

# DDRB FY2024 FUNDING BULLETIN



## SUPPORTS & SERVICES FOR FY2024

The DDRB has approved its Fiscal Year 2024 Agency Funding Budget totaling over \$16 million. This year the DDRB has contracted with 34 agencies to provide 55 programs. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Funding priorities were established by the Board in December, 2022 to meet critical needs for items or services that are necessary for the health and safety of an individual or program, and to provide a 6% market rate increase to existing agency contracts.

The information that follows provides a break-out, by agency, describing each service funded by the DDRB, including the contracted amount. Keep in mind many agencies offer additional supports and services not listed here. The DDRB website provides a link to all contracted agencies for additional information at [www.ddrb.org](http://www.ddrb.org). Agency contact information is listed on page 6 of this bulletin and all agencies welcome inquiries.

## FY2024 APPROVED BUDGET BY AGENCY

### ADAM MORGAN FOUNDATION

TECHNOLOGY FOR INDEPENDENCE—  
PILOT PROJECT: Provides individuals and when applicable, their direct support staff, with in-person and virtual instructional sessions on the use of technology to increase accessibility in various life areas.  
.....\$67,628

### ASSOCIATION ON AGING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

RETIREMENT GROUP SUPPORT:  
Serves individuals age 50 and older who have been employed to increase their independence, make informed choices and exercise their leadership abilities within group settings in the community.  
.....\$18,516

RETIREMENT PLANNING-INDIVIDUAL:  
Assists individuals age 50 and over who are considering retirement or who are already retired. Services encompass all life areas including retirement feasibility as well as connections for engaging in non-work activities. ....\$74,665

BCI  
BENEFITS SPECIALIST: Benefits planning assistance regarding Social Security,

Medicaid, Ticket to Work, ABE Accounts and more. ....\$72,318

SHELTERED WORKSHOP: Facility-based employment for adults in various packaging and light industrial jobs. ....\$1,385,264

SKILLS CENTER: Vocational training in healthcare support, hospitality, information technology, manufacturing and warehouse to acquire the skills necessary for competitive employment. ....\$177,020

TRANSITION EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST —  
PILOT PROJECT: Assists individuals with setting progressive goals that can lead to work opportunities in community employment. These goals address soft-skills, employment skills and barriers to competitive employment. ....\$76,840

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT SERVICES—  
PILOT PROJECT: A three-year pilot project to design and implement a reliable and on-going transportation service for individuals 18 years of age and older needing organizational employment transportation services with future expansion to include day service transportation and community employment. BCI serves as a hub to coordinate with families and service provider

agencies with the contracted transportation provider. ....\$93,750

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$139,920  
(Program description—page 5)

### BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MO-RIDES MOBILITY COORDINATOR: Assists with finding the most affordable public transportation options at no cost to individuals. ....\$27,560

### CARING SOLUTIONS

PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): .....\$34,699  
(Program description—page 5)

ISLA (INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): .....\$111,540  
(Program description—page 5)

### 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.

**COMMUNITY LIVING, INC.**  
(CONTINUED)

Services are offered from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday. ....\$199,725

**CONSULTATIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT:** Behavioral consultant services for children ages 6-21 who require behavioral supports to participate in the SOAR and Respite Center programs. ....\$57,841

**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 provider.

**IN-HOME RESPITE REIMBURSEMENT PASS-THROUGH:** ....\$1,060,000

**IN-HOME RESPITE COORDINATION:** ....\$172,874

**RECREATION:** Community based recreation and leisure opportunities for adults. ....\$465,095

**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. ....\$325,000

**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. ....\$1,303,260

**BUILDING EMPLOYMENT SKILLS TRAINING (BEST) — PILOT PROJECT:** Provides individualized skill building that addresses an individual’s unique barriers to employment. ....\$39,543

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:** .....\$175,308  
(Program description - page 5)

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH):**

**PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE WAIVER MATCH:** Matching funds for prevention services. ....\$100,000

**DISABLED ATHLETE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (DASA)**

**SPORTS TRAINING:** Offers a variety of recreational sports for individuals aged 5 through adult with physical or visual disabilities and who are cognitively age appropriate. Athletic skills, independence, self-esteem and sportsmanship are focus areas. ....\$77,120

**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. . \$37,048

**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. ....\$88,871

**PEERS:** Teens aged 11-17 and young adults aged 18 –21 learn and practice social skills that lead to healthy and meaningful friendships in this 14-week group session program. Parents also learn how to assist their teen in making and keeping friends. ....\$17,598

**SUMMER TEEN EMPLOYMENT**

**PROGRAM:** A collaborative effort of area supported employment providers offering paid summer work experiences in the community to high school students to prepare them for employment upon graduation. The service includes job skill assessment and on-the-job training. ....\$330,172

**SUMMER TEEN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:** .....\$106,176

**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. ....\$106,000

**PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE):** .....\$60,904  
(Program description - page 5)

**ISLA (INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE):** .....\$248,912  
(Program description—page 5)

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:** .....\$137,346  
(Program description - page 5)

**EPWORTH CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK — PILOT PROJECT:** Provides counseling services by trained therapists to families with a child up to the age of 18 with developmental disabilities to equip families with strategies that help to prevent incidents of abuse and neglect. ....\$17,526

**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. ....\$696,253

**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. ....\$806,061

**PEOPLE FIRST OF ST. CHARLES:** Creates new opportunities for individuals 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. ....\$94,804

**FORT ZUMWALT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**PRESCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE:**  
(Program description—See Child Day Care page 5)

**FRANCIS HOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**CAMP BREAKS/SUMMER:** .....\$264,711

## FRANCIS HOWELL

### SCHOOL DISTRICT—(CONTINUED)

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE:  
.....\$188,350

(Program description—See Child Day Care page 5)

PRESCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE: .....\$55,995

(Program description -See Child Day Care page 5)

### GATEWAY REGION YMCA

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE:  
.....\$11,112

(Program description—See Child Day Care page 5)

CAMP/BREAKS SUMMER: .....\$25,928

(Program description—See Child Day Care page 5)

### ITN-GATEWAY

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

DRIVER COMPENSATION:.....\$29,952

DRIVER MILEAGE: .....\$20,250

GRANT MATCH: .....\$7,717

### LATITUDE THERAPY

VIRTUAL BEHAVIORAL CAREGIVER

TRAINING—PILOT PROJECT: Provides instruction on Applied Behavior Analysis for parents and caregivers to decrease maladaptive behaviors and increase skills for children and young adults across multiple settings. ....\$72,620

### LIFEBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP: Offers camps for individuals ages 6 to 21 during various times throughout the year when schools are out of session. Camp services may be offered in a single day session or up to multiple days in a week and available during weekdays and weekends. ....\$41,795

### MERCY

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$9,300

(Program description - page 5)

### MERS MISSOURI GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$200,816

(Program description - page 5)

## OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE

ADVOCACY: Advocates on behalf of offenders and alleged offenders with developmental disabilities by providing direct assistance. Provides education and training for criminal and social service professionals. ....\$142,062

### 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. ....\$132,500

CHILD DAY CARE: (Program description – See Child Day Care Page 5)

### PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT: Focuses on helping participants develop social interaction, community engagement, pre-employment “soft 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. ....\$159,612

### PREFERRED FAMILY HEALTHCARE

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$36,283

(Program description—page 5)

### 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. ....\$83,752

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: Provides a single source of recreation information within the community so individuals with developmental disabilities can participate in inclusive recreational activities. ....\$92,421

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. ....\$79,756

## SHOW-ME AQUATICS & FITNESS

AQUA-ABILITY: Physical and occupational water therapy, physical fitness, and motor development for children and adults. ....\$352,207

### ST. LOUIS ARC

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING: Training for individuals ages 18 and over to acquire skills necessary for employment readiness through participation in career planning and exploration and job training at various training sites. ....\$120,000

LAUNCH — PILOT PROJECT: Provides skill development for individuals aged 16-25 who have a goal of living independently, obtaining employment and accessing their community while assisting parents with transitioning from caregiver to an advisory role. ....\$67,989

LIFE TECH—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY — PILOT PROJECT: Provides individualized assessment and recommendations for appropriate technologies, and distribution of devices or applications for long-term use. Training is provided along with a specialized help desk and online resources including how-to videos. ....\$172,236

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$70,313

(Program description - page 5)

### ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY

RESPIRE: 24-hour emergency respite for children, birth to age 12. Also provides emergency interventions and supports to families. ....\$13,149

### THE CENTER FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY: .....\$275,850  
(program description - page 5)

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING: A collaborative vocational training program to prepare individuals ages 18 and over for employment in the manufacturing and distribution industry or other work options of their choice. A 1:1 support ratio is also available. The program assists with acquiring, developing and maintaining the skills needed for employment through on-site internships for in-demand positions. The duration of the training is up to 12 weeks or no more than 240 hours. ....\$57,543

**THE CENTER FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES:** (CONTINUED)

**COUNSELING SERVICES — PILOT PROJECT:** Provides individual, and group therapy for individuals ages 17 and older to learn, develop and gain insight into anxiety, depression, anger management, communication, grief, healthy relations and more.

INDIVIDUAL: .....\$30,872  
GROUP: .....\$12,873

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$88,380  
(Program description—page 5)

PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): .....\$94,500  
(Program description—page 5)

ISLA (INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): .....\$182,000  
(Program description—page 5)

**THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION — PILOT PROJECT:** Offers specialized sexual abuse prevention education delivered directly to special education students, or to teachers and para-educators who learn to present the material in smaller groups. ....\$47,300

**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. ....\$493,845

**UCP HEARTLAND**

**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING:** Collaborative vocational training program to prepare individuals ages 18 and over for employment. The program focuses on building direct job related skills, and soft skills that are employer led with the assistance of on-site training staff. Training is based at the job site with the intent to hire from the trained applicant pool. The duration of the training is up to 12 weeks or no more than 240 hours. ....\$17,699

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY — PILOT PROJECT: .....\$100,000  
(Program description - page 5)

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: .....\$22,240  
(Program description - page 5)

**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. ....\$1,209,920

**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. ....\$36,517

**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. ....\$151,912

**THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM:** Provides additional services of occupational, speech, and Applied Behavior Analysis therapy for children aged 18 months to 3 years exhibiting significant deficits. ....\$89,964

**VARIETY THE CHILDREN’S CHARITY**

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY — PILOT PROJECT: .....\$174,150  
(Program description—page 5)

**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. ....\$36,944

PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): .....\$42,330  
(Program description—page 5)

ISLA (INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE): .....\$987,700  
(Program description—page 5)

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**DDRB**

OPERATIONS.....\$7,239,329

**ADMINISTRATION:**

The DDRB is a 9 member volunteer board. The administrative staff report directly to the Board, providing accountability to the individuals supported, their families, and the St. Charles County community.

**CASE MANAGEMENT:**

**Targeted Case Management** is provided to those who are 18 years of age and older who have Medicaid. This service is billed to Medicaid.

**Service Coordination** is provided to individuals who receive funding through the Missouri Autism Project or are 16 and 17 years of age regardless of Medicaid status.

**AGENCY COMMUNITY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:**

**PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE)**

Training assistance for up to two years for young adults to gain the skills and resources necessary for a successful transition to independent living with minimal supports. Pre-ISLA service providers are: **Caring Solutions, Easterseals Midwest, The Center for Specialized Services, and Willows Way, Inc.**

**ISLA—(INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE)**

Provides services of up to 50 hours per month to support an individual to live independently in the community. Supports promote the development of skills for independence for the individual to stay in their own residence and access the community. ISLA service providers are: **Caring Solutions, Easterseals Midwest, The Center for Specialized Services, and Willows Way, Inc.**

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT**

Provides services of up to 6 hours or less per month to support an individual in competitive community employment. Individuals choose their service provider. Service providers are: **BCI, Community Living, Inc., Easterseals Midwest, MERCY, MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries, Preferred Family Healthcare, St. Louis Arc, The Center For Specialized Services, and UCP Heartland.**

**CHILD DAY CARE:**

Provides supports to students who require additional staff to fully participate in school break programs, before and after school child day care, including full day preschool before and after child care programs. Available service providers are: **Fort Zumwalt School District, Francis Howell School District, Gateway Regional YMCA, and Orchard Farm School District .**

**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. Service providers are: **The Center for Specialized Services, UCP Heartland, and Variety The Children’s Charity.**

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS/SUPPORTS**

The following programs are combined for budgetary appropriation:  
.....\$315,520

- ◆ Conference Reimbursement Funds
- ◆ Emergency Housing Assistance
- ◆ Residential and ISLA Start Up
- ◆ Transportation Reimbursement Funds
- ◆ Gateway Coalition Support
- ◆ AAIM Membership
- ◆ Vehicle Matching Funds
- ◆ St. Charles County Childcare (FZSD and OFSD)
- ◆ Capacity Building

**DDRB OWNED HOUSING MAINTENANCE FUND:.....\$100,000**

**FY2024**

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**www.ddrb.org**

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### FY2024 DDRB Funded Agencies

<a href="#"><u>Adam Morgan Foundation</u></a>	636-922-4800
<a href="#"><u>Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities (AADD)</u></a>	314-647-8100
<a href="#"><u>BCI (Boone Center, Inc.)</u></a>	636-978-4300
<a href="#"><u>Boonslick Regional Planning Commission</u></a>	844-836-7433
<a href="#"><u>Caring Solutions</u></a>	314-942-7350
<a href="#"><u>Community Living, Inc.</u></a>	636-970-2800
<a href="#"><u>DASA (Disabled Athlete Sports Assoc.)</u></a>	636-477-0716
<a href="#"><u>Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis</u></a>	314-961-2504
<a href="#"><u>Easterseals Midwest</u></a>	314-394-7100
<a href="#"><u>Epworth Children and Family Services</u></a>	314-961-5718
<a href="#"><u>FACT (Family Advocacy and Community Training)</u></a>	636-949-2425
<a href="#"><u>Fort Zumwalt School District</u></a>	636-240-2072
<a href="#"><u>Francis Howell School District</u></a>	636-851-4060
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<a href="#"><u>ITN-Gateway</u></a>	636-329-0888
<a href="#"><u>Latitude Therapy</u></a>	314-410-9670
<a href="#"><u>LifeBridge Partnership</u></a>	314-989-1188
<a href="#"><u>Mercy</u></a>	314-251-4725
<a href="#"><u>MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries</u></a>	636-946-7559
<a href="#"><u>Options for Justice</u></a>	314-721-6161
<a href="#"><u>Orchard Farm School District</u></a>	636-925-5400
<a href="#"><u>Pathways to Independence</u></a>	314-863-0202
<a href="#"><u>Preferred Family Healthcare</u></a>	636-561-7166
<a href="#"><u>Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis</u></a>	636-477-7704
<a href="#"><u>St. Louis Arc</u></a>	314-569-2211
<a href="#"><u>St. Louis Crisis Nursery</u></a>	636-947-0600
<a href="#"><u>Show Me Aquatics &amp; Fitness</u></a>	636-896-0999
<a href="#"><u>The Center For Specialized Services</u></a>	314-983-9230
<a href="#"><u>The Child Advocacy Center</u></a>	636-332-0899
<a href="#"><u>TREE House of Greater St. Louis</u></a>	636-332-4940
<a href="#"><u>UCP Heartland</u></a>	314-994-1600
<a href="#"><u>United Services for Children</u></a>	636-926-2700
<a href="#"><u>Variety The Children's Charity</u></a>	314-720-7700
<a href="#"><u>Willows Way, Inc.</u></a>	636-947-6591