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## *Central Illinois Service Access gains better control over financials with JMT Consulting Group*

"I had been losing sleep until we partnered with JMT Consulting," confesses Debbie Sheppard, Executive Director of Central Illinois Service Access (CISA). "Now I am confident in our reports and our ability to know what funds have been spent along with where and how they were spent."

Central Illinois Service Access is funded by the state to serve individuals with developmental disabilities in 9 counties and brain injury home services programs in 30 counties. "We serve as a gatekeeper for individual assessments and determine the appropriate programs for their assistance," explains Sheppard. "CISA is currently working on behalf of over 2,000 individuals."

Sheppard has come a long way in transforming the financial operations of the organization. "Prior to Sage MIP Fund Accounting we were using QuickBooks and we simply outgrew it. It didn't meet our reporting requirements and we were consumed with manual spreadsheets to attempt to get the information we needed."

By chance, a colleague of Sheppard attended a workshop hosted by JMT Consulting Group.

Following the workshop, the report came back, "This is what we need."

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While it's painful to remember the days of struggling with spreadsheets, Sheppard is very happy with the current state of the accounting system; allocations are handled easily and accurately, reports are thorough, accurate and easy to access and Sheppard utilizes a reporting feature that allows her to diagram the expenses of each program when presenting to the board of directors.

Sheppard notes that JMT brings several areas of expertise to the table; technical, accounting and nonprofit. "The nonprofit world is a world all its own. And JMT understands the challenges we face and has been a life saver for us. In selecting JMT and Sage MIP Fund Accounting, we definitely came out a winner."

