

Each and every year, Marion County Services for the Developmentally Disabled (MCSDD) provides resources and programs to create opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in Marion County to live full and enriched lives. As the need for services in our county grows, MCSDD will continue to support individuals, families, and area organizations that offer life-changing services to those in crisis or non-crisis situations. MCSDD is proud to be a part of the solution and open up a budding world of opportunities for those we serve. Additionally, MCSDD offers support coordination services in partnership with the Department of Mental Health – Division of Developmental Disabilities, connecting 300 individuals and families with vital resources. These resources and information help promote independence, self-determination, and community membership. Moreover, the Partnership for Hope Waiver, (which is a collaboration of local county board, state and federal funds) is designed to assist individuals with some support needs but who are not necessarily in crisis. This waiver provides prevention-focused services to avoid long-term crisis intervention situations across the state of Missouri. In conjunction with this waiver the continued growth of programs over the last several decades combined with the care and dedication of our employees, our Board, families and funding partners, is a testament to the good judgment and forward thinking of the founders since 1988. MCSDD has been serving individuals with disabilities in Marion County since the empathetic citizens of the community saw the need and approved a tax levy that would be used exclusively for those with developmental disabilities 28 years ago. This continued commitment strengthens our connection with the community and allows us to live our mission. As we move forward into the future, MCSDD remains confident that we can help those we serve achieve fulfillment through collaboration, perseverance, and a commitment to providing exceptional care. We hope to keep these resources growing and evolving with your input, while listening for emerging needs to develop new resources.

MCSDD will continue to grow with the community and provide forums, programs, supports, information, and advocacy so that it can insure the most effective services possible for those they serve. Together we will support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to take an active role in growing our community.

- Cathy Arrowsmith, Executive Director