

Date of Application	
Organization Name:	
Executive Director:	
Address/P.O. Box:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Website Address:	
Additional Contact/Email	

Before completing the Related Private Organization (RPO) application, review the MACDDS RPO application and specifications. If you have a question about whether or not your organization is eligible to join as an RPO, please contact the MACDDS Office (contact information below).

Related Private Organizations shall be defined as those not-for-profit agencies whose primary purpose is to advocate and/or provide and/or cause to create support services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. This does not include boards authorized under RSMO 205.968 – 205.972. RPO membership applications must have a county board sponsor to recommend the agency for RPO membership.

Does this definition describe your organization? Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_

The annual participation fee is \$1,500.

As per MACDDS bylaws, RPO applications and sponsor letter must be submitted and approved by the county board membership. Approvals will be completed at the MACDDS meeting immediately following receipt of the application. The completed application form and sponsor letter must be sent to the address listed below. Once the application is approved, a request will be made for payment. Payment must be received prior to attending meetings.

Existing RPOs in good standing may renew their RPO status for the upcoming year by providing payment of their fees and updated contact information.

RPO membership benefits are listed in the MACDDS Bylaws below.

Please mail or email completed form to: MACDDS Office PO Box 632 Jefferson City, MO 65102 nancy@macdds.org

## MACDDS BYLAWS Related Provider Organizations

PURPOSE: It is the desire of MACDDS to establish, maintain and sustain a working relationship with other agencies whose purpose is to improve the quality of life of those Missouri citizens with developmental disabilities. The MACDDS shall therefore create opportunities that will facilitate communication amongst these agencies whose missions are to advocate for the development of support services, which affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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2. Agencies meeting these criteria maybe considered Related Private Organizations, and, as part of the RPO fee, shall receive one copy of all agendas and minutes that are sent to the County Delegates. Said fees shall be determined and set annually by recommendation of the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

3. Each Related Private Organization shall be encouraged to send a designated representative(s) to attend MACDDS meetings. These representatives shall not be entitled to vote on any issue before the membership or attend closed sessions of membership meetings.

4. All RPO applications shall be submitted to the MACDDS Office. The applicant must have a County Board sponsor to recommend the RPO. The County Board providing the recommendation must be the county where the RPO provides the majority of its developmental disability services. The applications will be submitted to the MACDDS Office for review and recommendations to the existing membership regarding approval. Existing RPOs in good standing may renew their RPO status for the upcoming year by providing payment of their fees and updated contact information.

## Return completed application and membership dues to: MACDDS, PO Box 632, Jefferson City, MO 65102