

**WHY WAS THE COUNCIL
OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ESTABLISHED?**

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) were established according to the Developmental Disabilities Reform Act of Kansas in 1995.

Each CDDO in Kansas has a Council of Community Members.

The council membership includes individuals with intellectual / developmental disabilities, family members, guardians, community service providers and the CDDO.

SHAWNEE COUNTY

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Shawnee County
Community Developmental Disabilities Organization
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WHAT DOES THE COUNCIL DO?

COUNCIL MEMBER

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend 4-6 scheduled meetings per year.
- The Council participates with the review, organization and implementation of the dispute resolution policy.
- The Council is responsible for overseeing the review, implementation and progress to local capacity building plans, in accordance with guidelines provided.
- The Council has the right to express opinions and make suggestions to the CDDO Governing Board regarding service related concerns.
- Additional responsibilities for members are outlined in the Council By-Laws.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Speak up for yourself and for others with developmental disabilities.
- Ask questions and voice your concerns about I/DD services and supports.
- Be involved with long range planning and make suggestions to the Governing Board of the CDDO.
- Make suggestions to enhance service system delivery.
- Advocate for all affiliates of the CDDO to provide quality person-centered services.

**Meetings are held the 3rd
Wednesday (every other month),
from 12-1 pm at
Shawnee County CDDO
2701 SW Randolph Ave.
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