

Missouri

Interagency

Transition

Team

Profiles & Projects

**Promoting choice for Missouri Youth through  
communication, coordination and collaboration.**

## About the MITT

The Missouri Interagency Transition Team (MITT) was formed in 2007 by the Office of Special Education at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to increase interagency collaboration at the state, regional, and local levels. This state transition team has met quarterly to address data-driven goals for improvement and collaboration with the shared vision of improving employment, independent living, and postsecondary education outcomes for Missouri students with disabilities.

Consisting of a diverse membership from a variety of state agencies concerned with transition, the MITT provides a venue and mechanism to share information, network, and partner to coordinate professional development activities. At this time, membership represents the agencies listed below.

- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
  - Office of Special Education
    - Effective Practices and Compliance
    - Extended Employment/Sheltered Workshops
  - Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
    - Adult Education and Literacy
    - Independent Living
    - Vocational Rehabilitation
  - Office of College and Career Readiness
    - Career Centers
    - Guidance and Counseling
- Department of Social Services
  - Children's Division
  - Family Support Division
    - Rehabilitation Services for the Blind
  - Division of Youth Services
- Department of Economic Development
  - Division of Workforce Development
- Department of Mental Health
  - Division of Behavioral Health
  - Division on Developmental Disabilities
- Governor's Council on Disability
- Missouri Parent Act (MPACT)
- Missouri Developmental Disability Council (housed at DMH)

## About this document

This document profiles member agencies of the MITT. It includes descriptions of each agency and the services they provide, as well as a link to each agency's website for additional information.

Also included in this document are descriptions of the collaborative projects and programs that have been formed between MITT agencies and members. While this document is not exhaustive, it seeks to illustrate how the MITT has enabled and enhanced partnerships between multiple agencies to support students with disabilities during their transition to adulthood.

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## AGENCY DESCRIPTIONS

### Effective Practices and Compliance

#### *DESE, Office of Special Education*

##### **Description**

Secondary transition is a requirement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for youth beginning at age 16, or earlier if appropriate, and it is documented in every subsequent Individualized Education Plan (IEP) until graduation. Students in Missouri are entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) until age 21 and they reach the age of majority at age 18. This also includes transition services, which help facilitate the movement of students with disabilities from school to adult life. The Effective Practices Section of the Office of Special Education provides services and programs for local school districts such as high quality special education services and transition services. The Compliance Section of the Office of Special Education monitors local school districts' special education programs to ensure all rules and regulations from the IDEA are being met.

The Effective Practices and Compliance sections support secondary local school districts' special education programs by coordinating with adult service providers to offer information and referrals, when appropriate, to families and students during the transition planning process.

##### **Services provided**

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education offers a variety of statewide professional development and school improvement efforts in transition to assist participating teachers in helping students during the transition process. These programs and activities include

- Transition Summer Training Institute
- Transition Liaisons
- Missouri Interagency Transition Team (MITT)
- Early Warning Signs
- Missouri Postsecondary Success (MPSS) (Career Competency Training)

##### **For more information**

<https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/effective-practices/transition-programs>

## **Extended Employment/Sheltered Workshops**

### ***DESE, Office of Special Education***

#### **Description**

Sheltered Workshops provide a controlled, safe and highly supervised work environment and a program that is designed to enable individuals with disabilities to progress toward normal living and to develop to his or her capacity, performance and relationships with other persons. Sheltered Workshops provide work experiences, which are sufficiently diverse, to accommodate the needs of each enrolled individual with a disability. Sheltered workshops also coordinate and integrate its services with all community agencies for the benefit of its employees, and whenever practicable, make use of the services available from these agencies.

#### **Services provided**

- A viable employment option for persons with disabilities who choose to work in a facility-based workplace
- Work interest assistance such as assessments and evaluation sites, work experience, and seasonal employment opportunities
- Provide referrals to other forms of employment programs such as supported employment and/or competitive employment providers
- Provides assistance and support to students and agencies relating to coordination of services, supports, and referrals for appropriate employment options

#### **For more information**

<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/sheltered-workshops>

## **Adult Education and Literacy**

### ***DESE, Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services***

#### **Description**

The Missouri Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Program helps Missouri adults get the basic skills they need to be productive workers, family members, and citizens. The major areas of support are Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, and English Language Acquisition. These programs emphasize basic skills such as reading, writing, math, English language competency, and problem-solving. Eligible students are adults 17 years of age or older who are not presently enrolled in secondary school (or 16 year old adults who are not presently enrolled in secondary school but have completed 16 hours of credit toward high school graduation) and are speakers of English as a second language.

#### **Services provided**

- Adult Basic Education classes for adults who need to improve on basic reading, writing and math skills
- Adult Secondary Education classes for adults who need to prepare for taking the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)
- English as a Second Language classes for non-English speakers
- Career Exploration using the Missouri Connections online service:  
[www.MissouriConnections.org](http://www.MissouriConnections.org)

#### **For more information**

<http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/adult-education-literacy>

## Independent Living

### *DESE, Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*

#### **Description**

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) are community based non-profit, consumer controlled, non-residential, organizations that provide services to people with disabilities (PWD). PWD can be individuals of any age, who want to increase their opportunities to live independently within their homes and communities. The CIL's goal is to assist PWD in achieving their maximum autonomy within their everyday lives. The CILs receive an Independent Living grant through the Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services along with other grants, fees for services, donations, and other funding. Each CIL is managed by a board of directors (BOD). A majority of the BOD and the CIL employees must be individuals with disabilities.

#### **Services provided**

All centers are required to provide five core services. These five services are available at every CIL in the nation. There are 22 CILs statewide in Missouri that offer independent living services. Anyone with a disability is eligible to receive services at any age.

##### Five core services

- information and referral
- self-advocacy and systems advocacy
- peer supports
- independent living skills training
- transition of individuals with significant disabilities
  - a. from nursing homes;
  - b. at risk of entering nursing homes or institutions; or
  - c. youth with disabilities.

CILs may also provide other services needed within their catchment area. Most of the services are free, however some may have eligibility criteria.

#### **For more information**

<http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learningrehab-services/independent-living>  
[www.mosilc.org](http://www.mosilc.org)

# Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation

## *DESE, Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*

### Description

Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) helps eligible individuals with disabilities prepare for, secure, retain, advance in, or regain employment. VR, in collaboration with the local education agencies involved, will provide, or arrange for the provision of, pre-employment transition services for students with disabilities in need of such services who are eligible or potentially eligible for VR services.

Pre-employment transition services may be provided to students with disabilities who are 16-21 years of age (or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP team), and currently enrolled in the Missouri secondary school system. These services are designed to be an early start at job exploration and to assist students with disabilities in making the transition from secondary to postsecondary education/training and competitive, integrated employment. Pre-employment transition services include the following five required activities:

1. Job exploration counseling
2. Work-based learning experiences
3. Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in postsecondary educational programs
4. Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living
5. Instruction in self-advocacy, which may include peer mentoring

Eligibility for VR services is determined by the VR counselor on an individual basis. The counselor must certify that the individual has a physical or mental impairment that creates a substantial impediment to employment, and requires VR services to achieve competitive, integrated employment.

There is no specific time frame or age when an individual may be referred to VR. Most VR services are provided at no cost, however, payment for some VR services may be based on student and family income/resources and the ability to pay for costs associated with a specific service.

### Services provided

In addition to those pre-employment transition services mentioned above, some of the VR services that may be provided to eligible youth include, but are not limited to the following activities:

- Web-based career exploration
- Career planning/portfolio development
- Individual career guidance and counseling
- Work experience such as job shadowing, apprenticeships, and internships
- Earning high school credit through a cooperative work experience program
- Assistance in finding employment/job search activities
- On-the-job training
- Supported employment job coaching
- Assistive technology devices or services
- Postsecondary education or training
- Other services based on individual needs

### For more information

[Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

## Career Centers

### *DESE, Office of College and Career Readiness*

#### **Description**

Fifty-seven (57) area career centers are strategically located throughout the state serving high school and adult students. The area career centers offer a number of career and technical education programs focusing primarily on skilled technical training which include, but are not limited to, automotive technology and collision repair, construction technology, electronics, and advanced manufacturing. Many area career centers also offer programs in the field of healthcare such as health services assistant programs, practical nursing programs, radiological technician programs, and other programs which offer training in allied health-related occupations. Many have programs in Agriculture Education, and Family Consumer Science and Human Services, as well. Programs offered at the area career centers are typically one or two-year certificate programs with many offering third-party, industry certification.

#### **Services provided**

- Most area career centers provide counseling and career planning. Many career centers offer services for special needs students such as vocational resources and basic skills instruction.
- Some area career centers offer programs in English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency preparation, as well as, personal enrichment courses, and customized training for business and industry.
- Some area career centers provide assistance with federal financial aid for adults enrolled in career and technical education programs.

#### **For more information**

<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/career-education>

# School Counseling

## *DESE, Office of College and Career Readiness*

### Description

The vision of the School Counseling staff is to work with schools to help ensure that each school has a fully implemented comprehensive school counseling program that supports the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students through the delivery of a school counseling curriculum, individual student planning and response services. The program is managed and evaluated through system support activities that also support the on-going mission of the school.

### Services provided

- Provides a School Counseling [e-Learning Center](#) for school counselors and administrators that offers numerous resources to help implement their school counseling programs.
- Implements a System of Support model to provide professional development opportunities for school counselors to collaborate, share, work together, and support one another in the development and enhancement of their school counseling programs.
- Oversees the Missouri Connections program which is a comprehensive, online, career development and planning program that is provided free of charge to all Missouri citizens: <http://www.missouriconnections.org>
- Refers individuals and provides links to workforce centers, as well as information about traditional vocational/trade programs. Additional resources specific to special needs are also sometimes offered.

### For more information

<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/guidance-counseling>

## Children's Division

### *Department of Social Services*

#### Description

The Children's Division, under the Department of Social Services umbrella, is designated to direct and supervise the administration of child welfare services. The Children's Division works in partnership with families, communities, the courts and other governmental entities toward ensuring the safety, permanency, and well-being of Missouri children. The division works with all parties to safely maintain children in their homes whenever possible and to secure safe, permanent living arrangements when out-of-home placement is necessary. The Children's Division administers the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline, School Violence Hotline, Intensive In-Home Services, Family Centered Services, Adoption Services, Independent Living, Foster Care, Residential Licensing and preventive services including Early Head Start, Home Visitation Program, Educare, Child Care Subsidy, and other early childhood and early intervention strategies. The division is responsible for the assessment and investigation of all reports to the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline. These services are administered statewide within a centralized organizational framework.

#### Services provided

- Offers health insurance and housing assistance up to age 21, postsecondary financing up to age 26 in some instances, credit checks and counseling beginning at age 16, and health care directives education after age 18 and up to age 21.
- Offer the youth services through the Chafee program, with a focus on skills such as career and education planning, training in daily living skills, substance abuse education, preventative health activities, emotional support through mentors, and crisis intervention.
- Refer youth to services such as Job Corps, Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Mental Health, and other existing resources.

#### For more information

<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/>

# Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

## *Department of Social Services, Family Support Division*

### **Description**

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind's mission is to create opportunities for eligible blind and visually impaired persons in order that they may attain personal and vocational success.

### **Services provided**

- Employment readiness training, job development, and job placement services including Supported Employment.
- Unpaid and paid work experience.
- Participation in Individualized Education Program meetings and open lines of communication with Special Ed case managers and districts.
- Tuition support for college and vocational schools.
- Computers and adaptive equipment as well as training in its use.
- Business Enterprise Program (BEP) provides opportunities to legally blind persons. The program includes vending facility operations, snack shops, convenience stores, and cafeterias in public buildings, in private industries, and in roadside rest areas of the interstate highway system.
- Services to eligible blind and visually impaired persons are provided so that they can function independently in their homes and communities. Services include teaching alternative techniques in the activities of daily living, communication skills in the medium that is best utilized by the individual, and homemaking activities.

### **For more information**

<http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/>

## **Division of Youth Services**

### ***Department of Social Services***

#### **Description**

The Division of Youth Services operates programs for more than 1,300 youths committed by the court for delinquency each year. The division has developed a wide array of services to meet the needs of youths from the metropolitan and rural areas of Missouri. Services include prevention, community-based interventions and residential care. Youth are helped to develop self-esteem and make positive behavioral changes in their lives.

#### **Services provided**

- Operates a case management system that provides treatment assessment and planning through the coordination and utilization of various services available to youth.
- Funds the Juvenile Court Diversion Program.
- Operates the Job Readiness/Work Experience Program
- Operates day treatment programs that provide year-round alternative education, counseling, life skills training and a variety of other services.
- Offers Proctor Care program for youth who are unable to live with their family.
- Provides short-term subsidies for older youth who do not have family to live with for independent living.
- Provides family therapy.

#### **For more information**

<http://dss.mo.gov/dys>

## **Division of Workforce Development**

### ***Department of Economic Development***

#### **Description**

Missouri Job Centers provide staff-assisted job search services to anyone looking for employment, training or information about a particular occupation or industry. Registration on the website allows individuals to search for job openings that match their skills. Missouri Job Centers offer services for youth to access training, education, and prepare for employment.

#### **Youth services provided**

- Skills assessment and skills upgrade opportunities
- Work readiness instruction, high school completion, GED attainment and postsecondary learning opportunities
- Paid and unpaid work experience
- Summer employment opportunities directly linked to academic and occupational learning and
- Supportive service resources to help you achieve your goals.

#### **Additional services provided**

- Evaluate skills, knowledge and abilities with a free initial assessment that identifies strengths, abilities, and areas for development in applied mathematics, locating information, and reading for information.
- Provide individuals with personalized career assistance from workforce specialists and career counselors.
- Offer specialized workshops to help individuals brush up on job-seeking and software skills and also, develop professional resumes.
- Help determine eligibility for a variety of training programs to assist in gaining new skills necessary for obtaining employment and offer help in identifying available jobs.

Contact your local Missouri Job Center for specific information about services that are available in your area.

#### **For more information**

<http://jobs.mo.gov>

## Division of Behavioral Health

### *Department of Mental Health*

#### **Description**

Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), is responsible for assuring the availability of programs and services for individuals and families in need of public behavioral health services and supports throughout the State of Missouri. Community based psychiatric and substance use, prevention and recovery support services are offered statewide to individuals and families through various contracted providers. Community Mental Health Centers and/or affiliates in 25 service areas are contracted to serve as the primary entry and exit point for state mental health services for children, adults and families.

#### **Services provided**

- Outpatient services are offered to a person in their community. Services are provided by a team that uses the resources of the individual, his/her family, and the community. Outpatient programs offer individual, group, and family therapy, medication management, etc.
- Targeted Case Management services are used to assist individuals in finding and getting psychiatric, medical, social, and educational services and supports.
- Day treatment offers care to individuals diagnosed as having a psychiatric disorder and requiring a level of care greater than outpatient services can provide, but not at a level requiring full time services in a hospital. The focus is on developing supportive medical and psychological and social work services. Day treatment may include rehabilitation services, educational services and vocational education.
- Residential services provide a variety of housing alternatives to meet the diverse needs of individuals. The Department of Mental Health assists Missourians challenged by mental illness in obtaining and maintaining safe, decent and affordable housing options that best meet their individual family needs.
- Individuals whose psychiatric needs cannot be met in the community and who require 24-hour observation and treatment are placed in inpatient treatment. These services are considered appropriate for persons who may be dangerous to themselves or others as a result of their mental health disorder.
- Temporary care given to an individual by specialized, trained providers for the purpose of providing a period of relief to the primary care givers.
- Treatment Family Home Programs provide individualized treatment within a community-based family environment with specially trained parents. It allows out-of-home services for those needing them, but also allows children to remain in their own communities and often in their home school districts.
- Community Psychiatric Rehabilitation (CPRP) programs offer a person-centered approach that emphasizes individual choices and needs; features flexible community-based services and supports; uses existing community resources and natural support systems; and promotes independence and the pursuit of meaningful living, working, learning, and leisure-time activities in normal community settings. The program provides an array of key services to persons with severe, disabling mental illnesses. Service include evaluations, crisis intervention, community support, medication management, and psychosocial rehabilitation.

- The Substance Awareness Traffic Offenders Program (SATOP) serves more than 30,000 DWI offenders annually who are referred as a result of an administrative suspension or revocation of their driver's licenses, court order, condition of probation, or plea bargain.
- Individuals with compulsive gambling problems and their families can receive counseling services along with referrals for other supportive interventions, to include 12-step support groups, financial planning and remediation, and legal assistance. Treatment is individualized and services include individual and group counseling and family therapy. Family members affected by a loved one's gambling can receive counseling services independent of the problem gambler.
- Comprehensive Substance Treatment and Rehabilitation (CSTAR) programs provides a full continuum of care approach to substance use disorder treatment. CSTAR offers a flexible combination of clinical and supportive services, to include temporary living arrangements when appropriate, that vary in duration and intensity depending on the needs of the consumer. To better address the specific needs of those seeking treatment, four specialized CSTAR programs were developed:
  1. CSTAR Women and Children – Priority is offered to women who are pregnant, postpartum, or have children in their physical care and custody. Depending on assessed needs, additional services may include daycare, housing support and community support for children that accompany their mother into treatment.
  2. CSTAR Adolescent Early Intervention – Comprehensive treatment, academic education, and multiple levels of care are important in averting substance use disorder and resulting problems that might otherwise follow a young person for a lifetime. Designed for children 12 to 17 years in age, these programs offer the full spectrum of treatment services to Missouri's youth.
  3. CSTAR General Population – These programs offer intensive outpatient treatment services to both men and women with substance use disorder problems. The full array of treatment services is available.
  4. CSTAR Opioid – These medication-assisted treatment programs are designed for medically supervised withdrawal from heroin and other opiate drugs, followed by ongoing treatment and rehabilitation for addiction and related life problems. Priority admission is given to women who are pregnant and persons who are HIV positive. Missouri's opioid treatment programs meet required federal guidelines.

**For more information**

<http://dmh.mo.gov/>

## **Division of Developmental Disabilities**

### ***Department of Mental Health***

#### **Description**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) serves a population of individuals with developmental disabilities such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, head injuries, autism, epilepsy, and certain learning disabilities. Eligibility is determined by what's known as a functional assessment as opposed to linking eligibility to a specific diagnosis. A developmental disability is a disability which occurs before the age of 22. It must be determined that this disability is likely to continue indefinitely and that it results in a substantial functional limitation in two or more of the following six areas of major life activities: self-care, receptive and expressive language development and use, learning, self-direction, capacity for independent living or economic self-sufficiency and mobility. The Division's Mission is to improve lives of Missourians with Developmental Disabilities through supports and services that foster self-determination.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is committed to enhancing community employment options for persons with developmental disabilities. The guiding principle of Employment First is that all individuals who want to work can work and contribute to their community when given opportunity, training, and supports that build upon their unique talents, skills and abilities.

As fully participating members of their community, individuals with developmental disabilities will be afforded the opportunity to earn a living wage and engage in work that makes sense to them. Career exploration and planning will be supported when assisting individuals in making informed choices in designing their unique pathway to increased independence, integration, and self-determination.

#### **Services provided**

- Individualized services and supports that provide access to opportunities that increase independence, integration, productivity, self-determination, health and safety.
- Eligible individuals and families have access to a comprehensive and coordinated system that assists with planning, and coordinating needed supports.
- Assistance with high school transition planning.
- Assistance with employment coordination.

#### **For more information**

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/>

## Governor's Council on Disability

### Description

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) promotes inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. The GCD collaborates with state entities and community partners throughout the state to advise and educate on policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities of all ages.

### Services provided

- Sponsors the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, a leadership training program for students, ages 16-21, which focuses on developing leadership and career development skills.
- Provides presentations and educational programs on disability awareness, etiquette, employment, service animals, and other disability-related topics.
- Provides outreach and exhibits at transition fairs and conferences throughout the state of Missouri.
- Offers support to organizations and schools to implement Disability History Month events during the month of October.
- Maintains the state disability web portal and the online community resource directory that publishes resources for Missourians with Disabilities.
- Provides annual award programs to recognize individuals or organizations who showcase exemplary practices of inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Awards are presented for best practices in Inclusion, Youth Leadership, and Website/IT.
- Publishes a weekly Legislative Update during the legislative session to follow disability-related legislation in the Missouri General Assembly.
- Offers Legislative Education Project (LEP) to educate about the legislative process by providing opportunities to become more active in creating positive public policies for people with disabilities. The LEP is offered during the legislative session.
- Offers technical assistance by providing information, resources and referrals for disabilities-related issues.
- Supports Business Leadership Networks and Employment First initiatives to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities.

### For more information

<http://disability.mo.gov/gcd>

## Missouri Parent Act

### Description

The Missouri Parent Act Program (MPACT) staff and volunteers work with public and private agencies, parent groups, professional organizations, and advocacy groups throughout Missouri. Services are provided to empower families to advocate for themselves so that children with special educational needs can reach their full potential in education and life through support, training, and education.

### Services provided

- Produces a disability-related e-newsletter and maintains a website with information and documents in different languages to assist parents.
- Provides transition training workshops for families, teachers, and others close to the student.
- Outreach is also done through MPACT presence at school meetings and resource fairs.
- Other trainings provided include those specific to Autism, ADHD, and Bullying.
- One-on-one support is offered to assist in navigating the system.

### For more information

<http://ptimpact.org>

## University of Missouri – Kansas City, Institute for Human Development

### Description

The UMKC Institute for Human Development (IHD) is the University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities for Missouri. IHD's mission is "to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities across the entire age span by promoting: (a) community inclusion, community membership, independence, productivity, and social participation; and (b) high quality and effective community based services and individualized supports for persons with developmental disabilities and their families." The initiatives of IHD address the needs of a variety of underserved populations and has a lifespan focus that ranges from early childhood through aging. IHD works with a multitude of partners to respond to needs at the local, state, and national level to build the capacity of systems, organizations, programs, families, and individuals.

### Services Provided

IHD provides services in the following four core areas. Examples of transition related work are included for each.

- **Conduct Research and Evaluation:** IHD provides assistance to organizations in designing and evaluating programs
- **Provide Training and Technical Assistance:** Soft skills training and employment curricula have been developed for transition aged youth
- **Provide Interdisciplinary Training:** In collaboration with UMKC, IHD provides a two-year certificate program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities focused on academic, vocational, social, and independent living domains.
- **Provide Information and Dissemination:** The Missouri Family-to-Family Resource Center is housed within IHD, and provides transition related resources to individuals, families, and professionals.

### For more information

<http://www.ihd.umkc.edu/>

## INTER-AGENCY PROJECTS

### Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) *Interagency Transition Agreement*

#### Description

The CSMT works collaboratively with DMH to help ensure every child who needs mental health services and supports from the public mental health system will receive them through a comprehensive seamless system that delivers services at the local level and recognizes that children and their families come first.

#### Agencies involved

- Department of Elementary And Secondary Education, Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Health & Senior Services
- Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, Division of Developmentally Disabled
- Department of Social Services, Children's Division, MOHealthNet Division, Division of Youth Services
- Department of Public Safety
- Family Representatives
- Missouri Parent ACT (MPACT)
- National Alliance on Mental Health, Missouri
- Federal Grant Site Representatives
- Juvenile Justice System
- Office of State Court Administrators

#### For more information

<http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/vr-coopagreement1.pdf>

## Children's Comprehensive System Management Team (CSMT)

### Description

The CSMT works collaboratively with DMH to help ensure every child who needs mental health services and supports from the public mental health system will receive them through a comprehensive seamless system that delivers services at the local level and recognizes that children and their families come first.

### Agencies involved

- Department of Elementary And Secondary Education, Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Health & Senior Services
- Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, Division of Developmentally Disabled
- Department of Social Services, Children's Division, MOHealthNet Division, Division of Youth Services
- Department of Public Safety
- Family Representatives
- Missouri Parent ACT (MPACT)
- National Alliance on Mental Health, Missouri
- Federal Grant Site Representatives
- Juvenile Justice System
- Office of State Court Administrators

### For more information

<http://dmh.mo.gov/docs/childoffice/FINAL2010ChildAnnualReport.pdf>

## Missouri Connections

### Description

Missouri Connections is a comprehensive, online, career development and planning program that is provided free of charge to all Missouri citizens. This program supports the career development efforts of schools, community organizations, and adult job seeker programs. Missouri Connections helps individuals learn about their talents, skills, and interests and makes the connection between planning for continued education and the work world.

### Agencies involved

- Missouri Division of Workforce Development
- Office of College and Career Readiness, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
- Office of Special Education, DESE
- Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitative Services, DESE

### For more information

<http://www.missouriconnections.org>

## Missouri Family-to-Family

### Description

The Missouri Family-to-Family serves individuals with disabilities and/or special health care needs, their family, and the professionals who support them.

- Discover and navigate your family's life course with practical information and tools.
- Connect and network with others who share similar experiences.
- Find ways to make a difference that fit your time, interest, and talents.

### Services provided

- Individualized information about disability resources and navigating the life you want for yourself or your child with a disability.
- Parent-to-parent or family-to-family peer support from trained Sharing Our Strength peer mentors who can offer life experiences with disability to help you with your day-to-day problem solving and decrease your feeling of being alone.
- Training and educational resources to get you connected to opportunities for self-determination, advocacy and leadership.

### For more information

<http://mofamilytofamily.org>

800-444-0821

## Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

### Description

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, operated by the Governor's Council on Disability, is a leadership program held for five days in the summer that focuses on leadership skills, employment, independent living skills, advocacy, and community involvement. Multiple agencies and organizations collaborate and support the Missouri Youth Leadership program by providing consultation, sponsorships, recruiting applicants and staff.

### Agencies involved

- Governor's Council on Disability
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Missouri Assistive Technology
- Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

### For more information

<http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/yf.htm>

## Missouri University Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

### Description

MU Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS), an outreach program of the MU College of Education, offers no-cost pre-employment transition services provided to Missouri public school students with disabilities, ages 16-21, who are potentially eligible for vocational rehabilitation services. These services are designed to make an impactful difference for more students with disabilities at an earlier age which will lead to better coordination, enhanced communication, stronger collaboration, and increased successful post school outcomes. If interested contact MU Pre-ETS for a specialist in your area.

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### Services provided

- Self-Advocacy
- Work-Based Learning
- Postsecondary Counseling
- Workplace Readiness
- Job Exploration

### For more information

<https://education.missouri.edu/outreach/pre-employment-transition-services/>  
or call MU Pre-ETS at 844-901-7387

## Propel: UMKC's Program for Self-Determination and Employment

### Description

In collaboration with area agencies, UMKC developed Propel, a Transition and Postsecondary Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSID). Propel will provide a two-year certificate program that includes student learning outcomes across academic, vocational, social, and independent living domains with a particular emphasis on self-determination and employment. In addition, the project will provide a Bridge to College program to prepare high school students with IDD for successful transition to post-secondary education.

### Agencies Involved

- UMKC, Institute for Human Development
- UMKC, College of Arts & Sciences
- UMKC, School of Social Work
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County (EITAS)
- Kansas City area school districts: North Kansas City, Center, and Kansas City Kansas
- YMCA of Greater Kansas City
- Expanding College for Exceptional Learners (EXCEL)

### For more information

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## Youth Council of the Workforce Investment Boards

### Description

The Youth Councils, in collaboration with the Workforce Investment Board and regional stakeholders, advocate opportunities for youth, including youth with disabilities, to access skill development, education and support leading to long-term economic success.

### Agencies involved

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Division of Workforce Development

### For more information

<http://jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/about-us/local-workforce-investment-boards>

# Missouri System of Care Community for Early Signs and Symptoms (SOC-CESS)

## Description

System of Care Community for Early Signs and Symptoms (SOC-CESS) is a cooperative agreement awarded to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in 2016 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SMAHSA). SOC-CESS is working to improve outcomes for youth, ages 9-17, and their families affected by, or at risk of, early signs and symptoms of psychosis. SOC-CESS communities provide specialized surveillance, early detection, evidence-informed treatment, and are striving towards family driven/youth guided participation at all levels within the community network. DMH and the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) provide and facilitate the local System of Care community activities, which support, enhance, and develop community provider capability and family and youth engagement. The established commitment by this partnership of directors, funders, policy makers, family organizations, family members and youth, and other key community stakeholders sets the stage for Missouri's SOC-CESS to increase awareness, develop best practice guidelines, and provide evidence-informed interventions known to improve the lives of affected youth and their families. SOC-CESS will be funded for up to four years.

## Agencies involved

- Department of Mental Health
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)
  - Burrell Behavioral Health
  - Ozark Center
  - Compass Health

## For more information

<https://www.mosocess.com>