Board Bio



Jess Bax At Large

Jessica Bax is the Director for Missouri's Division of Developmental Disabilities and serves as a member of the ADvancing States Board. The Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and epilepsy. More than 14,000 people in Missouri access person-centered supports through home and community-based service waiver settings to promote independent living. Jessica has been with the Missouri state government for fifteen years, working closely with participants and stakeholders. She holds a Master's in Public Affairs from the University of Missouri Columbia. She resides in Meta, MO with her husband Brian and their four daughters.