

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## REGARDING WAITING LIST IMPLEMENTATION

### WHY IS THERE NOW A WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES?



The Department of Mental Health announced that effective July 1, 2019, a waiting list would be implemented. This is because the Missouri State Legislature did not approve enough funding in their budget to keep people off waiting lists.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO ADVOCATE FOR MY LOVED ONE?

If you would like to contact your State representative or senator to educate them on how being on a Medicaid Waiver waiting list affects your family, go to

<http://www.house.mo.gov/>. Type in your address to find out who the legislators are that represent your district.



### WHAT DO I SAY?



Tell them your story and how being on a waiting list affects your life. Ask for their support in restoring funding to the Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities in order to eliminate the waitlist.

### WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO EDUCATE MY LEGISLATORS?

Invite them to meet your family and see how the lack of critically needed services has affected your life.



### CALL THE GOVERNOR



You can also call Governor Parson's office at 573.751.3222 to express your concerns and request a call back from someone. Or you may email your concerns by going to the Governor's website: <https://governor.mo.gov/contact-us>



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