Missouri’s mental health community puts forth tremendous efforts to care for some of the state’s most vulnerable citizens. Throughout COVID-19, Governor Parson, the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH), and community providers have worked hard to ensure that these citizens continue to receive the vital care and services they need.

- Allocated $20 million to organizations providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Invested $3.5 million for Integrated Care Telehealth Centers of Excellence available to DMH providers and Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Allocated $2 million to provide treatment to Missourians through telehealth
- Allocated $800,000 for suicide prevention initiatives
- Supported a crisis counseling program addressing emotional distress caused by COVID-19
- Allocated $10 million to community behavioral health care providers serving individuals with serious mental illness and severe substance use disorders
- Invested $620,000 to extend public education on suicide prevention through the end of 2020
- Invested $3.2 million in StationMD, a specialized telemedicine service for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Advocated to secure PPE, testing, and other mitigation tools for state operated facilities and programs and community providers