

Legislative Priorities 2018



Community Based Providers : Those who create independence, safety and support for people with disabilities.

To restore the 3% funding to providers will:

- Keep provider doors open and eliminate a collapse in services.
 - o Missouri provider agencies are currently underfunded by \$118 million.
- Decrease a current turnover rate of 46% in staff due to low wages.
 - o Training a new person to care for you...repeatedly.
- 95% of Department of Mental Health consumers are served by Community Based Providers
 - o Independence removed: Can result in community living becoming nursing homes or incarceration.

Support Innovative Changes to Medicaid: Which reduce costs and demonstrates increased benefits and outcomes for people with disabilities.

- Medicaid block grants shift cost burden to the state.
 - o Making Missouri fully responsible for unanticipated expenditures.
 - o Institutes wait lists for crisis and preventative services.
 - o Reduces access to services for those most in need.
- Provisional carve outs for people with developmental disabilities.
 - o Managed care has already proven as a negative financial impact in other states.
 - o Prioritize for individuals who are most vulnerable, who Medicaid was intended for.

Preserve full funding for the St. Charles County Demonstration Project. “Family Support Project”

Link/ website: <https://www.factmo.org/family-support/>

- Early support to families of children with disabilities decreases or delays their engagement with the paid service system.
- Families who receive this support have a better chance of avoiding crisis. This decreases utilization of paid support in the long run, thus spending fewer Medicaid dollars.
- This project can be replicated across the state – saving state dollars and resulting in higher quality outcomes for families.

The Coalition was formed in 1981 and incorporated as a 501 (c) 4 in 2006. Today the Coalition is comprised of 27 member agencies with estimated budgets of \$90 million, serving over 15,000 people with disabilities and employing over 4,000 staff.

Formed to provide networking opportunities through partnership, present a unified approach to educate the community and to address the needs of your constituents with disabilities and their families in St. Charles County.

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