

2020 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)
- Adequately funded service rates and eliminating the wait list will save on costs associated with crisis supports

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