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Shaelene Plank has served as the Executive Director of the St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources (DD Resources) since 2017. She has 30 years of experience in the non-profit and local government sectors, in the past working in the behavioral health field and now ensuring that people with developmental disabilities have quality services, choices, and full inclusion. In her current role, Shaelene provides strategic vision and leadership of DD Resources, including its grantmaking and Target Case Management programs. This involves appropriating over \$6 million in property taxes to agencies each year and serving over 500 individuals annually through case management.

During her tenure at DD Resources, she helped form the Eastern Region Alliance, a partnership between four local tax levy boards for developmental disabilities. The collaboration allows them to fund agencies more efficiently and effectively and report local and regional impact of tax dollars. She serves as an eastern region board member for the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disability Services and co-chair of their Governmental Affairs Committee. She is a member of the legislative committee for the Gateway Coalition of Service Providers and previously served as an advisory board member for UMSL Succeed.

Prior to her time at DD Resources, Shaelene served as the Chief Development Officer, Senior Program Director, Director of Community Services, Director of Quality, Director of Clinical Services, Therapist, and Case Manager at Epworth Children & Family Services. Shaelene is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Missouri and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in the State of Illinois.