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:

☐ Person with a disability  ☐ Service Provider
☐ Family member/Friend  ☐ Educator
☐ Employer  ☐ Government agency employee
☐ Other (please describe) _______________________________________________________

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

☐ Blind/vision impairment  ☐ Deaf/Hard of Hearing  ☐ Cognitive
☐ Chronic Health Condition  ☐ Mobility  ☐ Psychological
☐ Developmental  ☐ Multiple chemical sensitivity  ☐ Learning
☐ Intellectual  ☐ 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

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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?

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.

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.
You may either e-mail your response to gcd@oa.mo.gov, fax it to 573-526-4109, or mail it to Governor’s Council on Disability
P.O. Box 1668
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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.