



FY2026 Funding Bulletin

WHO WE ARE

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Board (DDR B) is the leading community ally in St. Charles County, dedicated to shaping and enriching the county's support system for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. Through a local tax, DDR B funds a network of partner agencies that offer a wide range of programs aimed at increasing independence, enhancing quality of life, and fostering community inclusion.

These programs are designed to deliver meaningful outcomes, empowering individuals with I/DD to live fulfilling, self-directed lives. DDR B ensures accountability and continuous improvement by regularly reviewing and enforcing quality measures and best practices, helping to build a stronger, more inclusive region for all.

SUPPORTS & SERVICES FOR FY2026

In Fiscal Year 2026 DDR B is partnering with 28 agencies to provide 64 community-based programs that play a vital role in supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) throughout St. Charles County.

These local services offer essential support, resources, and opportunities that promote independence, inclusion, and enhanced quality of life for people with I/DD.

On page 2, you'll find a detailed breakdown of each DDR B-funded service, organized by agency. Please note that many partner agencies provide additional programs and services not included in this list. For a full overview, visit our website at www.ddrb.org, where you'll find links to all contracted agencies.

Agency contact information is listed on page 6 of this bulletin and all agencies welcome inquiries.

DDR B CASE MANAGEMENT

Through our case management program, people aged 18 and over with active Medicaid, as well as youth aged 16 and 17 regardless of Medicaid status, are eligible to receive case management services through DDR B.

Case managers work closely with individuals and families to identify, and access needed services and supports. They also advocate, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness of these services to ensure that each person's unique needs are being met.

Case management is a free service - no fees are ever charged. Services are funded through a combination of Medicaid and DDR B allocations.

FY2026 APPROVED SERVICES BY AGENCY

ASSOCIATION ON AGING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

RETIREMENT GROUP SUPPORT:

Serves individuals aged 50 and older in group community settings, typically at local senior centers. Services are designed to promote social engagement, strengthen interpersonal relationships, support healthy lifestyle choices, and encourage continued independence.

RETIREMENT PLANNING-INDIVIDUAL:

Provides assistance to individuals aged 50 and older as they transition from employment to retirement. Services help individuals explore and identify meaningful retirement activities and interests, while connecting them with community resources and support systems to enhance engagement and well-being during this life stage.

BCI

BENEFITS SPECIALIST: Benefits planning assistance regarding Social Security, Medicaid, Ticket to Work, ABLE Accounts and more.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP: Facility-based employment for adults in various packaging and light industrial jobs.

SKILLS CENTER: Vocational training in healthcare support, hospitality, information technology, manufacturing and warehouse to acquire the skills necessary for competitive employment.

TRANSITION EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST:

Assists individuals in setting progressive, personalized goals that support pathways to community employment. Services focus on developing interpersonal social skills, building job related competencies, and addressing barriers to achieving competitive employment.

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT SERVICES—

PILOT PROJECT: A three-year pilot initiative aimed at designing and implementing a reliable, ongoing transportation service for individuals aged 18 and older who require transportation to organizational employment settings. The project includes plans for future expansion to cover day services and community employment transportation. BCI serves as the central coordination hub, working collaboratively with families, service provider agencies,

and the contracted transportation provider to ensure effective service delivery.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

COMMUNITY LIVING, INC.

CENTER-BASED RESPITE: Serves individuals ages 6-21 who display challenging behaviors and may otherwise be at risk for out of home placement. The program allows the caregiver periodic relief from the responsibilities of caring for their child. Services are offered from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

IN-HOME RESPITE: Periodic relief for parents from the responsibilities of caring for their child and offers opportunities to tend to their personal needs. Families choose their own respite provider.

RECREATION: Community based recreation and leisure opportunities for adults.

RESPITE CARE HOME: Out of home respite for individuals of any age needing short-term care for a minimum of 24 hours, including those with medical needs. Community Living staff authorize respite hours for families. DDRB funds assist in the daily operation of the respite home.

SOAR TEEN PROGRAM: Social and therapeutic support services for teens aged 12 through the year after high school graduation who need protective oversight when after school, summer, and school break child care is no longer available. Activities are offered to improve social, educational and recreational needs.

BUILDING EMPLOYMENT SKILLS TRAINING (BEST): Provides individualized skill building that addresses an individual's unique barriers to employment.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

DISABLED ATHLETE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (DASA)

SPORTS THERAPY: Adaptive training and sports programs designed to empower athletes with a therapeutic focus to improve physical abilities, foster strength,

endurance, and increase motor skills. By promoting independence and resilience, opportunities are created for athletes to thrive, both physically and mentally, in a supportive and encouraging environment.

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

FAMILY SUPPORT: Provides education, training, advocacy, and support for individuals with Down syndrome and their families throughout the lifespan.

EASTERSEALS MIDWEST

EMPLOYMENT ACCESS: Individualized job readiness skills in areas of pre-employment, communication skills, volunteerism, work experience, job shadow opportunities, and transportation for individuals no longer in high school. Individuals receive between 1 and 3 hours of services per week.

PEERS/FRIENDSHIP TRAINING: Children's Friendship Training is designed for elementary school-aged children to build and strengthen their social skills. PEERS is a 14-week evidence-based program for teens (ages 11–17) and young adults (ages 18–21) that teaches and practices skills for developing and maintaining healthy, meaningful friendships. Parents also participate in the program, learning effective ways to support their child's social success.

SUMMER TEEN EMPLOYMENT

PROGRAM: Assists individuals in setting progressive, personalized goals that support pathways to community employment. Services focus on developing soft skills, building employment-related competencies, and addressing barriers to achieving competitive employment.

SELF DETERMINATION IN ACTION—PILOT PROJECT: Offers "My Life, My Rights" and "Self-Advocacy Leadership" educational, mentoring and leadership training programs that increase self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): Provides up to two years of independent living skills training to adults in preparation of living on their own.

ISLA (INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): Provides up to 50 hours of

**EASTERSEALS MIDWEST
(CONTINUED)**

monthly support to help an individual maintain independent living and community access.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

**FAMILY ADVOCACY AND
COMMUNITY TRAINING (F.A.C.T.)**

ADVOCACY: Supports individuals birth through age 21 with developmental disabilities and their parents by assisting them in planning programs and/or resolving issues related to education and community inclusion. Classes are offered for families and parents to learn effective advocacy skills and pertinent information such as the IEP process, various disabilities, communication skills and parenting techniques.

FAMILY SUPPORT PARTNER: Families are partnered with experienced staff who are also parents of individuals with developmental disabilities. Through this shared perspective the parent partner helps the family navigate service systems to secure needed services, and resources that help keep families intact.

PEOPLE FIRST OF ST. CHARLES: Creates new opportunities for individuals ages 18 and over to develop self-advocacy skills that will lead to a better understanding of services available, how to access them, and how to advocate to solve problems and barriers experienced in the service systems.

FIREFLY SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

**FRANCIS HOWELL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SCHOOL BREAKS/SUMMER CAMP, BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE, AND PRESCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE: Provides supports to students who require additional staff to fully participate in school break and before and aftercare and preschool before and after care and school break care.

GATEWAY REGION YMCA

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE, CAMP/BREAKS SUMMER: Provides sup-

ports to students who require additional staff to fully participate in school break programs and before and after school child day care.

ITN-GATEWAY

TRANSPORTATION: 24-hour door to door transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities. Transportation can be scheduled in advance or as needed and can be used for any purpose. Membership is required.

LIFEBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP: Offers camp for individuals aged 6 to 21 during school breaks throughout the year. Camp services provide structured activities in a supportive environments. Camps run for a full week (M-F), ensuring individuals have the time to build skills, confidence, and friendships.

MERCY

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

**MERS MISSOURI GOODWILL
INDUSTRIES**

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OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE

ADVOCACY: Provides education and support to individuals with developmental disabilities who are offenders or alleged offenders, helping them understand legal procedures and navigate the justice system. Acts as a direct liaison between the individuals and the criminal justice system. Also offers education and training to criminal justice and social service professionals to promote informed, appropriate, and equitable responses.

**ORCHARD FARM SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

ST. CHARLES COUNTY BRIDGE TO SUCCESS: A school-to-work internship program. The interns are Juniors, Seniors and 5th-year transition students ages 16-21 with developmental disabilities that work within the community. The program consists of a collaboration of business, school and agency staff. Participating

school districts are Fort Zumwalt, Francis Howell, Orchard Farm R-5, and St. Charles R-6.

PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT: Focuses on helping participants develop social interaction, community engagement, pre-employment social skills, and transportation skills through staffed activities in various locations throughout the community. Offered in three age groups of 16 to 21, 22-49 and 50 plus.

**RECREATION COUNCIL
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS**

COMMUNITY ACCESS VOUCHERS: Offers funding assistance to help defray the cost of recreation programs, overnight camps and travel adventure programs. Funding can also be used to hire support staff to assist with personal care at inclusive non-DDRB funded recreation programs.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: Provides a single source of recreation information within the community so individuals with developmental disabilities can participate in inclusive recreational activities.

PARKS & RECREATION PARTNERSHIP: A recreation inclusion specialist works with municipal recreation providers to ensure full accessibility and participation. Participating municipalities are City of St. Peters and City of O'Fallon.

RISE

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Provides individualized assessment and recommendations for appropriate equipment and administers funds for the purchase of assistive technology, adaptive equipment and home/vehicle modifications that support safety and accessibility to improve independence at home, work or in the community.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING: A vocational training program designed to prepare individuals aged 18 and older for employment in their chosen industry. Through hands-on experience, participants acquire, develop, and refine the essential skills needed for success in the workforce. Individuals may receive up to 240 hours of support in this program.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

RISE (CONTINUED)

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ISLA (INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): Provides up to 50 hours of monthly support to help an individual maintain independent living and community access.

SHOW-ME AQUATICS & FITNESS

AQUA-ABILITY: Physical and occupational water therapy, physical fitness, and motor development for children and adults.

ST. LOUIS ARC

LAUNCH: Provides skill development for individuals aged 16-30 who have a goal of living independently, obtaining employment and accessing their community while assisting parents with transitioning from caregiver to an advisory role.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY

RESPIRE: 24-hour emergency respite for children, birth to age 12. Also provides emergency interventions and supports to families.

THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION – PILOT PROJECT: Offers specialized sexual

abuse prevention education designed specifically for special education settings. The program can be delivered directly to students, or to teachers and para-educators who are trained to present the material in smaller group formats

TREE HOUSE OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

EQUINE THERAPY: Therapy for children and adults while participating in horse riding lessons (group or individual) to improve neuromotor function and sensory processing. A variety of horsemanship skill sessions and competition opportunities are offered.

UCP HEARTLAND

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Provides individualized assessment and recommendations for appropriate equipment and administers funds for the purchase of assistive technology, adaptive equipment and home/vehicle modifications that support safety and accessibility to improve independence at home, work or in the community.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within the community.

UNITED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

EARLY INTERVENTION: On-site individualized strategies and supports that stimulate the child's learning and development. Available to children birth to 3 years of age.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND EDUCATION: Family and child supports are offered individually or in small groups and are designed to provide emotional support while educating parents about their child's disability including medical needs, educational opportunities, sources of funding, equipment needs, etc.

HIGH INTENSITY EARLY INTERVENTION: Provides intensive supports to develop skills in the areas of social interactions, communication, sensory integration and functioning within daily routines for children from birth to age 3.

VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY

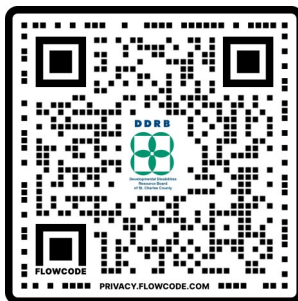
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WILLOWS WAY, INC.

PROJECT HEART: Health education and adult lifestyle education classes in a small group setting using curriculum specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities.

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FY2026 DDRB ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

The DDRB administers the following programs:

Conference Reimbursement Funds: Provides limited funds for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families to attend conferences that advance their knowledge and understanding related to their disability.

Emergency Housing Assistance: The DDRB assists individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities who are at risk of becoming homeless due to an event that has interrupted their ability or the ability of a related household provider to sustain their independence. This program is designed to provide limited emergency/temporary assistance that allows individuals to remain in their home or establish a new permanent residence.

Residential and ISLA Start Up:

Individuals new to Residential Services and Independent Supported Living Assistance Programs may access funds to establish a new household. Funds may only be utilized for individuals whose income is limited and who are unable to purchase new or replacement items on their own. The agency provider supports individuals with seeking all available community resources prior to accessing funds. Funds are limited based on an annual allocation, and agency providers must obtain pre-approval of available funds.

Transportation Reimbursement Funds: Provides temporary transportation funds for individuals who are competitively employed, and/or is enrolled in a postsecondary school, receives Adult Employment Training services from a DDRB funded program or other community employment training program. This limited funding is not intended to cover total transportation costs, but to enhance options and opportunities while individuals explore long-term transportation solutions. Pre-approval of available funds is required.

Complete information for these programs can be found at www.ddrb.org under the Funding Manual tab.



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the DDRB office at 1025 Country Club Road St. Charles, MO 63303

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or by phone at:

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FY2026 DDRB Funded Agencies

<u>Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities (AADD)</u>	314-647-8100
<u>BCI (Boone Center, Inc.)</u>	636-978-4300
<u>Community Living, Inc.</u>	636-970-2800
<u>DASA (Disabled Athlete Sports Assoc.)</u>	636-477-0716
<u>Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis</u>	314-961-2504
<u>Easterseals Midwest</u>	314-394-7100
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<u>FireFly</u>	636-561-7166
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<u>ITN-Gateway</u>	636-329-0888
<u>LifeBridge Partnership</u>	314-989-1188
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<u>Orchard Farm School District</u>	636-925-5400
<u>Pathways to Independence</u>	314-863-0202
<u>Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis</u>	636-477-7704
<u>RISE</u>	314-983-9230
<u>Show Me Aquatics & Fitness</u>	636-896-0999
<u>St. Louis Arc</u>	314-569-2211
<u>St. Louis Crisis Nursery</u>	636-947-0600
<u>The Child Advocacy Center</u>	636-332-0899
<u>TREE House of Greater St. Louis</u>	636-332-4940
<u>UCP Heartland</u>	314-994-1600
<u>United Services for Children</u>	636-926-2700
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<u>Willows Way, Inc.</u>	636-947-6591