



# MACDDSS<sup>®</sup>

## Local Initiatives and Partnerships to Improve the Lives of People with Developmental Disabilities

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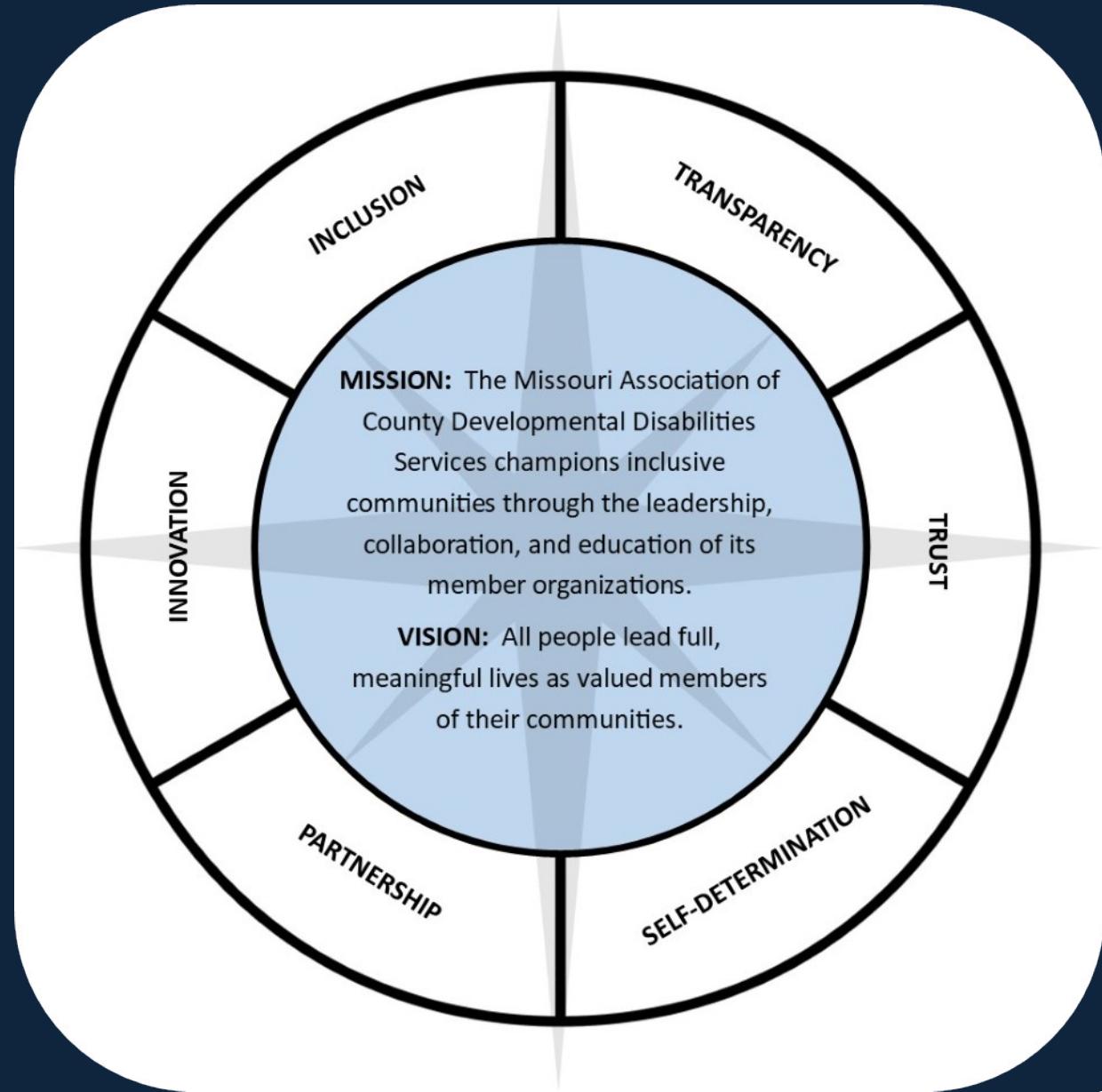
# Mission & Vision



- The Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDDS) champions inclusive communities through the leadership, collaboration, and education of its member organizations.
- Our vision is for all people to lead full, meaningful lives as valued members of their communities. <sup>2</sup>

# Guiding Principles

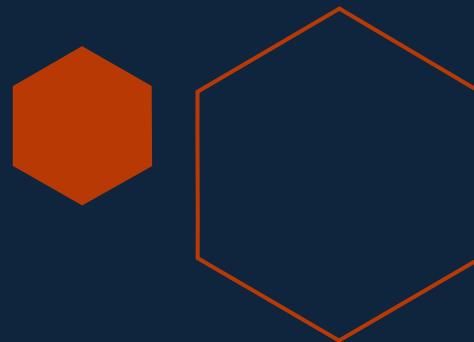
Our mission, vision and values embody who our organization is and what we stand for. These foundational attributes are at the heart of MACDDS — defining our purpose, charting our direction for the future, and describing expectations for ethics and behavior.



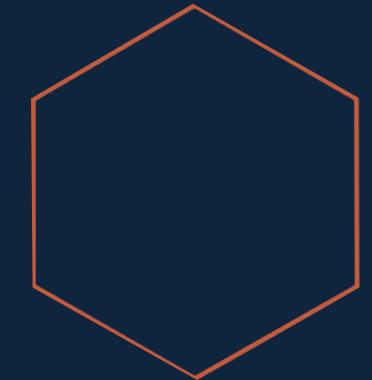
The Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDDS) supports providing people with developmental disabilities with individualized, quality services in their community of choice.

MACDDDS recognizes and promotes the individuality and autonomy of local county SB40 boards in the provision of supports based on the unique needs of their communities.

**Local Initiatives.  
Statewide Impact.**



**“Together we can make a difference.  
Together we can speak up for  
justice. Together we can change the  
world.”**



Judy  
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# MACDDS Strategic Priorities

## Member Engagement and Development

Provide diverse opportunities for MACDDS members and affiliates to gather, learn, inspire one another, and lead their organizations in meeting the needs of their communities

## Advocacy and Stakeholder Education

Engage in activities that leverage and amplify MACDDS' collective voice regarding issues that impact people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)

## Relationship Development

Nurture relationships that expand our network, our knowledge, and our ability to innovate and impact change

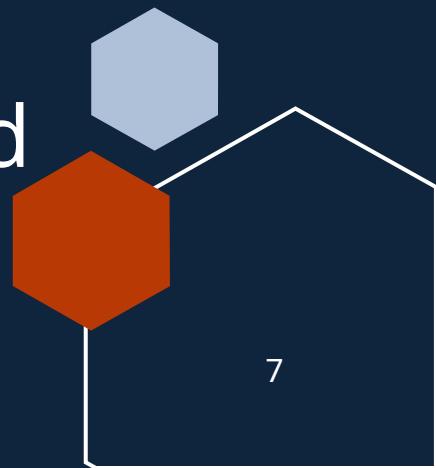
## Organizational Excellence

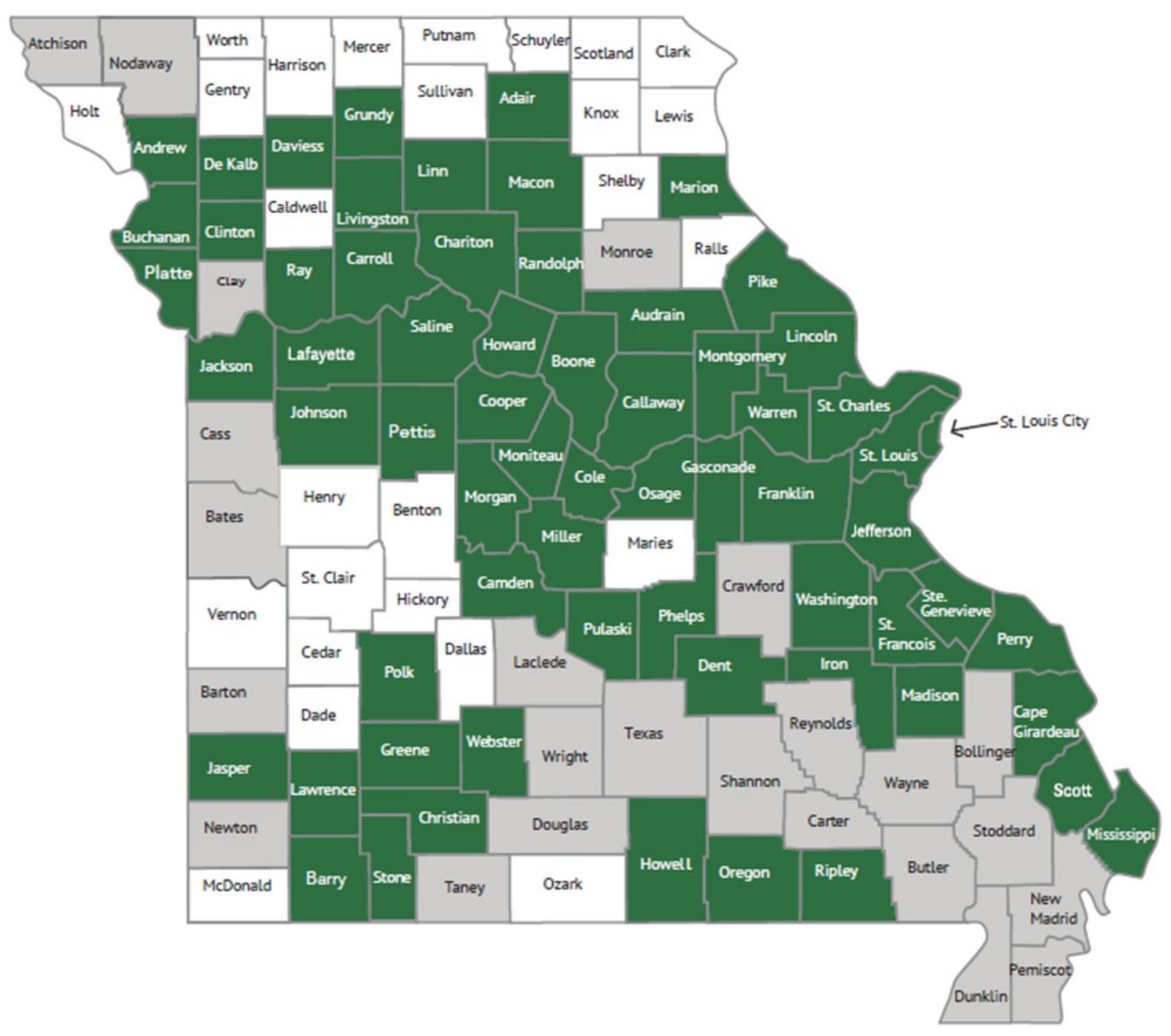
Establish an organizational framework that supports the initiatives of MACDDS, ensures operational efficiency and sustainability, and prioritizes continuous improvement

## What is a “Senate Bill 40 (SB40)” Board?

Senate Bill 40 is enabling legislation (205.968 through 205.972 RSMo.) passed by the Missouri state legislature in 1969, that is designed to allow individual counties in Missouri to approve a tax levy to provide support to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in areas of residential, employment, and related services.

This tax levy is administered by a local county board that is commonly referred to as a Senate Bill 40 board, an SB40 board, a county board, or a developmental disability resource board.





SB40 MACDDS Counties

## SB40 Non-MACDDS Counties

## Non-SB40 Counties

Of the 89 local Senate Bill 40 County Developmental Disability Resource Boards in Missouri, including the City of St. Louis, 65 are MACDDS members, along with 25 Related Private Organizations and 3 Special Purpose organizations.

# Who is part of MACDDS?

- **65 SB40 Boards – Voting Members**

Membership in MACDDS, and all privileges thereof, shall be limited to and granted to any dues-paying County Board or a Board in a City not within a County. Member Boards shall be defined as those Boards formed under the statutory authority of RSMO. 205.968 - 205.972.

- **25 Related Private Organizations – Non-Voting**

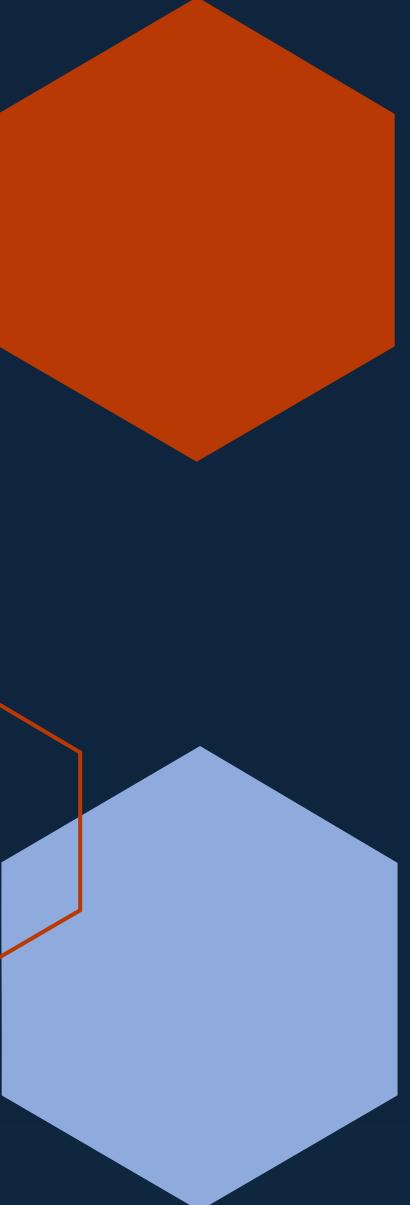
Those not-for-profit agencies whose primary purpose is to advocate and/or provide and/or cause to create support services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. This does not include boards authorized under RSMO 205.968 – 205.972.

- **3 Special Purpose Entities – Non-Voting**

TCM Special Purpose Group provides for the benefit of participation in MACDDS TCM Special Purpose Group meetings for those agencies that do not meet criteria for County Board or RPO status and are providing TCM.

- **Affiliated Public Agencies – Non-Voting**

Those organizations which are governmental/quasi-governmental entities. This does not include boards/organizations authorized under RSMO 205.968-205.972 and those authorized under RSMO 178.900.

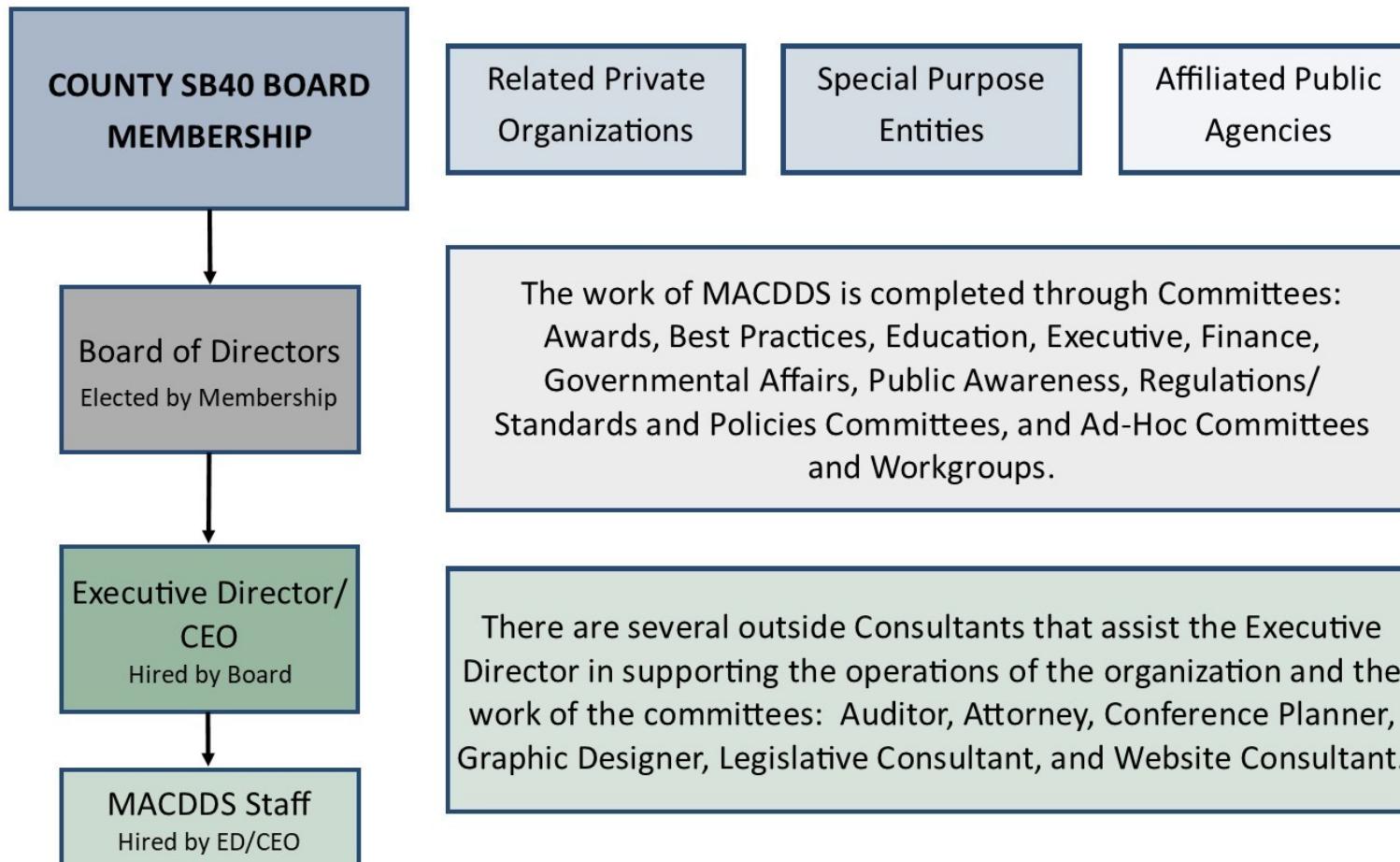


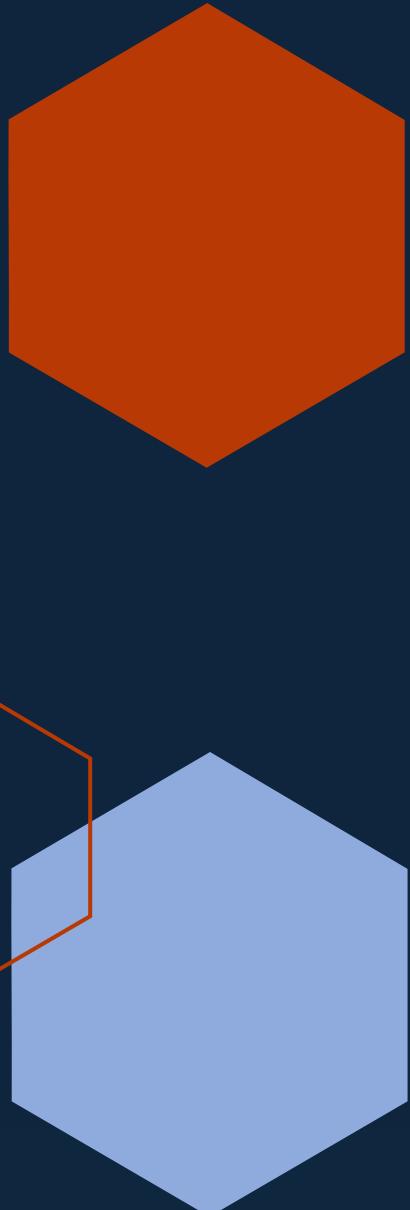
## How do I get an SB40 board in my county?

1. Learn the county - demographic data, tax base, unmet needs.
2. Form a grassroots steering committee.
3. Select a sponsoring agency.
4. Develop a concept paper.
5. Seek county commission placement of proposition on ballot.
6. Prepare campaign budget.
7. Recruit volunteers to help with campaign.

*MACDDS offers technical assistance.*

# Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS) Organizational Structure—2025





# MACDDS Membership Benefits & Activities

- Identification and sharing of best practices and development of solutions
- Leadership development and mentoring
- Legislative advocacy facilitated by professional Governmental Consultants - Gamble & Schlemeier
- Representation on statewide and national task forces and committees focused on the improvement of services for persons with developmental disabilities
- Legal and technical assistance
- Member networking and sharing of resources
- And more....

# MACDDS Historical Timeline

- 1969 Senate Bill 40 is passed by the Missouri legislature authorizing a county tax to support services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- 1970-1979 Pike County was first to pass SB40 property tax levy followed by 35 more counties
- 1979 Meeting held in Columbia, MO in early 1979 of Senate Bill 40 directors, which resulted in the formation of the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)
- 1980-1984 23 additional counties and St. Louis City passed the SB40 property tax levy
- 1984 House Bill 1385 was signed into law, clarifying provisions and language in Senate Bill 40
- 1986-1989 12 additional counties passed the SB40 property tax levy
- 1989 The first targeted case management agreements between MACDDS members and DMH were signed
- 1990-1992 6 more counties passed the SB40 property tax levy
- 1992 Legislation adding "related services" language to ballot was approved
- 1993 Legislation was approved that eliminated language requiring SB 40 Boards to contract with not-for-profit corporations when contracting for services
- 1994 -1998 Another 4 counties passed the SB40 property tax levy
- 1998 The Missouri Housing Trust Fund awarded MACDDS a \$100,000 grant to administer emergency housing assistance services in the ten counties participating in the grant
- 2000 Moniteau County passed the SB40 property tax levy

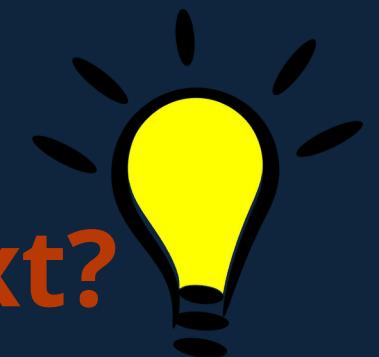
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- 2002 MACDDS representation on DMH Division of MRDD Provider Management Advisory Teams (MAT)
- 2003 MACDDS members made over 75 visits to 65 key legislators, resulting in limited reductions to existing funding for community programs and an increase in funding for caseload growth
- 2003 Coalition for Developmental Disabilities, with representation from MACDDS, MARF and MO-ANCOR, was formed to establish a common legislative platform
- 2003-2004 Missouri Housing Trust Fund grants amounting to \$225,000 awarded to MACDDS for administration of the Emergency Housing Assistance Program
- 2004 Governor Bob Holden appointed a member of MACDDS to serve on the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities
- 2004 MACDDS became a member of the Congress on Disabilities, whose purpose is to advocate for and enhance quality of life for Missourians with disabilities and their families by identifying common values that drive shared policy positions
- 2004 Seventeen Targeted Case Management agreements are in place between MACDDS members and DMH Division of MRDD
- 2004 MACDDS membership increased to 40 members
- 2004 MACDDS members generated more than \$51,176,043 in county tax levy funding

# MACDDS Historical Timeline

- 2012 Eighty-four counties provide local Targeted Case Management Services
- 2012 Les Wagner hired as first Executive Director
- 2014 Newton County passed the SB40 property tax levy
- 2014 HCBS Final Rule issued by CMS resulting in separation of direct service delivery & case management services
- 2016 Stone County passed the SB40 property tax levy with a sunset limitation
- 2019 New MACDDS Governance Structure with 15-member Board of Directors implemented
- 2019 Connie Cunningham hired as second Executive Director
- 2020 COVID-19 pandemic began, staff resigned, office closed, meetings held virtually
- 2020 Legislature passed residential rate rebasing using ARPA funds
- 2021 Barton County passed the SB40 property tax levy
- 2021 Nancy Pennington hired as third Executive Director
- 2021 MACDDS partners with MARF to create outreach campaign for Direct Support Professionals
- 2022 Membership meetings resume in a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual options
- 2022 MACDDS Strategic Plan updated
- 2023 Stone County voters renewed the SB40 property tax levy with no sunset
- 2024 DMH-DD implemented waitlist as legislature did not fund utilization
- 2025 Lawrence County voters increased their SB40 property tax levy

What's next?



# Financial Impact of SB40 County Boards

**MACDDS Members receive \$110 Million in annual County Developmental Disability Resource Board tax levy funding.**

Total annual SB40 tax levy funding is nearly \$125 Million.

Source - Mo. State Auditor's Office

*MACDDS County Boards provide half of the state's match for the **Partnership for Hope Waiver**.*

*County boards are the largest non-DMH funder of disability services in Missouri.*

# Services Funded by Local County Boards

*Each local board  
decides independently  
what they will and will  
not fund.*

- Adaptive Equipment and Environmental Adaptations
- Assistive Technology
- Camps and Life Skills Trainings
- Children's Services
- Community, Comprehensive or Partnership Waiver Match
- Community/Supported Employment
- Community Integration
- Day Habilitation
- Dental Services
- First Steps
- Inclusive Playgrounds
- Non-Medicaid Case Management
- Provider Agency Operations
- Personal Assistance
- Residential Services
- Sheltered Employment
- Targeted Case Management
- Temporary Residential Supports
- Therapies – Speech, Occupational, Physical, **Music & Art**
- Transportation



# Service Funding Hierarchy



- Natural supports
- Local school districts
- Local Transportation
- Autism centers
- Behavioral Health Centers
- Community Action Agency
- County Health Departments
- Local resources – food pantry, church, service

- First Steps
- Bureau of Special Healthcare Need
- Voc Rehab
- Family Support Division
- Senior & Disability Services
- MO Assistive Technology

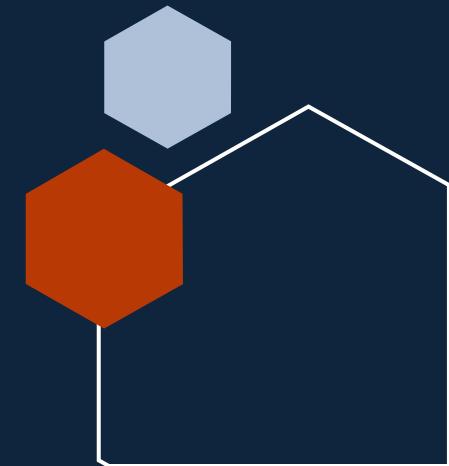
- Autism Project
- HCBS/Medicaid Waiver: Residential (ISL, Shared Living, Group Home); Employment; Day Program; Community Integration; Specialized Medical Equipment; Transportation; Personal Assistance

Local initiatives determined by local county boards

# Services Provided by Local County Boards

*Every board is unique in the services it provides. Some boards are funders, some provide direct services, some provide case management.*

- Children's Services
- Community/Supported Employment
- Community Integration
- Day Habilitation
- Family Supports/Navigation
- First Steps
- Funding
- HUD Housing
- Individualized Skill Development
- Learning Center/Life Skills Training
- Non-Medicaid Case Management/Resource Coordination
- Personal Assistance
- Residential Services
- Respite Care
- Targeted Case Management
- Transition Supports
- Transportation
- Vocational/Educational Classes





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# Education & Training on Strategic & System-Wide Issues

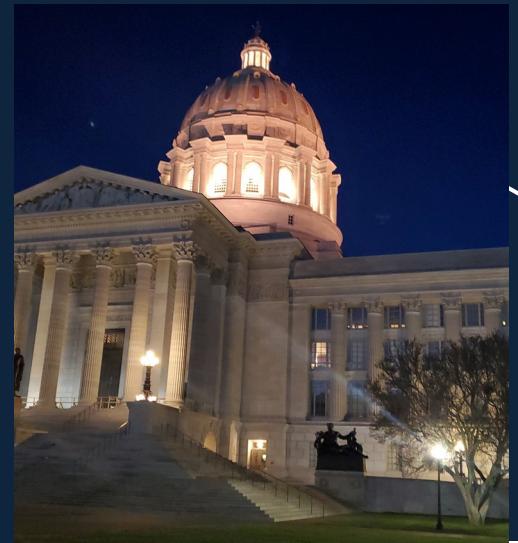


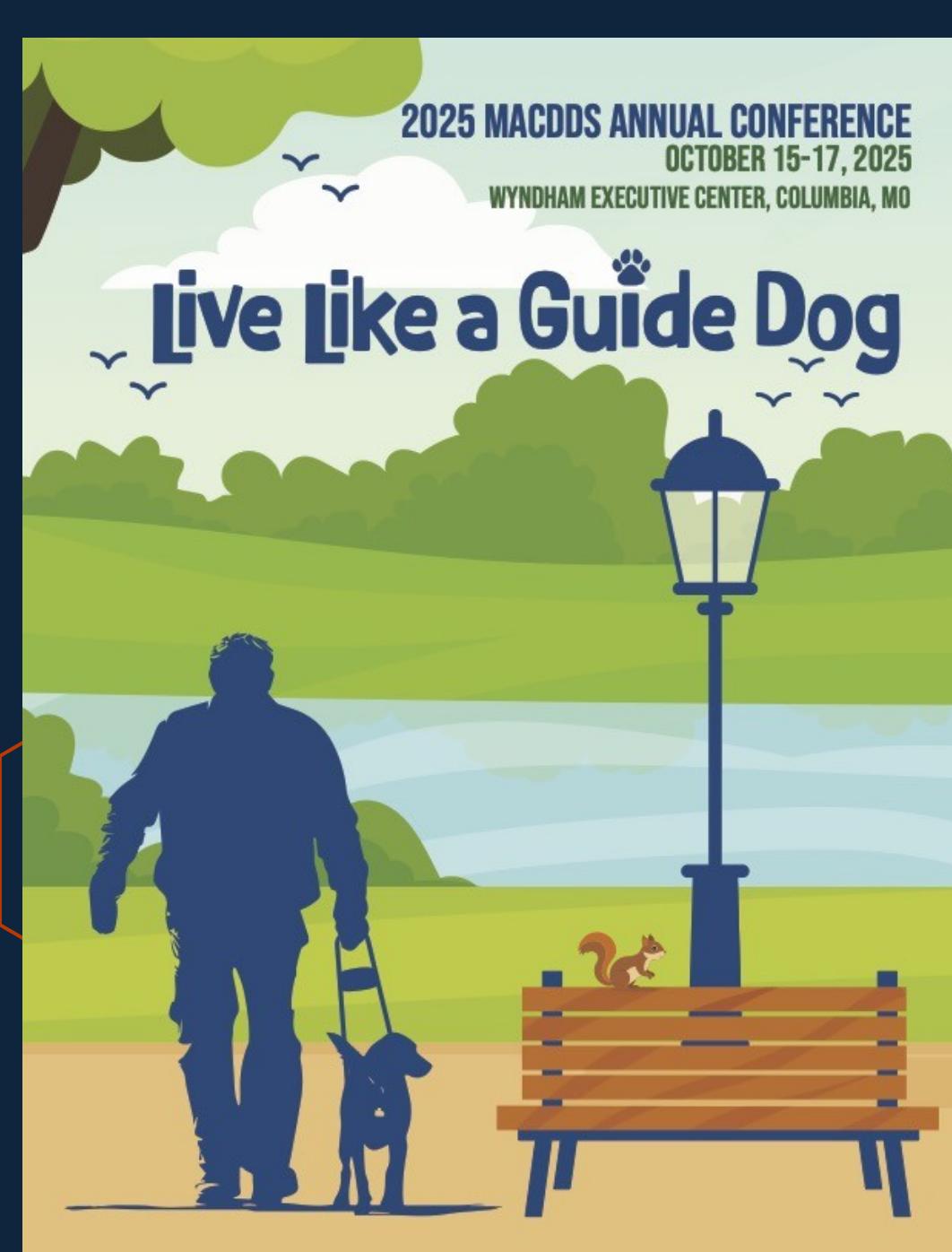
What is the nationwide picture?

- Workforce Crisis – TCM & Provider Rates, Recruitment & Retention, Training/Credentialing
- Dual Diagnoses
- Transportation and Mobility
- Affordable, Accessible Housing
- Aging with Disabilities
- Value Based Purchasing
- Employment First – Sheltered and supported employment, impact of potential elimination of subminimum wage 14c certificates
- Supported Decision Making/Choice
- Business Acumen/Leadership Development/Succession Planning

# 2025 Legislative Priorities

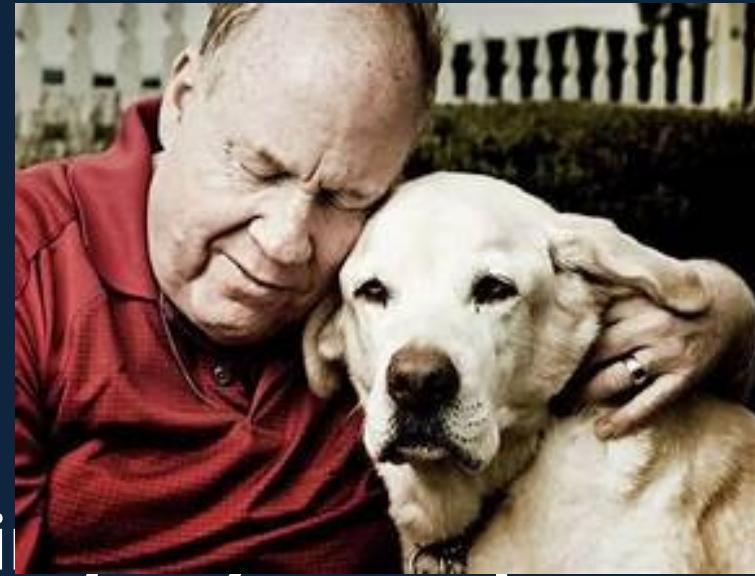
- Eliminate the waitlist for people with developmental disabilities by funding utilization.
- Increase funding by \$6.4M for Targeted Case Management. No rate increase since 2015.
- Ensure local property tax levies remain intact. *Personal property tax makes up approximately 22% of local tax levy funding statewide.*
- Ensure essential services for individuals with developmental disabilities by appropriating sufficient funding to competitive wages.
- Continue to collaborate with DMH-DD, MO HealthNet, legislators, and other stakeholders to create a more efficient framework for delivery of successful and impactful long-term services and supports (LTSS).





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- Helen Keller

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