

Shawnee County Capacity Building

Strengths

Transportation
Good Quality Oversight
Access to Mental Health Services
Good Relationship with Local Law Enforcement
KNI as a Resource (Behavior Outreach & Seating Clinic)
Many Affiliated Providers to Choose From in Shawnee County

Barriers

Lack of Training for Staff
Lack of ID/DD Knowledge within KDADS & MCO's
KDADS (Inability to do Long Term Planning Because State has a System Unfinished)
Health Homes
Lack of TCM Agencies Open to New Referrals
Low Pay for Staff & Overworked Staff
Community Businesses Adverse to Hiring Individuals with ID/DD
Voc Rehab Backlogged
Medical & Dental Needs Not Being Met (Agencies Cannot Pay for Nursing)
Behavioral Challenges
Schools Not Involved as Needed
Housing (Congregating into Low Income Properties & Not Enough Good Housing)
Some Providers Have Limited Transportation (Sharing One Vehicle within the Agency)
Philosophy of Services Has Decreased
Zoning Issues
Transportation (Lack of Evening & Weekend Public Transportation, Wheelchair Accessibility, & Individuals Living Outside the City Limits)

Goals

Crisis Respite (KNI Star Program)
Collaboration with MCO's to Discuss Barriers & Have Better Communication
Liaison between State, MCO's, & Local Community
More Creative Outcomes from the MCO's
Transportation