



2019 Legislative Priorities

Adequately fund services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)

- There is a direct support hiring and retention crisis as a result of inadequate rates, which affects our ability to provide adequate services (the increase in Missouri's minimum wage will only increase the urgency).
- Ensure funding for existing local Targeted Case Management (TCM) is restored, and ensure funding for the transfer of individuals from state TCM services to local TCM services is appropriated

Ensure ALL Missourians have the opportunity to work in a competitive, integrated setting

- Establish "Employment First" legislation
- Fully fund Vocational Rehabilitation
- Support Medicaid-funded employment through DMH-DD

Safeguard existing programs, funding and services from Managed Care entities, which have been proven to be ineffective with I/DD services in every state where they have been introduced

- Continue to collaborate with DMH-DD, MoHealthnet, legislators and other stakeholders to create a more efficient framework for delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS) that produce successful outcomes that matter most to individuals with I/DD
- Design a system to include the following core values:
 - ✓ Prioritize people with I/DD
 - ✓ Provide stability and sustainability
 - ✓ Provide ease in administration
 - ✓ Preserve and strengthen local control
 - ✓ Provide positive, measurable outcomes
 - ✓ Comply with the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Final Rule
 - ✓ Ensure TCM stays at the local level, is independent of the Managed Care Organization and is not conflicted