

# GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

## 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES POLL

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this poll. The Council represents the voice of persons with disabilities and this is one of our opportunities to understand issues important to you and/or the people you serve.

This year's poll includes five (5) sections. Please feel free to be candid throughout the survey. All responses are kept confidential.

Please indicate which county you live in \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which describes where you live (urban, suburban, rural) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you are a:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with a disability      | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Provider           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family member/Friend          | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency employee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____ |   |

If you have a disability, please indicate which type(s) (Optional)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blind/vision impairment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Hard of Hearing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Health Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental            | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple chemical sensitivity | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                         |  |

### Section I: Community Issues

Please think about the community you reside in when answering the following questions.

#### Housing

Public housing agencies and organizations should give funding priority to projects which use Universal Design elements

- Yes                       No                       Don't Know

#### Emergency Preparedness

All new homes should include a safe room for tornado protection

- Yes                       No                       Don't Know

**Public Access**

Missouri should adopt state-wide certification or registry for service animals

Yes

No

Don't Know

**Section II: State Issues**

Please indicate whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, are Neutral, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree with each of the following statements regarding disability-related legislation.

1. Allowing small businesses who have hired and employed someone with a disability to receive a tax credit

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

2. Allowing dentists who provide services to **MO HealthNet** participants to receive a tax deduction

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

3. Eliminating the renter's portion of the Senior Citizen Property Tax Credit

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

4. Maintaining the helmet law requirement for all riders and drivers of motorcycles

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

5. Expanding **MO HealthNet** eligibility for the "aged, blind, and disabled" category to cover more individuals

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

6. Creating an assistance program with scholarship accounts to help parents of students with disabilities pay for education expenses at preschools for children with disabilities or private schools

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

7. Private insurance plans in Missouri should be required to cover hearing aids

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

8. Expanding **MO HealthNet** coverage to include hearing aids for adults

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

9. Missouri is doing well with promoting community living and inclusion

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

10. Missouri's guardianship statute should be updated to emphasize more of the individual with a disability's preferences and allow for rights to be more easily restored

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

11. The Secretary of State should establish an automatic voter registration system

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

12. Missouri should maintain and possibly expand state government programs such as Money Follows the Person and special education which focus on integration in the least restrictive environment

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

If you agree, how much should funding increase? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Missouri should increase general revenue funding for agencies such as Centers for Independent Living, Area Agencies on Aging, MO Assistive Technology, the MO Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and other disability- related organizations/agencies which receive this funding

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

If you agree, how much should funding increase? \_\_\_\_\_

14. More money should be given to support organizations or agencies which provide services to Missouri citizens who are Deaf-Blind

Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

**Section III: Issues**

Please tell us what you believe is the biggest issue in each of the four categories: Employment, housing, health care, and transportation.

What is the most important issue with competitive employment in Missouri?

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What is the most important issue with housing in Missouri?

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What is the most important issue with health care in Missouri?

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What is the most important issue with transportation in Missouri?

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**Section IV: Legislative Activity**

Which bills (topic or bill number) did you follow during the 2016 legislative session? Please see <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/files/legislation/2016/051816issue18.pdf> for reminders.

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Please provide us with feedback regarding what you would like state legislators to work on to improve services for people with disabilities:

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If you could make one change to make Missouri more disability-friendly, what would it be?

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**Section V: Governor's Council on Disability Services**

The Governor's Council on Disability sends out a Legislative Update each week of the legislative session which tracks disability-related bills. If you do not receive the GCD Legislative Update and would like to be added to the listserv, please provide your email address here.

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Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

You may either **e-mail** your response to [gcd@oa.mo.gov](mailto:gcd@oa.mo.gov), **fax** it to 573-526-4109, or **mail** it to

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You may complete it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YL39SDJ>.

All responses need to be received by close of business **Friday, October 28, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact our office at 573-751-2600 or toll free at 1-800-877-8249.