

**FY2025**

# Funding Bulletin



## WHO WE ARE

The DDRB is a public taxing entity, commonly known as a “Senate Bill 40 Board”. This tax was established by St. Charles County voters in 1977 to tax themselves up to sixteen cents per \$100.00 of assessed property valuation to provide community-based supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

A nine-member volunteer Board of Directors (the DDRB) appointed by the St. Charles County Executive sets the financial and administrative framework for the agency and hires and directs the Executive Director to conduct the everyday operations of the agency.

The Board delegates administrative responsibilities and accountability to the Executive Director, while receiving regular updates on projects to assure that actions are within the framework of Board established policies and procedures.

These tax dollars are used to contract with agencies that provide supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in St. Charles County.

## SUPPORTS & SERVICES FOR FY2025

The DDRB has approved its Fiscal Year 2025 Agency Funding Budget totaling nearly \$16 million. This year the DDRB has contracted with 31 agencies to provide **66** programs. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Funding priorities were established by the Board in December, 2023 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 3.5% market rate increase to existing agency contracts.

The information that follows on page 2 provides a break-out, by agency, describing each service funded by the DDRB. 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.

## DDR B CASE MANAGEMENT

The DDRB also provides case management to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are 16 and 17 years of age regardless of Medicaid status and to individuals 18 years of age and older with active Medicaid. You still must be determined eligible for services by the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) – Division of Developmental Disabilities.

For those seeking assistance with applying for DMH eligibility, refer to Family Advocacy and Community Training (F.A.C.T.) for their Family Support Partner listed on Page 2 of this bulletin. There is no fee for this service.

At age 16 Individuals and families can choose to remain with their DMH Regional Office support coordinator, or switch to DDRB case management. To choose DDRB case management, submit a completed Choice Form found on our website at: <https://www.ddrb.org> under the Case Management tab.

Your case manager will help you identify, access, and coordinate services through the development of an annual support plan. The support plan is about you and the supports you need to achieve greater independence.

Case management is a free service to you. No fees are assessed, funding for service is through Medicaid or DDRB funding allocation.

## FY2025 APPROVED SERVICES BY AGENCY

### **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.

#### **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 nonwork activities.

### **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 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.

**TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT SERVICES—PILOT PROJECT:** A three-year pilot project to design and implement a reliable and ongoing 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.

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:** Provides up to 6 hours or less per month of support to maintain competitive community employment.

### **CARING SOLUTIONS**

**PRE-ISLA (PRE-INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE):** Provides up to two

years of independent living skills training to young adults in preparation for living on their own.

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### **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 6 hours or less per month of support to maintain competitive community employment.

### **DISABLED ATHLETE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (DASA)**

**SPORTS TRAINING:** Offers a variety of recreational sports, including a week-long overnight summer camp, 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.

### **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:** 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.

#### **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.

**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.

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## **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 (Formerly Preferred Family Healthcare)**

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to 6 hours or less per month of support to maintain competitive community employment.

## **FORT ZUMWALT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PRESCHOOL CHILD DAY CARE: Provides supports to students who require additional staff to fully participate in school break programs, including full-day preschool before and after child care.

## **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 programs, including full-day school age and preschool before and after child 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, 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.

## **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 all ages across multiple settings.

## **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.

## **MERCY**

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to 6 hours or less per month of support to maintain competitive community employment.

## **MERS MISSOURI GOODWILL INDUSTRIES**

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Provides up to 6 hours or less per month of support to maintain competitive community employment.

## **OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE**

ADVOCACY: Advocates on behalf of offenders and alleged offenders with developmental disabilities by providing direct liaison assistance. Provides education and training for criminal justice and social service professionals.

## **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.

CHILD DAY CARE: Provides supports to students who require additional staff to fully participate in school break programs, including full-day school age and preschool before and after child care.

## **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 (Formerly The Center For Specialized Services)**

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 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.

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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 16-25 who have a goal of living independently, obtaining employment and accessing their community while assisting parents with transitioning from caregiver to an advisory role.

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:** Provides up to 6 hours or less per month of support to maintain competitive community employment.

### **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 delivered directly to special education students, or to teachers and para-educators who learn to present the material in smaller groups.

### **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**

**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.

**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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### **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**

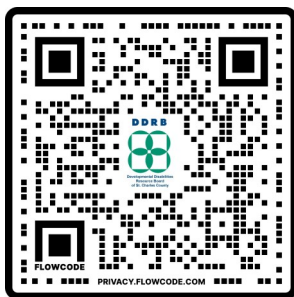
**ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY:** Provides individualized assessment and recommendations for appropriate equipment and administers funds for the purchase of assistive technology, adaptive equipment and home/vehicle modifications that support safety and accessibility to improve independence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

### **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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## FY2025 DDRB COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The DDRB manages the following community 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:** Provides limited funds for establishing a new household, or replacement furnishings for individuals participating in Residential and Independent Supported Living Assistance programs. 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.

**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.

Complete information for these programs can be found at [www.ddrb.org](http://www.ddrb.org) under the Resources tab.

Got Questions?

We're Here to Help!



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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

Check our website to confirm date, time and location at:

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## FY2025 DDRB Funded Agencies

<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>Caring Solutions</u></a>	314-942-7350
<a href="#"><u>Community Living, Inc.</u></a>	636-970-2800
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<a href="#"><u>Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis</u></a>	314-961-2504
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<a href="#"><u>Fort Zumwalt School District</u></a>	636-240-2072
<a href="#"><u>Francis Howell School District</u></a>	636-851-4060
<a href="#"><u>Gateway Region YMCA</u></a>	314-678-0162
<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>Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis</u></a>	636-477-7704
<a href="#"><u>RISE (formerly The Center For Specialized Services)</u></a>	314-983-9230
<a href="#"><u>Show Me Aquatics &amp; Fitness</u></a>	636-896-0999
<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>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