

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Mental Health

HB Section(s): 10.420

Program Name: Developmental Disabilities Act

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Developmental Disabilities Act

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Support independence and self-sufficiency of Missourians with developmental disabilities.

1b. What does this program do?

The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC) is a federally funded, 23-member, consumer-driven Council whose members are appointed by the Governor. MODDC is funded through Federal Legislation, PL 106-402, and is mandated to develop a 5-year strategic state plan (Federal Fiscal Year 2017 - 2021) to address gaps and barriers that impact people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). This was a 2-year process where MODDC heard from over 1,000 parents, self-advocates, providers, and other stakeholders, about the gaps and barriers they found with getting the help they need to live a good life in their communities. Planning efforts have begun for a new 5-year plan which will go into effect for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, which begins on October 1, 2021. The MODDC also reviewed data from multiple sources and developed a Comprehensive Review and Analysis, which guided the development of the current plan. Updated workplans are submitted to the federal funder, the Administration on Community Living (ACL), each year within 90 days at the end of the federal fiscal year. MODDC is required to conduct an annual review and report on the progress to ACL, using performance measures identified by ACL. If the plan or work plans are not approved, ACL provides time for Councils to make course corrections. For those Councils that struggle with meeting their outcomes, ACL will conduct site visits. MODDC's 2017-2021 plan and annual Program Performance Reports have been approved by ACL each year with no need for a site visit.

MODDC's mandate is to plan, advocate, and give advice concerning programs and services for persons with developmental disabilities (DD) that will increase their opportunities for independence, productivity, and integration into communities. Much of this work is accomplished by providing demonstration and capacity building grants to stakeholders to address the MODDC's mission to: "To assist the community to include all people with developmental disabilities in every aspect of life". A few of the state plan goals and objectives include provision of training and information about changes to the guardianship statute and alternatives to guardianship such as supported decision making, increasing awareness of persons with I/DD and their families regarding resources and supports available and implement First Responder Disability Awareness Training for law enforcement, fire/EMS and 911 telecommunicator personnel.

All projects of MODDC are monitored closely by staff to determine the impact of MODDC's investment in improving the lives of individuals with DD. Recipients of grant funds provided by MODDC are required to submit quarterly reports that are reviewed by program staff to ensure progress and technical assistance is provided if necessary for course correction. Evaluations of programs include satisfaction surveys obtained from stakeholders. We also do a risk assessment of potential recipients of MODDC grant funds to ensure grant recipients have a solid record of achieving outcomes promised to previous grantors and to ensure federal funds are used wisely.

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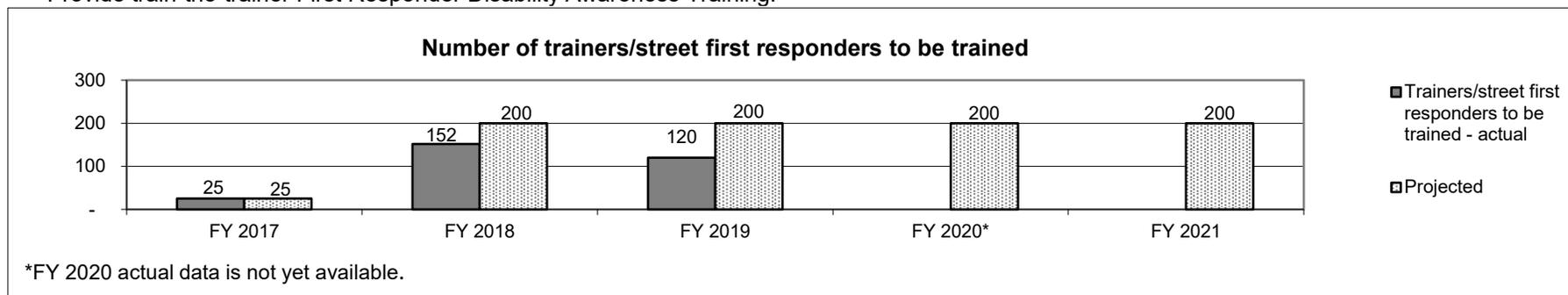
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

- Provide train-the-trainer First Responder Disability Awareness Training.



Note: MODDC convenes a Victimization Task Force (VTF) to address the victimization of individuals with developmental disabilities. Stakeholders on the VTF, recommended training for first responders to ensure that victimization is prevented and recognized when responders encounter individuals with I/DD. Participants of public forums conducted by MODDC, confirmed this need. Niagara University developed the most comprehensive training in the country. MO is the second state in the nation, to conduct First Responder Disability Awareness Training (FRDAT) for law enforcement, fire/EMS and 911. This training is different from MO's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in that CIT has a focus on crisis intervention of those with behavioral health concerns and FRDAT, provides comprehensive information to recognize major disabilities of those who come in contact with first responders such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Tourette Syndrome, Epilepsy, I/DD, Blindness, Deafness and Hard of Hearing. The Rudermann produced a white paper in 2016, about a media study that indicated that 1/2 of those killed by police officers, have a disability. It is recommended that both CIT and FRDAT are conducted to provide well-rounded skillsets to first responder. FRDAT is conducted using a Train-the-Trainer model for sustainability of the training when the grant ends. FRDAT is POST certified, recognized by the National Association of Emergency Numbers (NENA) and MO's EMS Association (MEMSA). With the pandemic, in-person training has halted so Niagara University is producing on-line curricula for all the first responder disciplines (law enforcement, fire/EMS and 911). Plans are to roll out the online training in October 2020. In addition, Safety Awareness Training and First Responder Awareness Training for families of members with I/DD and individuals with disabilities have been developed to complement FRDAT.

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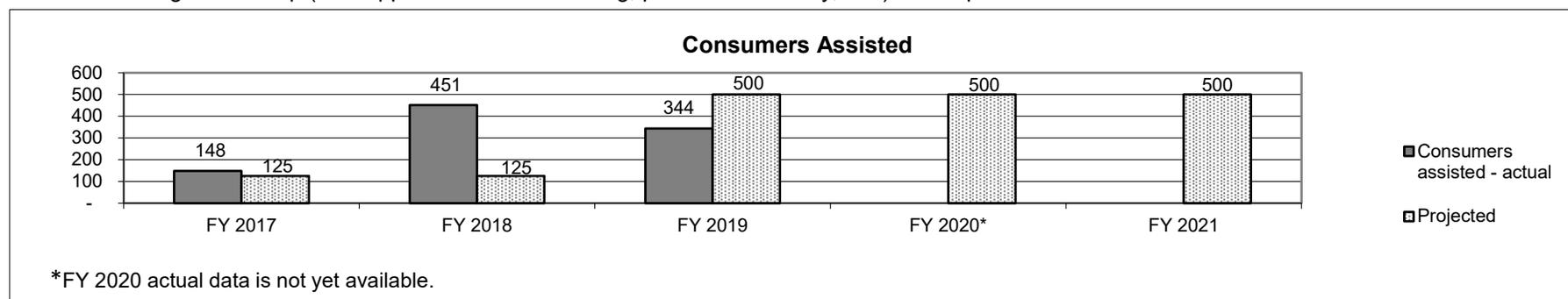
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

- Provide training and information to professionals and community members regarding changes to the Missouri guardianship statute and alternatives to guardianship (i.e. supported decision making, powers of attorney, etc.) that impact individuals with I/DD.



Note: MODDC convenes and has a leadership role in MO Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (Mo-WINGS) and the Developmental Disabilities Network to provide trainings across MO. Mo-WINGS has worked to identify gaps and barriers to successful implementation of the updated guardianship law. Providing education at both a professional level as well as at a family and self-advocate level MODDC has been able to interact and collect valuable feedback on the attitude and understanding of guardianship for people with disabilities. In FY 20 & 21, Mo-WINGS worked to diversify its stakeholder feedback by including a variety of different entities including brain injury, aging, financial communities, Children's Division, etc. By networking and embracing other communities that interact with Missouri's guardianship law and processes, Mo-WINGS has positioned itself to better understand the needs of the community as it pertains to the integration of the go-to alternative to guardianship - supported decision-making (SDM). Mo-WINGS continues to collaborate closely with the SDM Consortium to effectively identify and prioritize the needs across the state and work towards providing resources that better support the understanding of MO's guardianship law and alternatives to guardianship. Training feedback included survey responses that noted the information presented would impact their future actions by advocating for rights of individuals under MO guardianship, further research the guardianship law, use and/or research the resources provided, support individuals with the right to vote, and teach their work team about the new law including updated information on ward's rights. Attendee's also identified strategies for self-determination, connected with people they'd like to network with and promote, and learned new information for further use.

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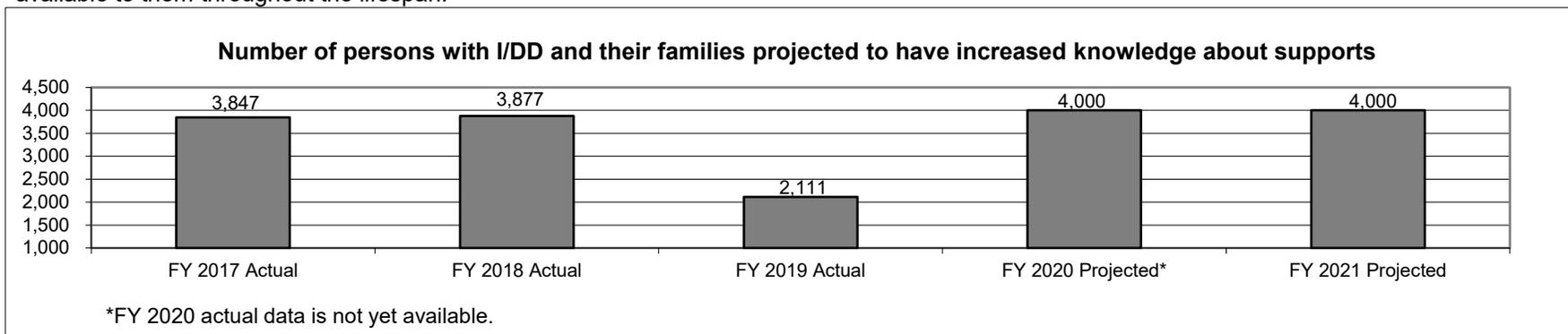
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

- Family-to-Family Network grant established to increase the awareness of persons with I/DD and their families of resources and supports available to them throughout the lifespan.



Note: Parents of children with I/DD have reported over the years, that information is their number one need. MODDC's intention for funding the Missouri Family-to-Family (F2F) Network, is that it meet the information needs of families and individuals with I/DD. MODDC has observed a decrease in the number of individuals requesting information that they can use to support their needs, advocacy, capacity building and systems change efforts. The information provided includes general outreach information, one-on-one navigational support, information and referral and peer supports. F2F incorporates the national efforts of Charting the LifeCourse framework in the F2F efforts. Charting the LifeCourse is a framework that was developed to help individuals and families of all abilities and at any age or stage of life develop a vision for a good life, think about what they need to know and do, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. Self-advocates, families and professionals within MO as well as F2F staff, continue to utilize the framework and tools that have resulted from this initiative and share their experiences and examples with F2F through website submissions, emails and in person. These examples are made available on lifecoursetools.com, which is accessibly directly from the F2F website. This goal was met with LifeCourse materials being downloaded 80,608 times during FY19. During the COVID-19 pandemic, F2F has intensified outreach to families, and has held family forums, that enable families to obtain supports and information from other families with similar experiences.

2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Not applicable.

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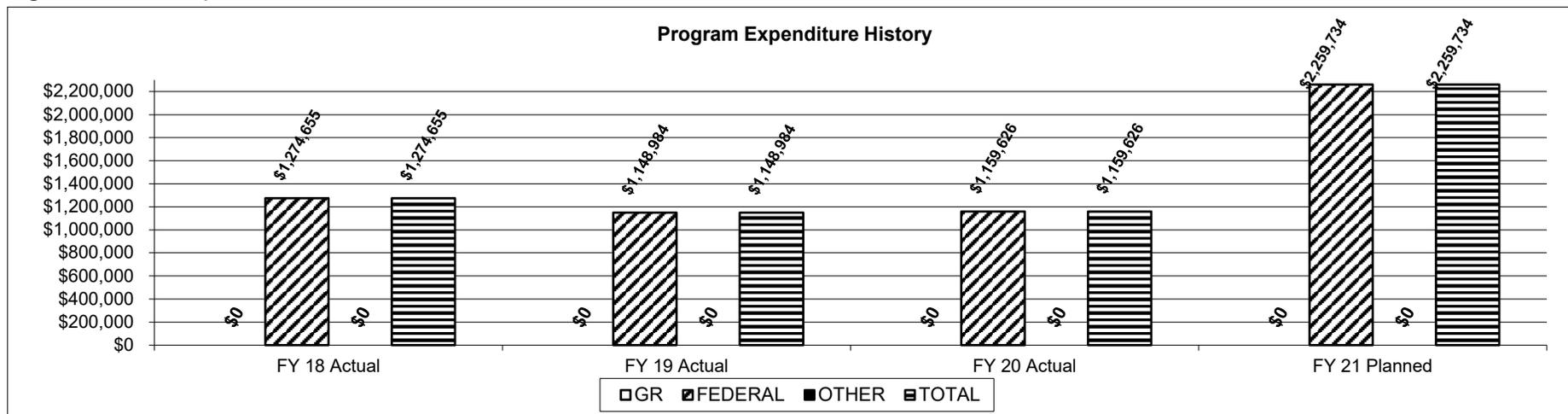
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Note: The Missouri Developmental Disabilities' Council receives grant awards from the Federal government based on the Federal fiscal year. The amount reflected above for FY 2021 Planned expenditures is reflective of the federal authority appropriated in HB 10. Additional federal appropriation authority was granted in the FY 2021 budget as a result of Federal requirements changing the spending period for grants to the DD Council from three years to two years, beginning October 1, 2019.

4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

Not applicable.

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

PL 106-402, the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

The state is required to provide a one-third in-kind match for the DD Council's Federal funding. This is generally addressed through rent, utilities, administrative services, etc.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

Yes, Federal Law 106-402 has placed DD Councils in all 50 states and the US Territories.