



Parent & Caregiver Resource Guide

A Roadmap to Navigating Developmental Disability Services in Platte County, Missouri



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Every family's journey is different. Some people may qualify for services immediately, while others may start by exploring community resources. There is no "right" place to begin. This guide is designed to help you take the next step, wherever you are today.

Section 1: Welcome



If you're reading this packet, chances are you're looking for answers, resources, or simply trying to figure out what comes next. Whether you're just beginning this journey or have been navigating it for years, we're glad you are here. You don't have to read this guide cover to cover. Jump to the sections that matter most today—we'll still be here when you're ready for the rest.

At Platte County Board of Services (PCBS), we believe no family should have to navigate the developmental disability system alone. We know it can feel overwhelming at times, and it's not always easy to know where to start. That's why we have put this guide together—to help make the path a little clearer.

Inside, you'll find information about services, funding opportunities, community programs, trusted partners, and resources available to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families right here in Platte County. Think of this as a roadmap—not because every family's journey looks the same, but because everyone deserves someone to help point them in the right direction.

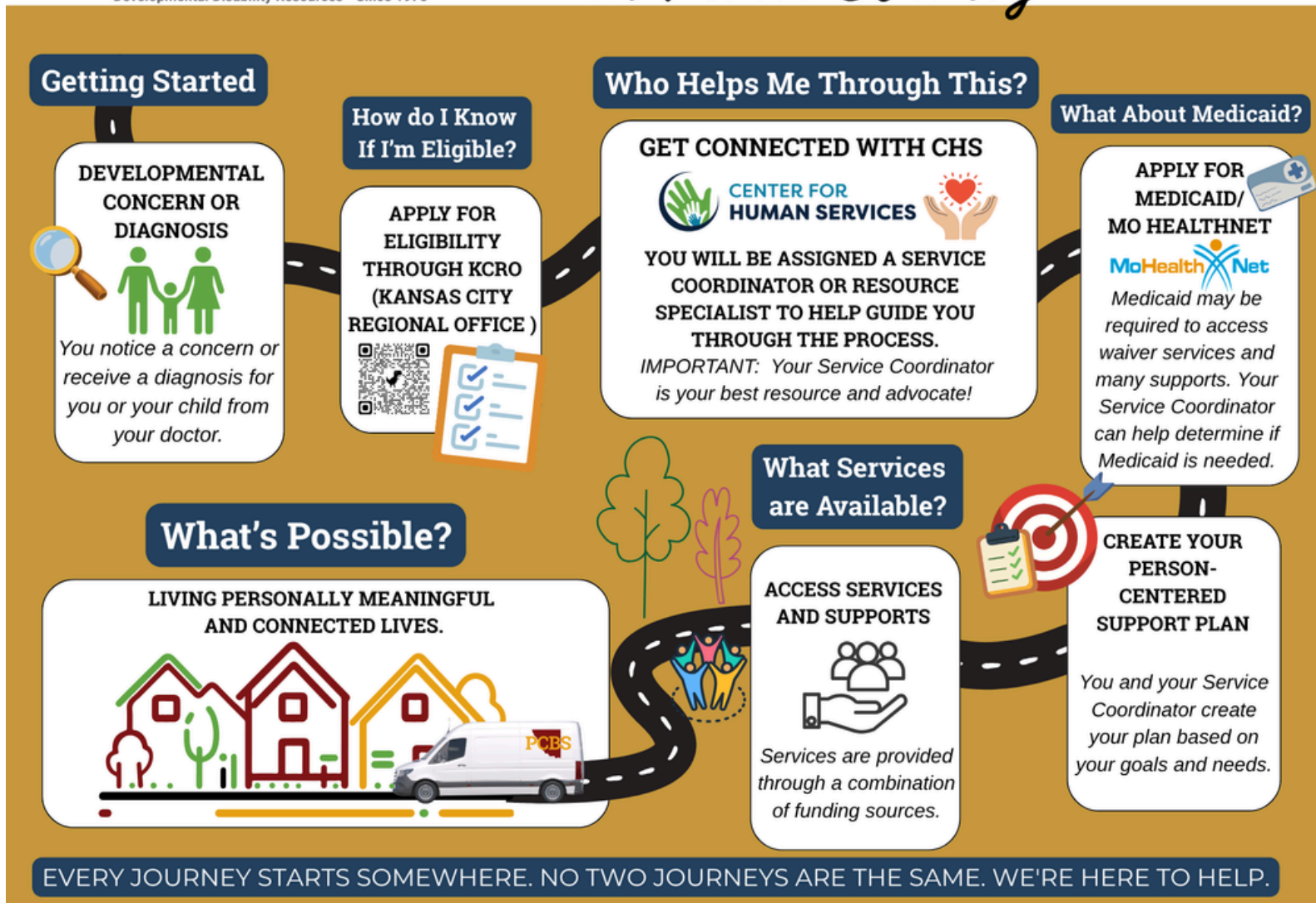
And if you don't find the answer you're looking for, that's okay, too. Give us a call. Send us an email. Stop by our office. We are happy to answer questions, connect you with resources, and help you explore the possibilities available to you and your loved one.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey.

You don't have to have all the answers. You just have to know you don't have to do this alone.

Section 2: Your Roadmap

YOUR ROADMAP TO NAVIGATING SERVICES *in Platte County*



This roadmap gives you a bird's-eye view of the journey many individuals and families take when accessing developmental disability services. Every person's path is unique, and you may enter the process at a different point than someone else.

Whether you are just beginning or have been navigating services for years, we hope this guide helps make the journey a little easier.

Section 3:

Meet Your Support Team

Think of these organizations as members of the same team. They each play a different role, but they all have the same goal—helping you and your loved one succeed.



KCRO--"The Eligibility Experts"

What they do: Determine whether someone qualifies for Missouri developmental disability services.

You will work with them...

At the beginning of your journey.



CHS--"Your Guide"

What they do: Provides your Service Coordinator or Resource Specialist who helps you navigate the system, build your support plan, and connect you to services.

You will probably talk with them...

The MOST. They are your best resource and guide!



Medicaid (MO HealthNet)--"The Funding Partner"

What they do: Helps pay for many long-term supports and waiver services.

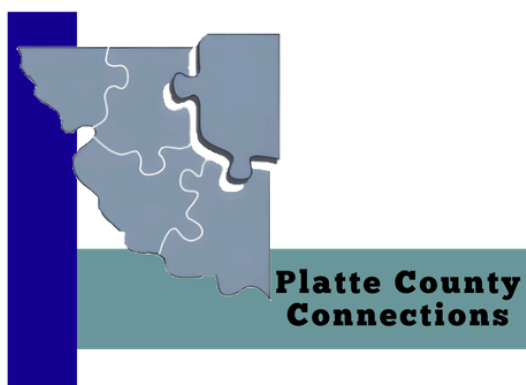
Good to know-Not everyone needs Medicaid immediately.

Platte County Board of Services

Developmental Disability Resources - Since 1975

PCBS--"Your Local Resource"

What we do: We provide services, fund local programs, answer questions, connect families, and help people discover opportunities throughout Platte County.



PCC--"The Gap Filler"

What they do

Platte County Connections (PCC), the nonprofit partner of PCBS, helps fill funding gaps when insurance, Medicaid, or other resources can't cover an eligible need. Through grants, donations, fundraising, and the Catayoc Family Trust, PCC may be able to provide one-time funding for emergent needs.



**CENTER FOR
HUMAN SERVICES**



**DOWN SYNDROME
INNOVATIONS**



**Special
Olympics**
Missouri

**NORTHLAND
CONNECTIONS**
NeuroDiverseCity



easterseals
Midwest

ABILITY KC



**Vocational
Services Inc.**
...quality services for persons
with disabilities...



Northland
EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

Summit Future Foundation



**Platte County
Connections**



Community Support Partners--"The Specialists"

These organizations provide everything from employment and recreation to therapies, housing, advocacy, social opportunities, and more.

Section 4: Your Supports. Your Goals

Every family has different goals. Instead of asking, "What services do I need?" ask, "What do I want my life to look like?" PCBS and our Community Support Partners work together to connect you with the people, programs, and opportunities that help make those goals possible. You do not need every organization listed here. Your Service Coordinator can help connect you with the partners that best fit your goals.

I Want to Build Independence



How PCBS helps

- Funding
- Navigation
- Local services
- Family support



Community Support Partners who can help

- Ability KC
- Summit Future Foundation
- Down Syndrome Innovations
- Easterseals Midwest

I Want Meaningful Employment



How PCBS Helps

- Connects you to providers
- Helps identify funding
- Coordinates Supports

Community Support Partners

- The Farmer's House
- VSI
- Ability KC
- Easterseals Midwest
- Summit Future Foundation



I Want Friends & Community

How PCBS helps

- Mobile NDC
- Family events
- Information
- Connection opportunities

Community Support Partners

- NeuroDiverseCity
- Special Olympics
- The Farmer's House
- NTRC
- Northland Connections



I Want to Stay Healthy

How PCBS helps

- Funding assistance
- Service navigation
- Referrals



Community Support Partners

- NTRC
- Northland Connections
- CHS
- Ability KC

I Want Support for My Family

How PCBS helps

- Parent Group
- PCC funding
- Information
- Resource navigation



Community Support Partners

- CHS
- PCC
- Northland Early Education Center



Our Community Support Partners

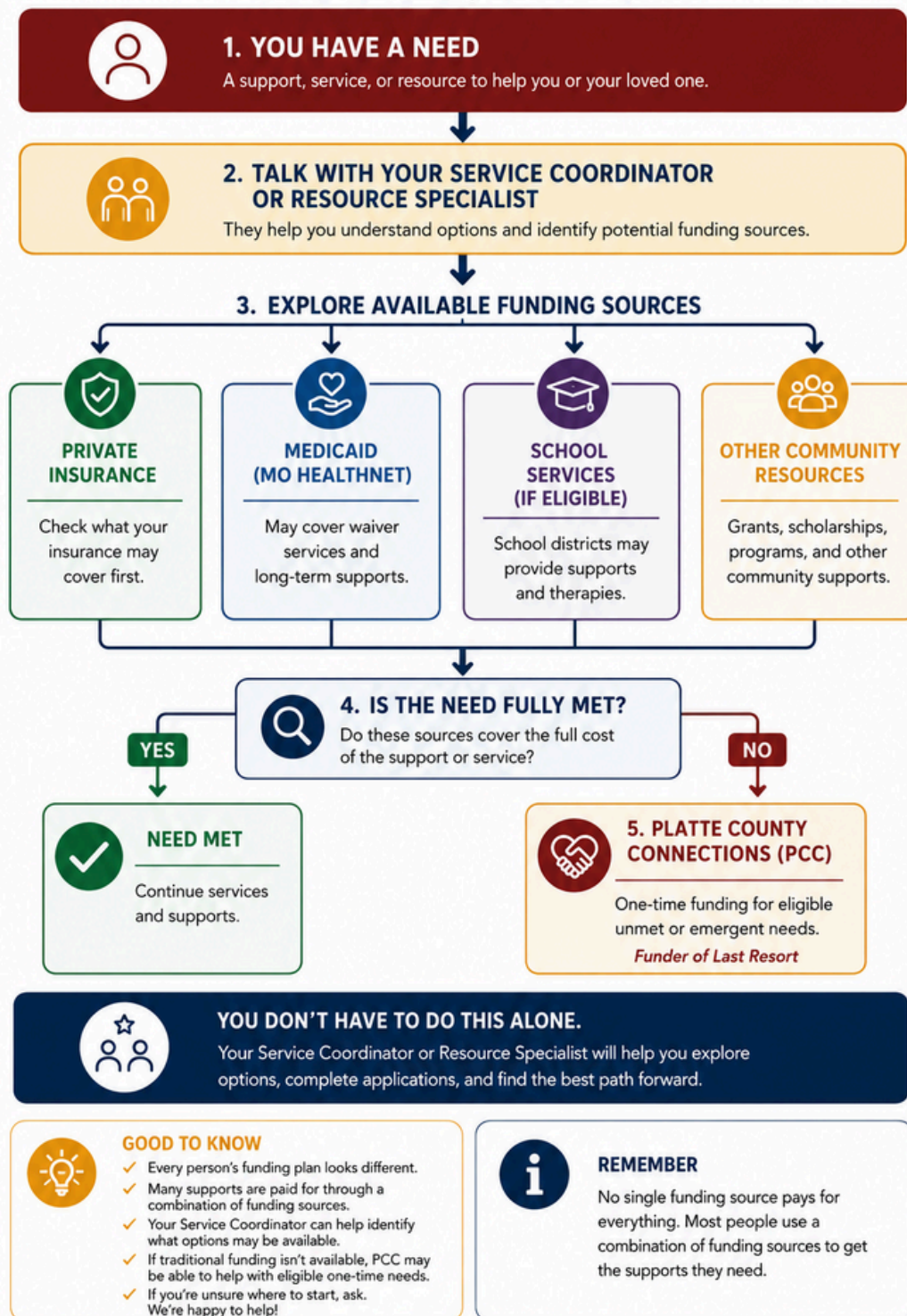


Section 5:

How Supports Are Funded

HOW SUPPORTS ARE FUNDED

Funding looks different for everyone. This chart shows the typical order in which funding sources are explored.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE.
Your Service Coordinator or Resource Specialist will help you explore options, complete applications, and find the best path forward.

GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ Every person's funding plan looks different.
- ✓ Many supports are paid for through a combination of funding sources.
- ✓ Your Service Coordinator can help identify what options may be available.
- ✓ If traditional funding isn't available, PCC may be able to help with eligible one-time needs.
- ✓ If you're unsure where to start, ask. We're happy to help!

REMEMBER

No single funding source pays for everything. Most people use a combination of funding sources to get the supports they need.

Funding options and eligibility requirements can change.
Your Service Coordinator is the best resource for the most current information.

Section 6:

Ways to Get Connected

Community Starts Here:

Because services are only part of living a meaningful life.
These programs are designed to help individuals and families build friendships, confidence, skills, and community beyond traditional services.



Mobile NDC



Kansas City
Advocacy Group



Our Podcast



Parent/Caregiver Group

ALSO:

- Community Dances
- Educational Workshops
- Volunteer opportunities
- Partner events

Section 7:

Quick Resource Directory

KCRO- Kansas City Regional Office

What they help with: Eligibility

Phone: (816) 889-3400

Website: www.dmh.mo.gov/dd



CHS-Center for Human Services

What they help with: Service Coordination

Phone: (660)826-4400

Website: www.chs-mo.org



PCBS- Platte County Board of Services

What they help with: Questions, local resources, funding, connections, and services

Phone: (816)891-0990

Website: www.pcbsdd.org



Section 8: Our Promise to You



We'll listen.

We'll answer your questions.

We'll treat you with dignity.

We'll connect you to the right resources.

We'll walk alongside you.

You don't have to figure this out alone.

Have questions?

Call us.

Email us. (info@pcbsdd.org)

Your journey is unique, but you don't have to travel it alone.

We can't wait to meet you.

Our Services

- Community Support Partner Funding
- Community Networking
- Community Living
- Day Habilitation
- Transportation
- & Many More!



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Section 9: Notes

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