MISSOURI STATE REPORT **VOR 2020**

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COVID 19 RESPONSE

Because the Missouri Department of Mental Health had early and strict protocols on the habilitation center campuses, COVID 19 positive cases have been kept to a minimum. Staff have been extremely dedicated to the health and welfare of habilitation centers residents. Restrictions on visitation continue.

NO NEW ADMISSIONS POLICY IN MISSOURI

Missouri has had a policy of no new admissions to state run ICFs/IID (called habilitation centers in Missouri) since 2008.

Families do call habilitation centers for assistance with placement, but have to be directed to our Regional Office that only places persons in the community.

The current habilitation centers are: Bellefontaine, Higginsville, South County, St. Charles, and Southeast Missouri Resident Services at Poplar Bluff/Sikeston.

Since 2010 the Nevada, Northwest and Marshall Habilitation centers have been closed.

With the no new admissions policy, the populations of the habilitation centers is becoming less and less as older residents are passing away.

Family organizations have met with the Missouri Department of Mental Health about opening up admissions, but have not yet been successful.

ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP PROMOTED IN MISSOURI

In 2018, Missouri guardianship law revisions were signed into law. Included in the updated law is the consideration of alternatives to guardianship, including supported decision making agreements. The Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed SB806 updated guardianship law can be found at:
https://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/pdf-bill/tat/SB806.pdf

To promote Supported Decision Making (SDM) the Missouri Supported Decision Making Consortium began on March 31, 2019. The Missouri Consortium will be led by the University of Missouri on behalf of UMKC (UCEDD), and will include Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council, Missouri Protection and Advocacy, older adults, people with I/DD, families, judges, legislators, and professionals. In October 2019, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) awarded a grant to the Missouri Consortium to develop plans to promote SDM for all adults. Kansas and Indiana were also awarded similar grants.
https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/new-grants-awarded-coalitions-develop-action-plans-advance-decisional

MANAGED CARE IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A WAY TO ADMINISTER MISSOURI MEDICAID FUNDING

Missouri's Medicaid program is called MO HealthNet. Many of those enrolled in Missouri Medicaid are covered in Managed Care Programs. The managed care contracts with health care companies can limit what they are required to pay.
Currently, Missourians who are aged, blind or disabled, including those Missourians with developmental and intellectual disabilities served through the Missouri Department of Mental Health, receive services through the traditional MO HealthNet program, NOT in Managed Care.

There have been recent discussions to include persons with disabilities in a Managed Care Program. A transcript from the Department of Developmental Disabilities about Managed Care can be found at:
https://dmh.mo.gov/dd/docs/docs/directorsdesktranscriptjanuary2019.pdf