



DIRECT CONNECTION

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Developmental Disabilities to keep you informed*

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Dual Diagnosis Lectures

A 4-part lecture series for physicians treating people with a dual diagnosis of developmental disabilities and mental illness was held via webinar on January 26, February 9, February 16 and March 2. The speaker was Dr. Jarrett Barnhill, director of the Developmental Neuropharmacology Clinic at The University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and each lecture focused on psychotropic medications and issues poly-pharmacy. The webinars were broadcast in over 20 locations around the state. Approximately 39 prescribers and 80 other professionals participated in the lecture series and will receive 2 CME credits from the University of Missouri School of Medicine for each lecture attended.

IN FULL SWING

Employment Initiative

As an ongoing effort to improve the employment rate of individuals with developmental disabilities in Missouri, the Division's employment team continues to implement a statewide employment plan. Employment Coordinators in each of the 11 regional offices are working locally as a resource to service coordinators, individuals with disabilities, family members, and community providers.

Areas of focus over the last several months were:

- Providing social security work incentives training to a targeted group of staff to act as a resource for individuals wishing to return to work or work for the first time, and understand how working will impact their benefits.
- Conducting an employment data collection pilot project in Kirksville and Central Missouri regions to gather a base line on number of individuals working in community employment. This will assist in meeting employment projections.
- Providing training on Person Centered Career Planning for service coordinators at the Division, SB40 boards, and not for profits providing service coordination as well as vocational rehabilitation counselors.

- The Employment Network advisory group continues to meet and offer guidance to the Division staff on work plan goals.

For a detailed review of the statewide employment plan, network members and other employment related information, visit <http://dmh.mo.gov/mrdd/employteam/employment.htm>. A list of Regional Office Employment Coordinators is also available at this website.

Self-Advocates and Families for Excellence - SAFE

Self-Advocates and Families for Excellence (SAFE) is a statewide organization of adult volunteers who are either a self-advocate or a family member of a person with a developmental disability.

SAFE's primary purpose is to assist the Division of Developmental Disabilities in assessing the presence of the Missouri Quality Outcomes in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities who receive Division and/or waiver funded residential and/or day habilitation services. SAFE accomplishes this by conducting face-to-face visits with individuals and completing a standardized survey with them. The survey tool used by the volunteers was developed from the 16 Missouri Quality Outcomes identified for people.

SAFE volunteers visit at the convenience of the person with a developmental disability and only with their or their legal guardian's permission and consent. Visits are guided by volunteer interviews, observations, and completion of a standardized *Missouri Quality Outcomes Measure Survey* to ensure the consistent gathering of useful information. Volunteers help assess if the individual is experiencing life as identified through the Missouri Quality Outcomes.

A report is generated from the findings and information shared by the individual at the survey visit. The report is shared with the individual, the individual's guardian, the individual's service provider agency, the individual's service coordinator, and appropriate regional and central office staff. Findings from SAFE visits will also be used by the Division of Developmental Disabilities to mark trends, evaluate the quality of services being provided to individuals, and to initiate changes and enhancements in the system, where needed.

For additional information about SAFE, you can access the Division's website at: <http://dmh.mo.gov/mrdd/progs/SAFE/mrddsaf.htm> or contact Lisa Nothaus, Coordinator, at: 573-368-2589

IN DEVELOPMENT

February 2010 General Revenue Report

State Budget Director Linda Luebbering announced that total 2010 fiscal year-to-date net general revenue collections declined 12.7 percent compared to fiscal year 2009, from \$4.83 billion last year to \$4.22 billion this year.

Net general revenue collections for February 2010 decreased by 14.6 percent compared to those for February 2009, from \$393.1 million to \$335.6 million.

Dental Health Training

Through a partnership with the Missouri Primary Care Association and the Missouri Oral Health Network, up to 30 dental teams receive training on dental treatment for people with developmental disabilities. Teams will include dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. Training is scheduled April 16 and 17 at Jordan Valley Community Health Center in Springfield, May 21 and 22 at Southeast Missouri Health Network in Sikeston, and June 11 and 12 at Truman Medical Center in Lee's Summit. Each session will include a full day of didactic lecture and discussion and a full day of hands-on clinical experience. Training will be open to private dentists as well as to dentists treating patients at community health centers. The trainer is Dr. Robert E. Rada, DDS, MBA of Chicago Illinois. Dr. Rada is Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Illinois Chicago. This training is funded under the CMS DD Systems Transformation grant.

Autism Telehealth

John Mantovani, MD, is working with the Division to demonstrate that telehealth is a clinically appropriate method of delivering diagnostic and treatment services with autism spectrum disorders. Appointed by Governor Jay Nixon to the Autism Commission in 2009, and a member of the Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative, Dr. Mantovani has extensive experience in the field of autism spectrum and neurodevelopmental disorders. In view of the latest prevalence data from the Centers for Disease Control which estimates up to 1 in 100 children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, access to diagnostic and clinical services for these children is critical.

BRIGHT IDEAS

State of the States in Developmental Disabilities

If you go to www.colemaninstitute.org, click on the link (at the right) to State of the States in Developmental Disabilities, you can view how Missouri compares to other states and the nation related to DD spending and revenue by source as well as other interesting information.

Training for Dental Teams

Through a partnership with the Missouri Planning Council for DD, Department of Mental Health, the Missouri Primary Care Association, and UMKC Institute for Human Development,

a two day training program for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants was conducted in Kansas City last April. In November, a survey was sent to all Missouri licensed dentists to assess their experience and interest in treating people with developmental disabilities, and to identify training needs. The DD Systems Transformation grant will enable expanded training opportunities for dental teams.

For more information about the DD Systems Transformation Initiative, contact:
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RESOURCES

In order to keep you informed, we will periodically include in this newsletter contact information for various resources that may be helpful to you.

Attached is a Division of DD facility list that lists the names of the District Administrators, Regional Directors, Habilitation Center Superintendents, and their Assistant Directors/Superintendents.

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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