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Partner Organizations

Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division (CD)

The Children's Division (CD) is part of the state-administered system child welfare system. They are mandated to investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect, and provide protective and substitute care services for abused and neglected children and their families. In addition, the CD includes programs that oversee all of the state's child authority for the St. Louis metropolitan area in the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH). Mental health services are provided to clients through DMH's administrative agents, including Hopewell Center and Barnes-Jewish-Christian (BJC) Behavioral Health Care. The CD and Washington University have a long, rich history of collaboration in research and practice.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS)

The Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) serves as the State Unit on Aging and implements programs and services for seniors and adults with disabilities as mandated by the state. In addition, DSDS investigates charges of elder abuse and administers programs designed to maximize independence and safety for adults who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation or have long-term needs that can be safely met in the community. Its aim is to allow its clients to live with as independently as possible with dignity and respect. The division is also responsible for advising legislators, advocates, agencies, organizations, and individuals concerning research and available data.