

NASDDDS

National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

The National Community of Practice for Supporting Families Across the LifeSpan Announces Expansion to Twelve (12) More States

The National Community of Practice for Supporting Families of Individuals with I/DD is entering the final year of federal funding from the Administration for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

Since 2012, the states of Connecticut, District of Columbia, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington and Missouri (as the demonstration state) have been working to build capacity through a community of practice across and within these states to create policies, practices and systems to better assist and support families that include a member with I/DD across the lifespan. Participating states have changed the front door into the system, improved cultural considerations in supporting families, guided and influenced policymakers and helped shape waivers and other Medicaid authorities to focus on supporting families and individuals throughout the lifespan. NASDDDS, along with the University of Missouri Kansas City Institute for Human Development, UCEDD (UMKC-IHD), partnered to support states, work to impact national policies, develop products and tools, and provide technical assistance.

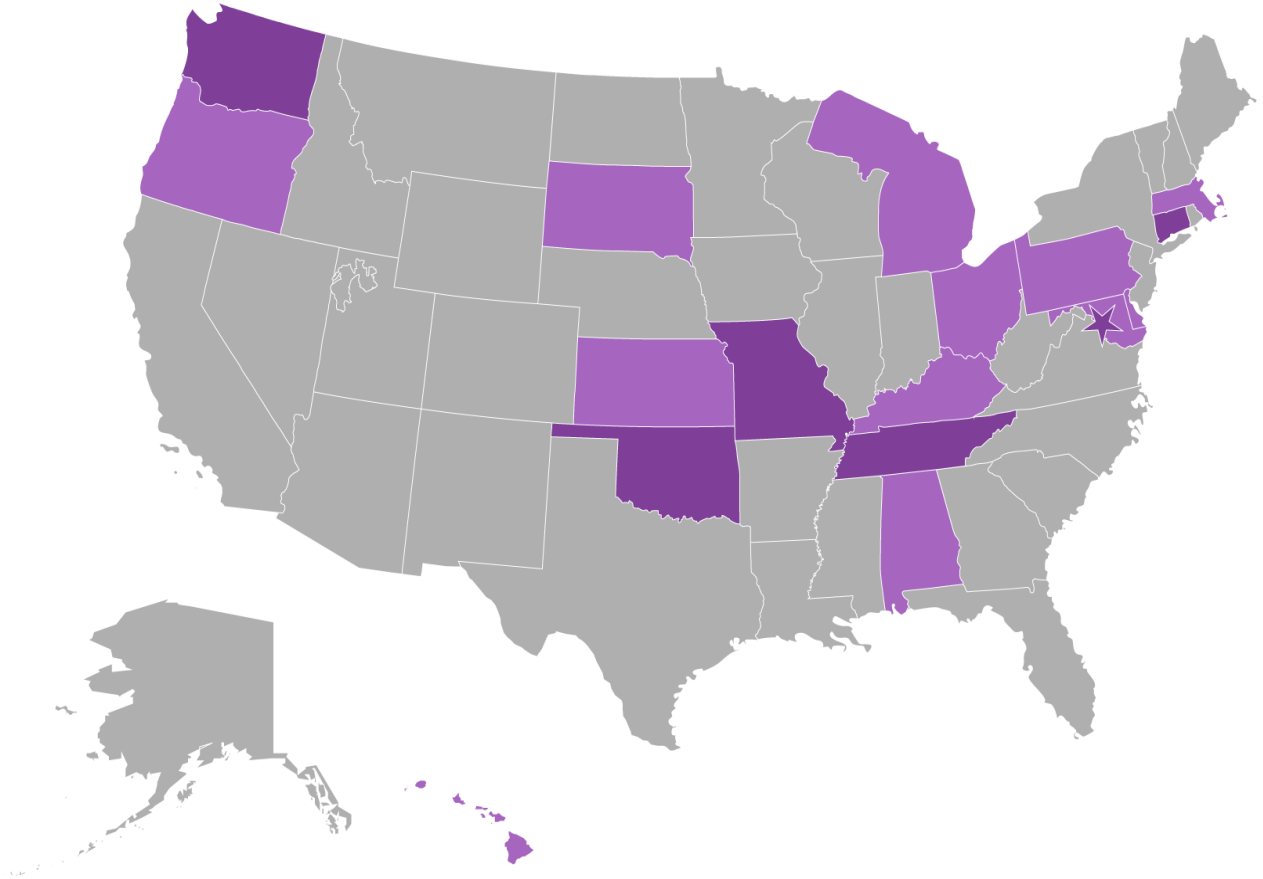
The NASDDDS board feels so strongly about supporting families and the success of the project, they wanted NASDDDS to expand the Community of Practice (CoP) to additional states. In December of 2015, they endorsed an expansion that would include up to twelve new states.

Each new CoP state team will complete a self-assessment and develop a three-year work plan with technical assistance from the Project staff. Based on the three-year plan, states will develop policies that support family networks, provide family-centered support coordination, expand service available in the home and strengthen the role of families in all models of services.

The National CoP is proud to announce and recognize the following states who have expressed their commitment to enhancing supports to families and will be participating in the expansion:

- Alabama
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Pennsylvania
- Ohio

- Oregon
- South Dakota



The original 6 CoP states are highlighted in dark purple. The CoP Expansion states are highlighted in lighter purple.

Welcome! We can't wait to see what amazing things happen as a result of this expansion!