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Your initial contact
for information about
Developmental Disability
Services in Shawnee County, Kansas

In 1995, the Developmental Disability Reform Act enhanced support access and delivery through the establishment of Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDO's). TARC is the designated CDDO for Shawnee County.

The CDDO assures children, adults and their families have access to available community resources. The CDDO bridges existing community resources to maximize capacity and ensure success through:

- 👤 Eligibility determination
- 🏠 Partnering with community service providers to offer support options for day, residential, case management, and personal assistant services.
- ⚖️ Quality management
- 💰 Fiscal Management of I/DD (Intellectual Developmental Disabilities) funding for Shawnee County
- ♿️ Building Community partnerships
- 🏢 Community Training
- 📄 Resource and Referral

Initial and Annual Eligibility Determination

Eligibility is determined through meeting specific criteria defined by the State of Kansas. The BASIS (Basic Assessment and Services Information System) is an assessment tool used to determine waiver and funding eligibility for Developmental Disability (DD) services in Kansas.

- Eligibility determination is coordinated through the CDDO Liaison.
- All children and adults determined eligible for I/DD services require a BASIS Assessment to determine eligibility for funding.
- BASIS Assessments occur initially and then annually when a person receives services.

Community Partnerships

The Shawnee County CDDO ensures community resources are strengthened by the ongoing initiation of strong partnerships, collaboration, and commitment to services and support for all persons with I/DD.

- School districts in Shawnee County
- Topeka and Shawnee County Parks and Recreation
- Family Service and Guidance Center
- Valeo
- KNI (Kansas Neurological Institute)
- Community Action
- Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
- Law enforcement
- Correction and judicial systems



Quality Management

The Shawnee County CDDO contracts with local community service providers that strive to provide quality supports and services that are planned and implemented in accordance with a persons needs, preferences and decisions.

- Assuring compliance standards are met in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, standards and contract requirements.
- Assuring there are sufficient qualified and individual providers.
- Engaging in data collection and outcome assessment to assess the ongoing implementation of services and supports and identifying opportunities for improvement.
- Assuring persons are satisfied with their services and achieve desired outcomes.
- Assuring that persons are safe and secure in their home and communities, taking into account their informed and expressed choices.

Fiscal Management

The Shawnee County CDDO is responsible for the management of funding received as outlined in the State/CDDO Contract. Accurate and efficient fiscal management is critical in maximizing all resources available:



- Advocacy efforts for adequate rates.
- Management of local Funding Services Access List (waiting list).
- Maintain contracted services are within guidelines and expectations.
- Education for choices and opportunities.
- Transfer of Services for persons moving to other CDDO areas within Kansas.

Resource and Referral

The Shawnee County CDDO is the initial point of contact for any and all resources available to persons determined eligible for I/DD services and their families.

- Case management services.
- Day supports (employment, education and retirement opportunities)
- Residential supports
- Educational advocacy
- In-home supports
- Assistive services (home modifications, communication devices, wheel chair modifications and van lifts)

