**Supporting Your Student Needing Adult Services**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Contact your Local County Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO)**

[Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services](https://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/programs/i-dd)

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services  
Attention: Home and Community Based Services  
503 S. Kansas Ave.  
Topeka, KS 66603-3404

785-296-4983

The CDDO serves as the single point of application, intake, and referral for home and community-based services (HCBS) for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Contact the intake and referral coordinator at your local CDDO. Click [HERE](https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/CSP/HCBS/I-DD/cddo-map9acd5ea0172e66d690a7ff00009edf98.pdf?sfvrsn=0) to find your local CDDO.

**Need to Know:**

There is approximately an **8-10 year waiting list** to receive funding in order to access services. Begin this process as soon as possible to increase the chances of your student accessing these services at the time they need them.

**The Process:**

1. Complete the application
2. Complete a medical examination
3. Complete a psychological evaluation

* Your family doctor or local CDDO may be able to help refer you to a psychologist.
* Medicaid will cover the cost if the provider accepts Medicaid.
* Some private insurance companies may cover the cost – Check with your insurance company.
* Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services @ Department of Children and Family (DCF) Services **may** be able to help with the cost of the psychological evaluation.

1. After eligibility is determined, a functional assessment will be conducted by the CDDO annually.
2. After eligibility is determined, your child’s name will be placed on the waiting list for HCBS funding.

* **You can access case management services without being eligible for HCBS funding.** A targeted case manager (TCM) will be able to assist you in accessing services and gathering information about contracting providers.

1. If you are in need of services prior to your child’s name coming up on the waiting list, there are other programs and options that may help meet the need. Specific qualifications and requirements will need to be met for each program and crisis funding.

* **Incidental Client Supports** (Limited to $1000 per fiscal year) – Funding available that may be able to assist families with emergent needs, assistive technology, dental services, or other services not covered by Medicaid or private insurance.
* **Family Support** (Limited to $3500 per fiscal year) – Funding made available to assist individuals with IDD living in the family home to defray costs related to the disability. (i.e. In home or personal care, diapers (over age 4) or adult briefs, respite care, specialized childcare, dietary supplements)
* **One-Time Funds** (Limited to $10,000 per lifetime) – Funds used to assist families with services and items not covered by Medicaid or private insurance. This funding is not always available and is dependent on available funding from the State. (i.e. dental services over $1000, home modifications, wheelchairs, van lifts, assistive technology over $1000)
* **Crisis Funding** – Funding made available to assist individuals with IDD when they are in danger of being harmed or harming themselves or others.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services**

[Vocational Rehabilitation Services](http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/RS/Pages/Employment-Services.aspx)

Apply with your local Department of Family and Children Services (DCF)

Click [HERE](http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/Pages/MapVR.aspx) to find your local DCF location.

Customer Service Assistance 833-765-2003

VR assists individuals with disabilities in obtaining gainful employment.

**Program Services:**

* Employment counseling and guidance
* Physical and mental restoration services
* Job training
* Other services
* Supported employment
* Job placement services
* Services for High School students

**Need to Know:**

* With consent, your child’s IEP case manager can refer your child to VR and invite the VR counselor to the IEP meeting after the age of 14.
* VR **may** be able to access funding to help meet continuing educational, training, accessibility, or cover the cost(s) of other needs necessary to access community services if related to employment.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

[Social Security Administration](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/)

Apply on-line or call to schedule an appointment between the hours of 7a.m.–7p.m.

1-800-772-1213

SSI is a cash supplement your child may be eligible to receive which can help to support him or her financially.

**Need to Know:**

* Some students may qualify for SSI before turning 18 and some may not qualify until after turning 18.
* Household income is a consideration for minors but may not be for those individuals over the age of 18.
* Approximately 70% of applicants are denied SSI, do not be surprised if your child is denied assistance. If this happens, **appeal** the process within the given time frame rather than reapplying.
* It may be beneficial to schedule an in-person appointment and take your child with you when going for an appointment.
* This can be a very lengthy process and persistence to receive services may be needed. If you need legal assistance in the matter, you may choose to contact an attorney or obtain assistance through [Kansas Legal Services](https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/) 1-800-723-6953.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Apply for Medicaid (Kancare)**

[Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)](https://www.kancare.ks.gov/consumers/apply-for-kancare)

1-800-792-4884

Medicaid provides health services and access to medical care to children and families in need and individuals with disabilities. In Kansas, the medical services program is referred to as Kancare and contracts with 3 private insurance companies which serve as managed care organizations (MCO).

**Need to Know:**

* + Kancare funds home and community-based services (HCBS) in Kansas. Many individuals with disabilities will access HCBS funding such as home supportive care, residential, or day services in order to live as independently as possible within their community.
  + Private insurance typically does **NOT** pay for home and community-based services.
  + It is possible to have a private insurance policy and receive Kancare to help cover the cost of needed services. Private insurance will be the primary insurance provider and Kancare will be the secondary insurance provider. Kancare will typically cover the cost of qualifying out-of-pocket expenses and co-pays that private insurance will not pay.
  + Individuals applying for Kancare are required to apply for SSI. (Remember that these are separate government agencies and applications will need to be made separately at the respective agencies for Kancare and SSI.)
  + Individuals who already receive SSI, will be presumed eligible for Kancare, but will still need to go through the application process for Kancare.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Determine if Guardianship is Needed**

Guardianship is a legal mechanism that grants a designated adult legal power to make decisions for another person, one who is considered unable to make decisions himself or herself.

**Need to Know:**

* + Different types of guardianship are available based on the specific needs of the individual. An attorney will need to be obtained. Estimated cost is typically $500-$1000.
  + [Kansas Legal Services](https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/) may be able to assist with obtaining guardianship at a reduced cost.
  + Some CDDO providers work with private attorneys and may be able to access pro-bono assistance when obtaining guardianship.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Consider Setting Up a Special Needs Trust or ABLE Account**

* + Many well-intentioned caregivers don’t realize that an inheritance may cause many problems for their dependent with special needs. Under current federal law, any inheritance of more than $2,000 disqualifies individuals with disabilities from most federal needs-based assistance. Benefits from public assistance programs may also be impacted or withdrawn.
  + A special needs trust or an ABLE account offers a means of protecting your loved one’s eligibility for benefits, while addressing the ongoing care and needs of your dependent with special needs.