



# FY2027 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 local property tax dollars, 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 that empower individuals with I/DD to live fulfilling, self-directed lives. DDR B promotes accountability and continuous improvement by regularly reviewing quality measures and best practices, helping to build a stronger, more inclusive community for all.

## SUPPORTS & SERVICES FOR FY2027

In Fiscal Year 2027 DDR B is partnering with 26 agencies to provide 50 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](http://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 support. They also advocate, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness of these services to ensure that each person's unique needs are being met.

Case management services are funded through a combination of Medicaid and DDR B allocations. For

more information, please visit our website at: [www.ddrb.org](http://www.ddrb.org) → Case Management

## FY2027 APPROVED SERVICES

### Services available to individuals in Middle School (approximate ages 11-14)

#### 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.

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

#### COMMUNITY LIVING, INC.

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

**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.

**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 childcare is no longer available. Activities are offered to improve social, educational and recreational needs.

**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.

#### EASTERSEALS MIDWEST

**ISLA (Independent Supported Living Assistance)** provides a continuum of support to help adults achieve and maintain independent living. Services include up to two years of independent living skills training to prepare individuals to live on their own, followed by up to 50 hours of monthly support to assist with sustaining independence and accessing the community.

**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.

**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 LIVING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### FRANCIS HOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**CHILDCARE:** Provides support to students who require additional staff in order to fully participate in childcare services, including before and after school care, pre-school before and after-care, and care provided during school breaks and summer.

## **GATEWAY DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION**

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

## **GATEWAY REGION YMCA**

**CHILDCARE:** Provides support to students who require additional staff in order to fully participate in childcare services, including before and after school care, and care provided during school breaks and summer.

## **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.

## **MERCY**

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:** Provides up to six hours of monthly support to help individuals maintain competitive employment within MERCY healthcare systems.

## **MERS MISSOURI GOODWILL INDUSTRIES**

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

## **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 for juniors, seniors, and fifth-year transition students ages 16–21 with developmental disabilities. Interns gain meaningful work experience within the

community through a collaborative partnership among businesses, schools, and agency staff. Participating school districts include Fort Zumwalt, Francis Howell, Orchard Farm R-5, and St. Charles City 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.

## **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.

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## **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.

## **ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY**

**RESPITE:** 24-hour emergency respite for children, birth to age 12. Also provides emergency interventions and support to families.

## **THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION:** 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.

## **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 yrs. of age.

**FAMILY SUPPORT AND EDUCATION:** Family and child support 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.

**UNITED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN-**  
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#### HIGH INTENSITY EARLY INTERVENTION:

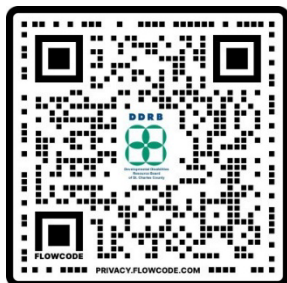
Provides intensive support to develop skills in the areas of social interactions, communication, sensory integration, and functioning within daily routines for children from birth to age 3.

#### VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY WILLOWS WAY, INC.

**ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY:** Utilizing a physician order, Variety administers funds for recommended appropriate equipment or assistive technology and vehicle modifications that support safety and accessibility to improve independence at home or in the community.

**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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## ACCESSING DDRB-FUNDED SERVICES IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Board (DDRB) provides funding to local agencies that offer services for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities who live in St. Charles County.

#### Eligibility:

- **Individuals ages birth to 3:** Individuals from birth through their third birthday may be eligible if enrolled in **Missouri First Steps**.
- **Individuals ages 4 +:** Individuals age 4 and older must be determined eligible as having an intellectual and/or developmental disability. The **Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)** within the **Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH)** handles eligibility determinations.

#### Getting Started:

- Families may apply directly through the **St. Louis Regional Office** of DMH, but it is **highly recommended** to contact **F.A.C.T. (Family Advocacy and Community Training)** for assistance.
- DDRB partners with **F.A.C.T.** to help families navigate the process and complete required paperwork, as the application process can be complex.
- **F.A.C.T.** staff provide step-by-step support throughout the eligibility process. For more information complete the referral form on F.A.C.T.'s website: [www.factmo.org](http://www.factmo.org) → Programs → Family Support → Scroll down and select "Referral Form"

#### Once Eligible:

- Individuals can participate in any DDRB-funded program they qualify for (based on age, service type, or need).

## FY2027 DDRB ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

### The DDRB administers the following programs:

**Conference Reimbursement Funds:** These reimbursement funds provide limited financial assistance to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families to attend conferences that enhance their knowledge and understanding related to the individual's disability.

**Emergency Housing Assistance:** These funds assist individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are at risk of becoming homeless due to an event that has disrupted their Ability, or the ability of a related household provider, to maintain independence. This program is designed to provide limited emergency or temporary assistance that enables individuals to remain in their current home or establish a new permanent residence.

**Residential and ISLA Start Up:** These reimbursement funds are available to individuals who are new to Residential Services and Independent Supported Living Assistance programs to help establish a new household. Funds may only be used by individuals with limited income who are unable to purchase new or replacement items on their own. Funding is limited based on an annual allocation, and agency providers are required to obtain pre-approval before funds may be used.

**Transportation Reimbursement Funds:** These reimbursement funds provide temporary transportation assistance for individuals who are competitively employed, enrolled in postsecondary education, or receiving Adult Employment Training services through a DDRB-funded program or another approved community employment training program. This limited funding is not intended to cover total transportation costs, but rather to enhance options and opportunities while individuals explore long-term transportation solutions. Funding is limited based on an annual allocation; individuals are required to request pre-approval before funds may be used.

**Program guidelines and forms can be found at:**  
[www.ddrb.org](http://www.ddrb.org) → Funding & Agencies → Funding Manual



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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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## FY2027 DDRB Funded Agencies

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| Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities (AADD) | 314-647-8100 |
| BCI (Boone Center, Inc.)                                    | 636-978-4300 |
| Community Living, Inc.                                      | 636-970-2800 |
| DASA (Disabled Athlete Sports Assoc.)                       | 636-477-0716 |
| Gateway Down Syndrome Association                           | 314-961-2504 |
| Easterseals Midwest                                         | 314-394-7100 |
| FACT (Family Advocacy and Community Training)               | 636-949-2425 |
| Firefly Supported Living and Employment Services            | 636-561-7166 |
| Francis Howell School District                              | 636-851-4060 |
| Gateway Region YMCA                                         | 314-678-0162 |
| ITN-Gateway                                                 | 636-329-0888 |
| Mercy                                                       | 314-251-4725 |
| MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries                           | 636-946-7559 |
| Options for Justice                                         | 314-721-6161 |
| Orchard Farm School District                                | 636-925-5400 |
| Pathways to Independence                                    | 314-863-0202 |
| Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis                     | 636-477-7704 |
| RISE                                                        | 314-983-9230 |
| Show Me Aquatics & Fitness                                  | 636-896-0999 |
| St. Louis Arc                                               | 314-569-2211 |
| St. Louis Crisis Nursery                                    | 636-947-0600 |
| The Child Advocacy Center                                   | 636-332-0899 |
| TREE House of Greater St. Louis                             | 636-332-4940 |
| United Services for Children                                | 636-926-2700 |
| Variety The Children's Charity                              | 314-720-7700 |
| Willows Way, Inc.                                           | 636-947-6591 |