



## MISSOURI DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council is seeking the input from families and self-advocates who have developmental disabilities as we develop our 2017 – 2021 state plan! Don't miss this public forum to shape the future for families and individuals with developmental disabilities to live quality lives!

When: Friday, November 20, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Where: Hilton Garden Inn 19677 E Jackson Dr.

Independence, MO 64057

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council was created in response to a federal law, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act). The purpose of the law is to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration in all aspects of community life.

The Council's state plan describes how it will carry out these responsibilities. Development of the state plan is ongoing. The Council solicits input from a variety of sources which include individuals with developmental disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities, state agency representative, service providers and other advocates. Input is used to determine needs of Missourians with developmental disabilities in the areas of emphasis identified and defined in the DD Act. Those areas are related to quality assurance, education and early intervention, childcare, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports that affect their quality of life.

Watch for other opportunities on our website, <a href="www.moddcouncil.org">www.moddcouncil.org</a> to provide input for the Council's next state Plan! Please email Christie Holterman at <a href="cholterman@moddcouncil.org">cholterman@moddcouncil.org</a> or call 800-500-7878 if you have any questions.