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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.

Meetings are generally scheduled for the 4th Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

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The vision of MACDDS is to be an effective catalyst—shaping public policy and practice for people with developmental disabilities. This year MACDDS has been true to its vision as we have seen tremendous growth and change. Member boards, working together as an association, have contributed innovative ideas that have resulted in better and more accessible services for individuals with developmental disabilities in Missouri.

The Partnership for Hope Waiver which began in 2011, has grown to serve over 1,300 people with developmental disabilities in 2012. This waiver grew out of an idea generated by MACDDS members, in partnership with the Department of Mental Health. That idea has produced a fundamental systems change from crisis driven services to prevention focused services. 1,300 people have received services that formerly would have remained on waiting lists!

MACDDS counties have also taken on a greater role in providing local Targeted Case Management Services. In 2006, 17 counties were providing local TCM services. In 2012, 84 counties provided local TCM services.

In 2012, 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. Les came to the position with over 35 years of experience working with people with developmental disabilities as Executive Director of Boone County Family Resources and was one of the founding members of MACDDS.

As we look to the future, we expect to see dramatic increases in the numbers of individuals with disabilities that receive services. The Partnership for Hope will expand to serve approximately 1,100 new people with disabilities in the next year. Several new counties will assume responsibility for local Targeted Case Management. An emphasis on employment initiatives is also on the horizon. We will need to continue shaping public policy and generate new innovative ideas to provide the best supports and services to individuals with disabilities. MACDDS is up to the challenge. We are poised for the future and expect great things in 2013!

Ann Graff
President -- MACDDS 2012
More than thirty years ago, I was fortunate as a young executive director to be part of forming MACDDS. In the ensuing years, county boards have partnered with their communities in helping meet the challenges of developmental disabilities. The programs and services we have developed reflect each community and its values. Much change and progress has occurred since then. Many people – individuals as well as public and private organizations – have combined to make Missouri a better place for all its citizens.

Special thanks to everyone involved in helping persons with developmental disabilities lead more independent lives, including their families and the extensive network of providers and agencies available to people we serve. Because helping people with developmental disabilities is a challenge we all share, it is all the more achievable. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a new and better future, as the first Executive Director.

Les Wagner
Executive Director -- MACDDS 2012
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 wither 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 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.
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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 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? YES/NO
Of the 114 Counties in the State of Missouri, plus the City of St. Louis, 50 are members of MACDDS.

MACDDS members represent 64% of the state’s population.
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### SB 40 2011 Tax Levy Rates

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- **Shaded Counties are MACDDS Members**

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- **Rates billed may be less than the voter approved tax levy due to state statutes that limit the annual revenue growth.**
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MACDDS 2012 Successes

- Supported the state in fully funding county based Targeted Case Management (TCM).
- Increased the number of Lopez Waiver recipients.
- Protected county boards’ statutory authority.
- Facilitated the transition of people residing in habilitation centers into community based supports.
- Expanded Partnership for Hope.
- Increased the number of Lopez Waiver recipients.

2013 Legislative Priorities

Expand County and State Partnerships:

- Support the state in fully funding match for Medicaid Waivers.
- Expand the Partnership for Hope to assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient productive citizens.
- 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.
- Continue to reduce the census of Habilitation Centers. Redirect Habilitation Center funds to allow individuals to explore community living and become productive citizens.
- Provide statewide specialized community supports for individuals in medical or behaviorial crisis.
- Expand employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities by incentivizing businesses which employ them at or above minimum wage.
- Support passage of the Missouri Business Alliance jobs initiative legislation to expand employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- 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.
In 2006 - 17 Counties provided local TCM services for 4,301 individuals, 15% of persons served. Currently - 84 counties provide local TCM services for over 15,294 individuals, 49% of persons served.
Tax Levy Dollars at Work
Member Highlights

ADAIR COUNTY

• Completed second year of providing Targeted Case Management in Adair, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland and Sullivan Counties, generating nearly $300,000 in TCM profits for funding grants and services.
• Awarded funding of $217,311 to non-profit agencies serving people with developmental disabilities in Adair County and $48,118 to individuals and families for supports and services in five counties served.
• Offered our first eight-week summer LIFE program (Learning Independence through Fun and Employment) serving 35 teens with developmental disabilities from three counties.
• PACT Activity Center offered 705 free-of-charge events, classes and activities throughout the year, utilizing sixty-seven volunteers from Truman State University and the community.
• Graduated eighteen self-advocates from Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) classes.
• Implemented thirteen Partnership for Hope waivers across five counties served.

BOONE COUNTY

• New agency website was launched. Additionally, the agency established a Twitter account and increased presence on Facebook.
• CARF accreditation achieved for three years.
• Development of two new programs to begin Fall 2012:
  -STEP employment immersion program for High School seniors in partnership with ACT, Columbia Public Schools and Boone Hospital
  -College for Living Program in partnership with Columbia College
• Executive Director, Les Wagner, resigned after 35 years of service to become Executive Director of MACDDS

BUCHANAN COUNTY

• In December, Progressive Community Services held the second annual legislative luncheon. This event brought together local legislators with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, who told of services provided by area agencies in Buchanan County and how they have had a positive impact on their lives.
• On September 23, 2012, the grand opening of Keystone Place, 14-unit HUD apartments, took place. Keystone Place has reached full occupancy.
COLE COUNTY
• Continued to fund $835,000 to the Match for Medicaid Waiver services and will add additional people to the Partnership for Hope Waiver increasing annual financial commitment to almost $900,000.
• Received a two year $200,000 grant from Missouri Foundation for Health.
• Continued the expansion of county based case management services.
• Over 80% of all direct care staff have received certification through the College of Direct Support; the remaining staff are in the process of achieving certification.

DEKALB COUNTY
• Started Targeted Case Management services January 1, 2012.
• Support six PFH waivers.

DENT COUNTY
• Purchased a new administrative office and are currently preparing a large area for use as an exercise/recreational center for our individuals.
• Targeted Case Management program continues to expand and we are now providing intake services to new individuals to make the process easier for families. We have linked many individuals to new services.
• Provided funding for six individuals to Camp Wonderland and Barnabas.
• Funded a Back to School Fair for all our school-age individuals providing them with free supplies and adaptive equipment as needed.
• Provided ongoing financial support to the local sheltered workshop and other non-profit providers.
• Provide funding for 17 individuals in the Partnership for Hope waiver and expanded our board funded respite program for families.

FRANKLIN COUNTY
• Acquired a building to expand services for individuals with autism and behavior issues. It will also be used for staff training.
• Worked with two workshops, Vocational Rehab and Center for Human Services to expand supported employment opportunities.
• Reorganized the personal assistance and residential programs into one support services department to create administrative efficiencies and reduce costs.
• Worked with Jaycees in raising funds for an all abilities playground.
**GREENE COUNTY**
- Continued to administer and expand its First Steps (SPOE) program which began on February 1, 2006. The First Steps 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 34 full time services coordinators and continues to grow.
- Continued Targeted Case Management in Christian County.
- Began Targeted Case Management in Howell County.
- Provided services to 80 individuals through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.

**HOWARD COUNTY**
- Endless Options, Inc. began serving children with the High Five program. This program was supported by funding from Howard County Sheltered Services Board.
- Howard County Service Coordination celebrated their first year of providing local service coordination in March.

**JACKSON COUNTY**
- Eitas held its first Run, Walk, and Roll 5K to raise funds for the Michael Haseltine Scholarship fund. The event raised over $4,800 with over 200 participants including staff, providers and people we support. The fund provides scholarships for Jackson County residents with a developmental disability who wish to attend a university, college, or technical school to further their formal education. Scholarships are also available to Jackson County residents who are in college and majoring in the developmental disabilities field.
- Continued expanding our support coordination services with over 1,300 people now on caseloads.
- Expansion of the Partnership for Hope Waiver allowed us to move 208 people from the waiting list to services.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**
- During FY12, 172 clients on the waitlist were reviewed for eligibility for the Partnership for Hope waiver for 321 services. Of those clients, 41 out of 57 recommended for slots were awarded a waiver slot. This amounts to $327,290.44 for 63 services.
- In collaboration with Arnold Commission on Aging and Disabilities, the JCDDR was instrumental in the adoption of a policy for all departments of the City of Arnold, Missouri, to use “People First” language.
- Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign, NextStep for Life bocce courts were constructed at the Herculaneum location. The courts are used for training Special Olympic athletes and have also been open to the public during special community events.
- An individual receiving Individual Supports moved into her condo and was a speaker for the United Way.
- NextStep for Life Employment Services placed 100 individuals into competitive employment and worked with 37 new employers.
- Effective June 30, 2011, Disability Support Systems successfully merged with NextStep for Life. The merger expanded the array of services to include respite services and other family support services.
LINCOLN COUNTY
• Served over 350 individuals.
• Received a grant from United Way and Cuivre River Electric Cooperative to partner with the Lincoln County Health Department to provide dental services for adults with developmental disabilities.
• Reduced direct staff turnover to 11% with a new applicant screening process.
• Received the 2011 Community Partnership Award from the Lincoln County Council On Aging.
• Received a grant from United Way for a Summer Youth Employment Program.
• Awarded Operational Funds and five Agency Vehicles through MoDOT.

MARION COUNTY
• Serving an estimate of 300 individuals through the TCM program.
• Providing funding-Partnership for Hope-10 individuals.
• CARF accredited since 2004.
• Special Olympics Basketball team “Hannibal Soaring Hawks” was awarded the title of State Championship with the “Hannibal Gold Hawks” team bringing home the silver.
• Camp Yaggottawanna, weekend recreational camp, completed their eighth year and planning their ninth year of events.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
• Remodeled new home for residential services.
• Expanded Personal Assistance and Transportation services through the Partnership for Hope Waiver.
• Created a Facility Improvement Committee and Equipment/Service Improvement Committee.
OSAGE COUNTY
• Completed third year of Targeted Case Management in Osage County.
• Provided funding for Camp Wonderland for four individuals.
• Provided services for 100 individuals in Osage County.
• Osage County funds nine slots for Partnership for Hope and have agreed to expand as needed.
• Received a grant from United Way of Central, MO to assist with transportation costs.

PETTIS COUNTY
• Opened Center for Human Services Bloomin’ Gardens, a Retail Greenhouse. The greenhouse employed six individuals with disabilities in an integrated setting at minimum wage.
• Expanded Targeted Case Management services to Clay County.
• Entered into a sub-contract with PORTCO, Inc. to provide Custodial Services on Whiteman Air Force Base. This sub-contac employed 21 individuals with disabilities at prevailing wage.

PHELPS COUNTY
• Phelps County serves 257 individuals with developmental disabilities. Out of those 257 individuals, 20 people now receive services from the Partnership for Hope program. With individuals being enrolled in the Partnership for Hope program, it has created six new full time direct care jobs in Phelps County. We are hoping to enroll at least 15 more individuals/families in the program this year and more if funding allows us to do that. This will create additional jobs in Phelps County.
• Phelps County started providing Targeted Case Management services to Texas County in July 2011. The number of individuals being served has increased from 55 to 70 and we have enrolled our first two individuals in the Partnership for Hope program. Our goal is to get at least ten individuals enrolled this fiscal year and more if there is a need and funding allows.
• Emergency Funds: Phelps County SB40 Board sets aside $30,000.00 per year to use on crisis situations or to use as a service that DMH or Medicaid will not provide. These funds are used for guardianship, dental, adaptive equipment (that Medicaid cover), home modifications (that Medicaid won’t cover), family friend, etc. There is currently NOT a waiting list for services in Phelps County or Texas County at this time.
• Between the Targeted Case Management program providing money to the Partnership for Hope program and the emergency fund/one time spend money, Phelps County put over $90,000.00 worth of services back into Phelps County in 2011 and 31 individuals/families received needed services.
• Phelps County SB40 Board is hoping to have an Employment Program up and running in 2013. The goal is to assist four people in finding competitive employment who currently work at the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop and that would create four openings at the workshop for an additional four people to become employed who have been on the workshop waiting list.

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PLATTE COUNTY
• Served 402 persons, a 9.5% increase over the previous year.
• Earned our seventh, three year accreditation from CARF Services. The accreditation included: Group Living, Supported Living, Supported Employment, Day Habilitation, and Service Coordination.
• Purchased and opened a new residential site for four individuals.

PIKE COUNTY
• Eliminated wait lists for in-home services.
• Have served 14 individuals with Partnership for Hope waiver.
• Secured funds for ramp, iPad, and camp for 15 people.
• Participated for third year in county-wide Back to School Fair.
• Expanded Recreation Program to include teens and monthly activities.
• Started “Meet and Greet” group for families who experience autism.

PLATTE COUNTY
• Served 402 persons, a 9.5% increase over the previous year.
• Earned our seventh, three year accreditation from CARF Services. The accreditation included: Group Living, Supported Living, Supported Employment, Day Habilitation, and Service Coordination.
• Purchased and opened a new residential site for four individuals.

RANDOLPH COUNTY
• Started up as a SB 40 in January.
• Took on Targeted Case Management for Randolph County in February.
• Funded 24 PFH slots, providing transportation to and from the workshop, and funding emergency respite for five people.
• Working on a contract to provide day habilitation.

SALINE COUNTY
• Expanded Recycling Partnership with ConAgra Foods to include plastics recycling. This will add two additional jobs for individuals with disabilities.
ST. CHARLES COUNTY

- Celebrated year one of the Partnership for Hope Waiver when Governor Jay Nixon visited the DDRB office and met two DDRB customers who shared personal accounts of how this waiver has improved their quality of life.
- Supported eight individuals from the habilitation center and five individuals from nursing homes to transition into community services through the assistance of a designated transition specialist.
- Provided case management services to 736 individuals with 129 new individuals served.
- Fully implemented the client database allowing DDRB billings, applications, and reporting to be completed electronically.
- Completed a gap analysis of existing services and consumer needs to develop a three-year rolling plan that addresses priority service/support needs.
- Redesigned DDRB website to address accessibility, improved navigation, new features, question submission, and more.
- Received a three-year CARF Accreditation for the Case Management program.

ST. LOUIS CITY

- Introduced an Innovative Funding Cycle which resulted in 11 new programs.
- Expanded Targeted Case Management Department by five Service Advocates, resulting in the ability to serve a total of 1,028 individuals.
- 727 consumers stories were written for the 2011 “100 Neediest” campaign, leading to a total of $62,770 being awarded to these individuals as well as an additional 24 families being adopted by the community. In addition, partnered with 14 community businesses for a holiday solicitation program.
TANEY COUNTY
- Developmental Connections hired the staff formerly employed by a non-profit service provider and began direct operation of Dorgan-Weaver Apartments.
- Received confirmation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of funding for construction of a second HUD apartment project.
- TCM program doubled the number of persons being provided Service Coordination in Taney, Stone and Ozark counties.
- Board of Directors merged with the board of directors of Tantone Industries to provide more direct support and direction to the county sheltered workshop.

WARREN COUNTY
- Increased the number of service coordinators during 2012. (Targeted Case Management was started in September, 2011) By the end of 2012, there will be three times as many people receiving service coordination from the Board as there were at the end of 2011.
- Implemented the Partnership for Hope waiver for Warren County residents. (The first person to receive service via this waiver had been on the waiting list for eight years!)
- Eliminated the waiting list for services, except for one remaining child - who is set to receive help through the Lopez waiver in October 2012.
- Continued to provide funding for Medicaid Waiver match for residential, personal assistance, and transportation services.
2011 PRESIDENT’S AWARDS

Presented to Jeff Grisamore, Missouri House of Representatives for the passage of House Bill 555 - the Omnibus Disabilities Bill. This legislation provides a multi-provision disabilities and health care package. Representative Grisamore stated: “Fighting and advocating for individuals with disabilities is my highest legislative priority.” The new laws in House Bill 555 became effective on August 28, 2011. MACDDS thanks Representative Grisamore for his dedication and for championing people with developmental disabilities.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

MACDDS expressed their admiration for the heroic actions on behalf of people with developmental disabilities during and following the tornado that devastated the Joplin area on May 22, 2011 to all of the organizations, agencies and individuals working that day: Alternative Opportunities, ARC of the Ozarks, Community Support Services, Skills Unlimited, Connections Case Management, Easy Living, Jasper County SB40 Board, Joplin Regional Office and Ozark Center TCM.

2011 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presented to Sue Fleming, Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis for making positive contributions to the field of developmental disabilities and for her unique ability to bring organizations together for the good of individuals being served.
MACDDS Awards

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.

ASSOCIATION ON AGING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Presented to Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities, St. Louis Metro, for their recognition of the growing need for services designed to meet the unique needs of individuals as they are aging, accomplished with individualized supports that result in maintaining independence and active community involvement.

FACT

Presented to FACT, People First Active Chapter in St. Charles, a self advocacy group that promotes equal rights and advocates expanding opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. With the assistance of a coordinator, contracted by the DDRB of St. Charles and administered through FACT, individuals develop self-advocacy skills that lead to better understanding of services available, how to access them, and how to advocate, resolve problems and remove barriers experienced in the service systems.

EITAS

Presented to EITAS, Jackson County, for “Gentle Teaching” as a proactive approach in assisting staff, and those receiving supports, to communicate and problem solve constructively; while providing rewards and encouragement for positive behavior. EITAS trains other provider agencies in this area and provides follow up that allows supervisors from different agencies to network, share best practices and discuss positive impacts of “Gentle Teaching”.
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