



Project Summaries

Access and Functional Needs Committee: A group of people supported by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and chaired by the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC). This diverse group discusses emergency preparation for people with disabilities, and other access and functional needs.

Accessible Voting Videos: MODDC developed tutorials on how to use every type of voting machine that is currently used in the state of Missouri. These short, 2-3 minute video tutorials featuring self-advocates, are meant to aid election workers or voters that arrive to their precinct and are having trouble operating the machines. They also serve as a tool to prepare voters to vote in their precinct on Election Day. These are updated annually to reflect voting machine changes in Missouri counties. The tutorials can be accessed on the [MODDC website](#).

Advocacy through Technology: Gives tech support to people in Partners in Policymaking training and for Disability Rights Legislative Day (DRLD). This grant helps people have access to the internet, tablets, and laptops.

After Abuse Resource: This project ended in 2023. It was a part of the Criminal Justice Flowchart. This resource focuses on the needs of survivors. It provides supportive toolkits and videos. It shows survivors how to think about the abuse process, how to make a report, and how to take part in the investigation. You can learn more through this [website](#).

Alternatives to Guardianship – Training and Resources: Work with school districts throughout Missouri. Create resources and trainings on alternative options to adult guardianship.

Alternatives to Guardianship – Consultation and Mediation: Work with the community to increase self-determination of advocates. Provide information on alternatives to adult guardianship. Consult on supported decision-making.

Criminal Justice Flowchart: This project ended in 2023. It was a part of the Criminal Justice Flowchart. This resource focuses on the needs of survivors. It provides supportive toolkits and videos. It shows survivors how to think about the abuse process, how to make a report, and how to take part in the investigation. You can learn more through this [website](#).

Customized Employment Training: Provide training in all aspects of Customized Employment including guiding principles and core values, discovering personal genius, systematic instruction, benefits and resource management, and customized job development and negotiation, including self-employment and resource ownership.

Digital Inclusion: Work in communities to create digital inclusion for individuals with I/DD. Provide trainings and support in using programs that increase access to technology.

Disability Benefits 101 (DB101): A calculator that shows a person how benefits will be affected when working in competitive employment. It gives tools and information on health coverage, benefits, and employment.

Disability Rights Legislative Day (DRLD): DRLD is an event hosted each year at the Capitol. Many organizations across Missouri work together to organize it. A coalition of Missouri disability organizations provide funding for marketing and technology, with the guidance of an advisory committee.

Disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline: This project provides trainings to educators, school resource officers, and community members. The trainings will teach people how to use restorative justice (RJ) practices. Using RJ is a way to support students in schools instead of punishing them. Using RJ in schools will lead fewer students into the criminal justice system; especially students of color who have developmental disabilities. The Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA) leads this project.

Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training: Contract with Niagara University to offer Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training throughout Missouri. This project develops advisory groups to help others. These groups include emergency management and disability stakeholders to improve emergency response and recovery in Missouri.

Exploring Health Disparities: UMKC-IHD is conducting a study of data comparing health disparities for individuals with I/DD compared to the general population in MO.

First Responder Disability Awareness Training: Contract with Niagara University to implement comprehensive First Responder Disability Awareness Training to include a focus on sustainability. Trainings for law enforcement and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel is available online for Missouri at no cost.

Innovation in Supporting Aging Adults with I/DD (WE CARE): WE CARE stands for Wellness, Education, Confidence, Assessment, Recognizing Emergencies. A training program to teach people with disabilities and their families how best to take care of one another. They will learn how to be healthy and stay safe in their own home. Families who get this training will be able to live longer, together in their own homes. This project is led by the Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities (AADD).

Innovative Self-Advocacy: UMSL SUCCEED is developing and implementing an online training series. They will focus on self-advocacy for employment and educational accommodation and support, accessing community-based services, and engaging in legislative advocacy. The online training series will be informed by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Missouri and project team from UMSL Succeed program. This project will equip people with IDD and their supporters (e.g., family members, caregivers, educators, service providers) with knowledge and strategies to build partnerships and support advocacy movements in Missouri. Transition-age students and adults with IDD are the target population of this training series.

Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience Program (Mo ABLE): Missouri's savings program for people with I/DD to save and invest, tax-free, up to \$16,000 per year without losing their federal benefits like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid to work in competitive employment.

Missouri's Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders (MO-WINGS): MO-WINGS works to put in place 2018 statutory changes to Missouri's guardianship law.

Partners in Policymaking: A leadership-training program for family members of people with I/DD and adults with I/DD. It teaches best practices develop leadership and create systems change.

People First Steering Committee: People First of Missouri is a self-advocacy organization that was formed by, led by, and exists for people with developmental disabilities in the state of Missouri.

Sexuality Education: This training project will give people with disabilities a broad sexuality education. People with disabilities will learn to be good sexuality self-advocates. The training shares information on how to create healthy relationships, set boundaries, and how to make good decisions. People with disabilities will learn how to become a trainer for future trainings.

Supporting Language Access in Schools: Language Access means people get the information they need in the language they know best. In schools, families who speak Spanish do not get the information they need. Sometimes they do not have good interpreters. Sometimes important paper work is not translated into Spanish. Because they do not have the information they need, they cannot fight for what they need. This makes it hard to get a good education. This project will teach schools what they need to do to provide good information. This project will also create a good list of interpreters and translators for schools to use. The project will also help Spanish speaking families learn about their education and language access rights. This project is being led by National Association of Educational Translators & Interpreters of Spoken Languages (NAETISL).

Teledentistry: MO Coalition for Oral Health is implementing a pilot dental telehealth (teledentistry). Program goals include improved oral health outcomes. Enhanced education to dental professionals. Cost reduction in health care services. Data collection for individuals with I/DD.

Transportation Task Force (TTF): The TTF works with state agencies, providers, and the private sector to improve public transportation affordability, accessibility and availability.

Victimization Task Force (VTF): This group looks at how abuse and neglect systems impact people with disabilities. The systems include sexual, physical, and financial abuse. This group works to change the system people with disabilities better understand the process. The group also helps state agencies understand the disability experience.

This project list is current as of May 2024.

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