



# 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## ABOUT MACDDS

For over 40 years, MACDDS has partnered with the state to promote and provide local developmental disabilities services. Comprised of 62 county boards and 23 related providers, our members lead local initiatives that have a statewide impact, improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

## WHAT IS A COUNTY "SB40 BOARD"?

"Senate Bill 40" is enabling legislation passed by the Missouri state legislature in 1969 that allows individual counties in Missouri to approve a property tax levy to provide supports to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This tax levy is administered by local county boards, commonly referred to as "Senate Bill 40 Boards".



**LOCAL INITIATIVES.  
STATEWIDE IMPACT.**

## Did you know?

- County boards are the largest non-DMH funder of disability supports statewide.
- County board services help people live and work as they choose in their communities.
- Each county board is unique. All boards are funders. Some boards provide direct services and some provide case management.
- Funded services may include:
  - Employment Supports
  - Residential Supports
  - Personal Assistance
  - Transportation
  - Independent Living Supports
  - Adaptive Equipment
  - Day Programs
  - Case Management
  - Therapies, and more...

***MACDDS County Boards  
invest over \$100 million in local  
property tax levies each year in  
services and supports for people  
with intellectual and  
developmental disabilities.***



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## ENSURE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES REMAIN INTACT

**Local county boards use their funds to provide local support.**

- Personal property tax makes up approximately 22% of local tax levy funding, providing over \$22M annually to support people with disabilities.
- If these dollars are reduced, the fiscal impact on the state WILL be significant, and people's health and safety WILL be in jeopardy!

### **REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES = DEFUNDING PUBLIC SERVICES**

## ENSURE PEOPLE WITH I/DD RECEIVE VITAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO LIVE AND WORK IN THEIR COMMUNITIES BY APPROPRIATING CRITICAL FUNDING TO THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**Post-pandemic inflation, including rapidly increasing wages, puts essential services for people with I/DD at risk.**

- Without Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), service providers can't meet the needs of the over 600 people on the waitlist, many of whom are living in unsafe situations, in addition to the 16,000 people that already receive Medicaid Waiver services.
- Unlike businesses experiencing workforce shortages, I/DD service providers cannot raise prices to offset the costs of recruiting/retaining employees due to dependence on rates set by the legislature.
- Thankfully, the legislature has supported the provider rate system over the past two years after multiple decades of being neglected. Community service providers are extremely grateful.
- Reimbursement rates for services for people with I/DD must continue to keep pace at rates high enough for providers to pay staff a livable wage.

## INCREASE FUNDING FOR TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT (TCM)

**When regular increases are not made, the system ends up in crisis.**

- There has been no rate increase for Targeted Case Management (TCM) since 2015.
- TCM is the only service reimbursed using an allocation formula, sometimes causing TCM providers to "pay back" the Division for services already provided. This results in providers not receiving the full rate that already does not cover costs.
- Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers are experiencing a staffing crisis, and once direct support professional wages are increased, many will be paying the same amount for their degreed professionals as providers are paying DSPs.
- The rate for service coordination for people without Medicaid receiving autism services is significantly lower than the rate for TCM.

### **CARE = INFRASTRUCTURE**