



Helping People with Disabilities Flourish

Protect Developmental Disability Services: Proposed FY2027 Budget Cuts

What's Being Proposed

Governor Kehoe's FY2027 Executive Budget includes a significant reduction to Day Services funding for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Key Facts

- The current Day Services rate is **\$10.81** per 15-min. unit.
- The Governor's proposal would reduce this rate by **33%**, to \$7.21 per 15-min. unit.
- The proposed **\$7.21** rate does not cover the actual cost of providing today's Day Services.
- Developmental Disability Services **waitlist** will grow rapidly under current proposal.

Why This Matters

If approved by the MO State House and State Senate, this proposed rate cut would:

- **Reduce access to Day Services** for individuals with developmental disabilities, negatively impacting their health, independence, relationships, and community connections.
- **Place additional strain on working families and caregivers** who rely on Day Services for support.
- **Shift costs to more expensive services and crisis settings**, increasing long-term costs across the system of support rather than saving money.

What Next?

Advocacy efforts are underway, focused on protecting Missourians with disabilities by maintaining services and approving NO Cuts.

The Governor's budget proposal is **only the first step** in the FY2027 State Budget process. There are multiple opportunities for changes before the budget becomes final.

This means there is still time to contact your State Reps and State Senators and urge them to STOP cuts to DD Services in House Bill 2010.

These cuts are not final. To stay informed:

- Visit www.starlingmissouri.org/dayservices
- Contact your local provider to discuss how these proposed cuts may impact you or your loved one.

Starling is the nonprofit trade association of more than 120 community providers supporting over 40,000 Missourians with intellectual and developmental disabilities in all aspects of life in the community.