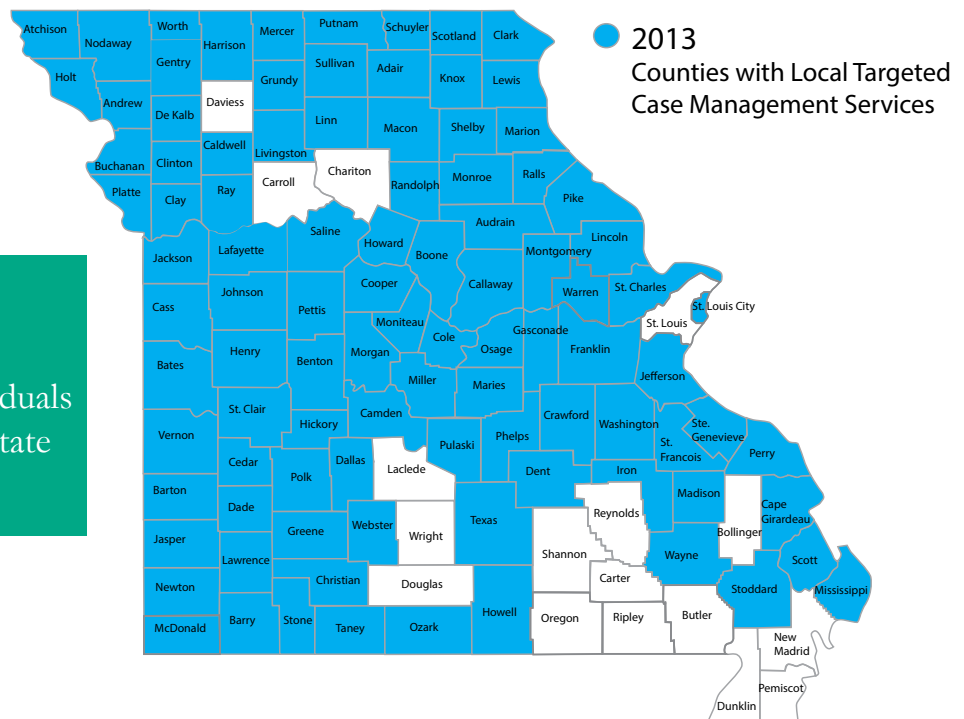
IN THE BEGINNING...



In 2006—28,673 individuals received Case Management services. 15% of those individuals chose Local and 85% chose State Case Management.

...AND NOW

97 Counties and the City of St. Louis have Local Case Management



In 2013—32,550 individuals received Case Management services. 54% of those individuals chose Local and 46% chose State Case Management.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

ADAIR COUNTY

- Funded \$70,435.76 for services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Adair County and \$111,573.55 to non-profit agencies serving individuals with developmental disabilities in Adair County.
- Funded \$12,086.34 to individuals with developmental disabilities in Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland and Sullivan Counties from Targeted Case Management earnings generated in those non-SB40 counties.
- Funded 28 individuals to participate in the Partnership for Hope Waiver across 5 counties served.
- Provided summer LIFE (Learning Independence through Fun and Employment) program for 39 teens from three counties, teaching employment and life skills for 8 weeks, 30 hours per week.
- Implemented partnerships with Consumer Direct Missouri for self-directed option of SB40 funding, and with Northeast MO Health Council Dental Clinic for ongoing dental care to persons with developmental disabilities.
- Conducted Participatory Action Research (PAR) project on Self-Determination in conjunction with UMKC Institute for Human Development.
- Received the first People's Choice Award given by the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to the Kirksville community.



ANDREW COUNTY

- Provide three full-time bus routes for transporting the people we support to various out of county services.
- Signed a contract with Nodaway County Services to provide Targeted Case Management.
- Approved to be a Transportation Provider for Medicaid.

BOONE COUNTY

- Initiated STEP employment immersion program for High School seniors in partnership with ACT, Columbia Public Schools, VR and Boone Hospital. Majority of students participating this first year achieved their goal of community employment. Planning potential future expansion of program with partners.
- The agency enrolled as a partner in the Show Me Careers Collaborative and the Self-determination and Employment Research Study, both administered by UMKC's Institute for Human Development, and both intended to improve employment outcomes for people with developmental disabilities.
- Transition Network, a new agency initiative with Columbia College providing continuing education and mentoring to young adults with developmental disabilities in a college setting, served 35 persons in the first year.
- The agency increased focus on creating a more mobile workforce through the purchase of devices such as tablets for service documentation in the field as well as the expansion of use of Therap for progress notes, billing and secure communications.
- The agency had a staff retention rate of 82% last year, including a Direct Service Provider who celebrated 10 years of service.
- The agency served nearly 1400 individuals this past fiscal year, including 118 through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
- The Board of Directors appointed Robyn Kaufman to the position of Executive Director effective July 2013.

BUCHANAN COUNTY

- Moved all administrative offices to one location.
- Increased community awareness by reaching out through Facebook and Twitter.
- Hosted a legislative lunch.
- Currently have 40 people enrolled in the Partnership for Hope.
- Eliminated our waitlist for in-home services.



CHRISTIAN COUNTY

- Hired the first Executive Director and expanded the office from 4 employees to 9 as well as doubled our office space.
- We are now serving 220 individuals.
- Opened two ISL's this year.



CLAY COUNTY

- Provided Targeted Case Management for 538 people.
- We have 124 people enrolled in the Partnership for Hope.
- Working with North Kansas City Hospital in Project Search.
- Developed a plan to ensure families maintain Medicaid eligibility.

COLE COUNTY

- Continued to fund Medicaid Waiver match for Residential placements, Day Habilitation, Respite, Personal Assistance Services and Transportation.
- Continue to add people to the Partnership for Hope Waiver, matching for Temporary Residential, Day Habilitation, Transportation, PAS and Self-directed Supports.
- Over 80% of all Direct Care Staff have received certification through the College of Direct Supports; the remaining staff are in the process of achieving certification.

COOPER COUNTY

- Unlimited Opportunities (UOI) has gone through many changes and accomplishments since the fire of February 2, 2012. All programs and services previously located at 1620 W Ashley Rd were relocated to other locations in Boonville and have continued service provision with very little initial interruption.
- Hosted a Boonville Chamber of Commerce Social at the new Recycling Center. Over 60 guests attended the event and many took tours of the facility.
- Maintained a low turnover rate for direct care staff—14%.
- Signed a contract with nFORM Architecture to design the new UOI building, which will house offices, programs, Recycling and Savvy Seconds Resale Store.
- Accepted bid from Septagon Construction, Columbia, to build the new building.
- Opened new residential location for 4 women with disabilities.
- Purchased a new bus with a MODOT grant.
- Added 5 vehicles to agency fleet.
- Community Aces, from the Isle of Capri, held a fundraiser Carnival and BBQ to benefit UOI. Over \$900 was raised.
- Recycling is on track to recycle over 3 million tons of commodities in 2013.
- Targeted Case Management: Served 183 individuals, an increase of 7 individuals from 2012. Added another case manager, bringing total to 6. Hosted financial planning workshop for families— “Your Dependent with Special Needs” in conjunction with MetLife. Became affiliate of Missouri Family to Family.
- Recycling was awarded several grants from MMSWMD for equipment to recycle more commodities, including # 1&2 plastics, glass and metal cans and containers.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



DEKALB COUNTY

- Authorized 11 Partnership for Hope Waivers for individuals that were not otherwise able to receive services.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

- Helped two county workshops merge which created a more efficient workshop poised for changes in the economy. This merger also created new opportunities for community employment.

GREENE COUNTY

- Provided funds to begin an employment program for Greene County residents. Art Inspired employs individuals for document destruction, making paper art and event hosting.
- Continued to administer and expand its First Steps (SPOE) program which began on February 1, 2006. The First Steps program employs a Director and 14 Service Coordinators to deliver First Steps services to a twelve county area.
- Continued to expand the Greene County Targeted Case Management program. The program employs 47 full time Service Coordinators and continues to grow.
- Began Targeted Case Management in Webster County.
- Continued to provide services to individuals through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.

HOWARD COUNTY

- Participated in the Partnership for Hope.
- Provided service coordination for the second year.
- Funded community employment and children's after school services.
- Secured a Lopez Waiver slot.
- Brought educational components into every board meeting.
- Developed community education on SB40 programs and how the tax levy is used.



JACKSON COUNTY

- Added a fourth Support Coordination team and are now serving over 1300 people in Targeted Case Management.
- Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in April drew over 625 guests to celebrate the abilities of people we support and those who serve them. The meeting was attended by government officials including Mike Sanders, Jackson County Executive; State Representative Mike Cirpoit; as well as Vicki McCarrell and Dr. Keith Schafer from DMH.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

- People receiving NextStep for Life day supports were awarded for their volunteer work with the local Senior Centers; one individual served by NextStep for Life Employment Services was featured on Fox 2 News after her YouTube video went viral. That media coverage resulted in a job!
- Employment Services recognized 40 businesses to say "Thank You!" for their dedication to working with individuals of all abilities to secure meaningful employment.
- NextStep for Life was featured in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* as a Top Workplace; highlighted for being the greater St. Louis area's "...job [that] makes me feel like I am part of something meaningful."
- Individualized Residential Supports served 30 individuals and 100% of the consumers and families who responded to a survey feel that those served are healthy and safe, have competent staff, have choices, and are happy in their homes.
- 30 volunteers provided service to individuals participating in 140+ leisure activities and 237 individuals selected from 200+ leisure opportunities.



LAWRENCE COUNTY

- Paid off the mortgage for the Administrative and Community Center Building.
- Served 10 individuals through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
- Partnered with Barry County's SB40 Board and other community agencies to provide the Transition and Resource Expo. The Expo was attended by over 225 individuals and 40 agencies.

LINCOLN COUNTY

- Served 24 people in the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
- Received grants from Ameren, Bodine Aluminum and Sam's Club to provide dental services for adults in partnership with the Lincoln County Health Department.
- Our Director of Targeted Case Management is a member of the state-wide System of Care Team (SOC). He helped organize and presented at the SOC conference.
- Lincoln/Pike SOC Team received a grant for a public education campaign.
- Our Director of Community and Employment Services is a member of the statewide CRP Team for Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Received a grant from the Troy Rotary Club for landscaping at the Program Building.
- Received grants from MODOT for operations and vehicles.
- Received a grant from United Way for Summer Youth Employment Program.



MACON COUNTY

- Held Leadership Academy for youth ages 16-21 in partnership with the Kirksville Regional Office and County Connections.
- Served 18 youth in a summer employment exploration program-YES (Youth Exploration for Success).
- Served 26 individuals in the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
- Funded 5 programs and 19 individuals for individualized supports.
- Provided monthly job clubs in the Macon public schools.
- Eliminated the waitlist for individuals on the in-home waitlist.
- Provided funding support for People First of Macon to attend conferences and quarterly steering committee meetings.
- Supported an annual conference and art show for consumers in Kirksville.



MARION COUNTY

- Served an estimated 300 individuals.
- Have served individuals with the Partnership for Hope and continue to decrease the waitlist.
- Camp Yagottawanna, weekend recreational summer camp sponsored by Marion County, completed its 9th year and planning the tenth year of activities.
- Marion County just completed their 16th year operating the 8 week summer camp, Silver and Gold Friends Camp, for youth in the county.
- Marion County continues to sponsor athletes in the Special Olympics, with teams achieving high honors in basketball and track.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

MILLER COUNTY

- Serving 115 families with Targeted Case Management.
- Provide residential, off-site Day Habilitation and Partnership for Hope.
- Support a sheltered workshop.



MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

- Purchased a building to be renovated for a day program. This facility will become a social and training center that will make new service opportunities available to enrich the lives of county residents.



MONTEAU COUNTY

- Sustained growth in Day Habilitation Services, Personal Assistance and Service Coordination.
- Looking forward to add more Employment Services.

OSAGE COUNTY

- Worked diligently to provide quality services, social activities, and transportation to enhance the lives of the people we serve.
- Coordinated annual fundraisers such as the John H. Stratman Golf Tournament and bake sales to provide additional revenue for services.

PIKE COUNTY

- All program directors, some direct support professionals and family members have received and are using “Tools for Change” training.
- Increased individuals receiving employment services by 21% and job sites by 27%.
- Partnered with a sheltered workshop and the local YMCA on a grant allowing students to be hired to work at their schools.
- Service coordinators helped families get funding for camps, ramps and bathroom modifications among other items.
- Expanded summer program from 4 to 8 weeks.

PERRY COUNTY

- Completed the renovation of new offices. Included in the project was an employment/life-skills training facility for clients to access services never before available.

PHELPS COUNTY

- Currently have 43— in addition to Texas County which has 13— individuals receiving services through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
- Together the two counties have authorized over \$250,000 worth of services and have eliminated the waitlist.
- Working on an employment program with the sheltered workshop and hope to have it up and running in 2013.
- Developing a Utilization Review Pilot Project with the local Regional Office.
- Started a new school to work out a transition program that will be implemented in August; the students will be working with Phelps County Regional Medical Center.





PLATTE COUNTY

- Participated in Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with a billboard.
- Increased Service Coordination to 389 persons.
- Partnership for Hope Waiver now serving 62 individuals.
- Fund therapeutic horseback riding through Northland Therapeutic Riding Center.
- Hired an Information Technology Coordinator to upgrade and maintain technology systems.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

- Began contracting with DMH to provide direct services.
- Opened the first ever day service on-site facility in Randolph County on November 15, 2012. We currently serve 10 people in this program.
- Began providing off-site services to 10 people.
- Funded off-site services with other providers for an additional 27 people.
- Serving 41 people in the Partnership for Hope Waiver this year.
- Started providing administrative oversight to Randolph County Sheltered Industries on January 1, 2013.
- Provided jobs for over a dozen employees that had been laid off from Randolph County Sheltered Industries.
- Established a not-for-profit January 1, 2013 to manage ancillary services and staff. The not-for-profit is called ICAN Missouri Foundation. (Innovative Cooperative Ability Network).
- We have grown from 10 employees this time last year to 82 employees among our two agencies.

RAY COUNTY

- Achieved a three-year CARF Accreditation in Community Services, Community Integration, Supported Living, Community Employment Services, Job Development, Job Supports and Job Site Training.
- Active Participant in Special Olympics.
- Provide College for Living classes.
- Grown from one employee to 30 employees in the past 10 years.

ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY

Offers a plethora of residential and community services to maximize choice and allow for consumer need. These services include: Residential Services; Group Home Services; ISL Services; On-Site Day Services—which focus on active skill building; Off-site Day Service Group & Individual; Journey to Discovery Vocational Services—Community Employment Group & Individual; Job Discovery On-Site & Off-Site- Job Preparation On and Off-Site Group & Individual; Respite Services-On-site Respite Center/Temporary Residential Services; Personal Assistant Services— Medical/Behavioral support provided in community settings; Provider Care reimbursement; Transportation—Contract with Southeast Missouri Transportation Systems to provide transportation to and from county workshop and non-DMH day programs; Yearly flu shot clinic; DD specific food pantry; and Quarterly social events.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

ST. CHARLES COUNTY

- Purchased and renovated school property on five acres of land to serve as DDRB's office facility in order to accommodate a growing organization. Utilized reserve funds for this purpose leaving on-going agency contract funding for supports and services unaffected.
- Governor Jay Nixon publicly recognized a DDRB consumer who secured employment through the Partnership for Hope Waiver in his annual State of the State Address.
- Provided case management services to 171 new referrals totaling 873 individuals receiving case management services from 28 DDRB case managers.
- Funded 56 programs through contracts with 28 Agencies.
- Established a School-Age Transition Specialist Case Manager to act as a liaison between school personnel and case management staff to support students and their families.
- Assisted 4 individuals to begin the process of moving from the habilitation center to community residential services through the assistance of a designated Transition Specialist.



ST. LOUIS CITY

- Obtained its third three-year CARF accreditation with no recommendations for the Targeted Case Management program.
- More than 800 DD Resource consumers were entered into United Way's 100 Neediest Program, with 174 stories written to be considered for adoption. This effort by the Targeted Case Management staff, Project CaseFind staff, and Hoizon Club staff led to nearly \$95,000 in monetary donations with 78 families being adopted.
- Served approximately 130 individuals through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
- Received HUD funding totaling \$381,019 for two Supportive Housing Programs.
- Funded 90 programs through contracts with 36 agencies.
- Partnered with other local Senate Bill 40 Boards to provide funding for the following projects: Workplace Supports Certificate Program (a training curriculum for Supported Employment Providers); the Center for Head Injury's Destination Desserts (a gourmet "social venture bakery"); and UMSL's SUCCEED program (a residential post-secondary non-degree/certification program for students with developmental disabilities).

TANEY COUNTY

- Residents of Dorgan-Weaver Apartments practiced being community members through active participation in the Jesus Was Homeless program. They packed lunches and delivered meals to homeless individuals and families, and raised \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society and the Branson Relay for Life.
- Achieved initial three-year CARF accreditation of the Targeted Case Management program that now reaches over 200 consumers in Taney, Stone and Ozark Counties.
- Expanded the Music Therapy program through incorporation of the services in the Activities for Daily Living day habilitation program for adults and weekly individualized and small group services to over 25 consumers.
- Reached the final closing agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of Combs-Redfern Apartments, the board's second 14-unit apartment project.

PUBLIC AWARENESS



To view the video clip go to
macdds.org

BROADCAST PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

MACDDS, along with the University of Missouri, Columbia Athletic Department, developed a Public Service Announcement which playfully demonstrates the similarities and differences of Sydney Kent, who has Down Syndrome, and Mitch Morse who is a football player and Junior at MU. The dialogue between the two emphasizes that they have different abilities, not disabilities.

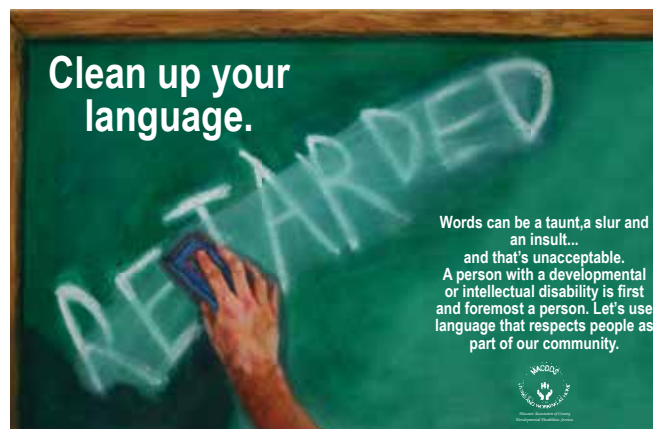
At only 14 years old, Sydney is an experienced actress. Both her mother and she were excited to have been part of this dynamic project.

Mitch, who is majoring in Hospitality Management and won the 2012 SEC Academic Honor Roll, also enjoyed the opportunity to work on this project.



PRINTED PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

In 2013, MACDDS also developed a printed PSA which visually captures the association's ongoing pursuit of respectful treatment for individuals with developmental disabilities.



2012 CUTTING EDGE AWARDS

AWARD CRITERIA:

- Unique, inclusive, person centered, respectful, and dignified.
- Lead to more interdependence or independence.
- Promote a learning culture in which creativity, innovation, and risk taking are supported and where staff feel empowered to provide excellent support.

ADRENALINE EXPLOSION CHEERLEADING: BOMB SQUAD

Think back to the time when you were in high school; were you thinking about starting and operating a program to help young children with developmental disabilities? At seventeen, were you engaging your friends to help those young people? Sara vonHarz started this program at age 15; she worked to get a gymnastics center involved and she worked with the other volunteers. What has resulted is a cheerleading team that is competing locally and nationally in fully inclusive competitions.

This is not a waiver or a school program. This is a group of teenage girls who want to make a difference in people's lives through an activity that they enjoy. This group not only meets the criteria for the Cutting Edge Award, they surpass it by leaps and bounds.

See the article at right from the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*

http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/stcharles/news/stevepokin/article_35424752-ac55-5509-8be0-a89423bc5e37.html

NURSES FOR NEWBORNS FOUNDATION

SAFE BEGINING PROGRAM: This program serves families headed by a parent or caregiver with intellectual or physical disabilities, or with a diagnosed mental illness. Some caregivers may be referred to this program by the nurse home visitor if she observes that the mother or primary caregiver has difficulty completing routine tasks, including formula preparation and feeding, administration of medications or managing appointment schedules. Nurse home visitors will typically visit clients in this program more frequently to allow additional time for teaching and observation of parenting skills. Many times other referrals are needed. Individuals are referred to DDRB's Independent Living Assistance Program that provides 10 or fewer hours of support a week to assist the individual with maintaining their residence in the community and learning skills to increase their independence.

BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM: This program serves at-risk families who have "medically fragile" babies. "Medically fragile" can include babies born prematurely, at low birth weight, diagnosed with Down Syndrome or other genetic disorders, or who have been exposed to drugs and/or alcohol prior to birth. The majority of these families are referred by hospital NICU and nursery staff. In this program the parent is taught how to best care for their child and is referred to other community services that are needed by the child or family.



LIFE SKILLS FOUNDATION: PROJECT SEARCH

Project SEARCH is an internationally recognized school-to-work transition program for 18-20 year old young adults with developmental disabilities. The desired outcome for all students is full-time competitive employment. During the one year program, students from four participating St. Charles County school districts participate in up to three individual ten-week internships at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital. They learn job skills that are systematic, but routine, and are in their areas of interest. In addition to job training, all students receive job development services, job coaching, and follow-along and retention services when they become competitively employed.



Project SEARCH sites are located in several countries, and in over forty American states and the District of Columbia (with sites in both the Department of Labor and the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.). The BJSPH site is the first in the state of Missouri, and as such, has received positive notice from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The St. Charles County team has been invited to present at the Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education Fall Conference in September 2011 and presented in July 2011 at the National Project SEARCH Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

As the school district fiscal agent for the BJSPH Project SEARCH, Orchard Farm School District employs Project SEARCH instructor, Regina Wade-Johnson, and employment advisor/job coach, Beatriz Amaris. Through their hard work, and their dedication to young adults with developmental disabilities, and the hard work and dedication of many others, opportunities for competitive employment are opening up for persons with developmental disabilities.

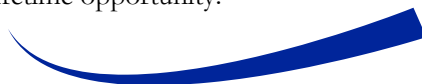
Project SEARCH partners are Orchard Farm R-V School District, St. Charles R-6 School District, Frances Howell School District, Wentzville School District, Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital, Life Skills of St. Louis, the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County, and the Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

RESOURCES FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (RHD)

RHD has a Day Services Program called Blank Canvas Studios in St. Charles County. The goal of their studio is to provide individuals with developmental disabilities the tools and materials to create art and the supports to define themselves as artists. Artists work with individuals with a range of disabilities, in particular people whose challenging behavior or health issues made them poor fits with more traditional day services. Blank Canvas Studio day program welcomes input from volunteers, artists, and galleries. Individuals who participate in the art workshop are considered professional artists and have the opportunity to show and sell their work in their gallery and in the local community. They are supported by a team of trained artists that strive to integrate the studio into the larger art community.

The most unique aspect is that they hire staff that are artists— painters, musicians, photographers, etc to bring out the talents of the individuals with developmental disabilities. They also have staff that have experience working with individuals with disabilities. The web site is great— the art work, videos, etc.

This past year they traveled to New York for the Outsider Art Fair and three artists showcased their art and they also were able to display art from other artists as well. It was a once and a lifetime opportunity.



2013 Public Awareness Committee:

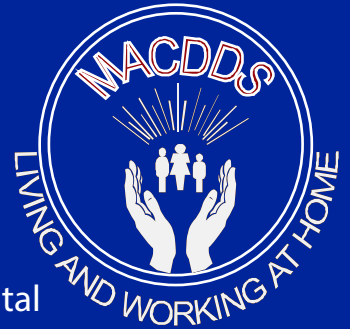
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