

HCBS 2015 Systems at Work Educational Summit

Below is a list of the HCBS 2015 Summit Sessions, including speaker biographies and session descriptions submitted by the speakers.

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Scott Gates, Kansas Treasurer's Office

Scott Gates serves the citizens of Kansas as General Counsel for the State Treasurer's Office and Director for the state's three 529 Education Savings plans; Learning Quest, Learning Quest Advisor and the Schwab 529. Gates is charged with overseeing the programs' operations for over 190,000 accounts and \$4.6 billion in assets. Scott is a graduate of The University Of Kansas School of Law and has served Kansas Treasurers for over 20 years.

Session Description

A brief overview of the recently enacted Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) providing for tax deferred savings accounts that are exempt from Medicaid assets test.

Access to I/DD Services, the role of the CDDO, and Advocacy to Attain Services

Tom Laing, Tim Wood, Cindy Wichman InterHab & Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs)

Tom Laing is the Executive Director of InterHab, an education, technical assistance and advocacy organization, the membership of which is comprised of IDD community service providers and CDDOs.

Laing joined InterHab in 1993, after having worked eight years in the Kansas House of Representatives, including his final two years as Chief of Staff for the Speaker of the House. His career includes public school classroom teaching, community action anti-poverty program administration, and various roles in government and elective politics. He received a Bachelor's degree in Education from Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia (now Emporia State University). He is the father of three children, grandfather of three, and now resides in Olathe with his wife Julie Broski and their three daughters.

Tim Wood is the Director of the Johnson County CDDO. Prior to this appointment, Tim was Manager for the End the Wait Campaign at the Disabilities Rights Center of Kansas. He received his Bachelors of Science in Health Services Organization and Policy from Wichita State University. He has worked as a government relations consultant representing clients from various industries including: health care, non-profits, energy, and e-commerce. Tim formerly worked for the Tennessee Protection and Advocacy agency and United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee, where his roles included public policy, supported employment, Partners in Policymaking, and Tennessee Youth Leadership Forum. Tim and his wife Janene live in Lawrence with their daughters. In his spare time Tim enjoys spending time with his daughters, golfing, water skiing, and volunteering.

Cindy Wichman is currently the Director of CDDO Administration at Big Lakes Developmental Center in Manhattan (the single IDD point Riley, Geary, Clay and Pottawatomie counties.) She also chairs the Riley County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC for early childhood services) and sits on the KanCare Friends and Family Advisory Council, as a member of the Education/Communications Subcommittee. She has served as CDDO director since 2001. Cindy has also worked in long-term care settings for seniors and people with disabilities since the early 1990's, including adult care homes, acute care hospitals, home health agencies and hospice care. She holds a MS in Nonprofit Management and Leadership and a BA in Communication Arts. She also earned certification in Rehabilitation Administration.

Session Description

The panelists will discuss access to the HCBS/IDD waiver, and the basic steps that a family or person can take to work their local CDDOs.

Assessment and Prevention Services in Kansas (APS/CPS)

Sherrie Gross, Lynnea Kaufman, and Lesli Hale
Department for Children and Families (DCF)

Sherrie Gross graduated from Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor's in Social Work. She has worked for the Department for Children and Families since 1992 in various positions. Positions include Child Protection Social Worker, Kansas Protection Report Center Supervisor, Central Registry Administrator, Intake and Assessment Program Manager, and PPS Training team member.

Lynnea Kaufman received a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Kansas in 1988. She began working for the State of Kansas in September, 1988. She has worked as a front line social worker, supervisor, and in performance improvement. She is currently a program manager for Prevention and Protection Services in central office.

Leslie is the Adult Protective Services Program Manager for the Kansas Department for Children and Families. She has held that position since September 2011. She has been with DCF (formerly SRS) since December of 2002. Leslie is responsible for oversight of the APS program throughout the state of Kansas. This includes policy development, data collection and monitoring, continuous program improvement, and training. Leslie received her BA in Social Work from Colorado State University and her MSW from the University of Kansas. In her 20 plus years as a social worker, she has worked in the public service field in foster care, child and adult protective services, mental health, corrections and in the medical field.

Session Description

This Session will describe what to expect as a mandated reporter for child abuse and neglect concerns. It will walk participants through the differences between safety and risk and decision making points of a Prevention and Protection Assessment.

According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, 1 in 10 adults over the age of 60 experienced some form of abuse within the past year and 30% of adults with disabilities reported one or more type of mistreatment from their Personal Assistance Service provider. This workshop will focus on adult abuse within the State of Kansas. Participants will learn how abuse, neglect, or exploitation is defined; how to report or who to go to for help; and how each and every one can help prevent abuse. Sedgwick County CDDO will present an overview of a new training curriculum (S.A.F.E. -Stop Abuse for Everybody) they will be implementing throughout the state.

Assistive Technology (ATK): Increasing Independence at Work, at School, at Play and in Your Community with Assistive Technology for Kansans

Stuart Jones
Assistive Technology for Kansans

State Coordinator for Kansas Equipment Exchange and Telecommunication Access Program facilitated by Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) Project of Life Span Institute University of Kansas. Stuart Jones has a long history with the Assistive Technology for Kansans program as an AT Specialist II in Northeast Kansas and previously Special Education Teacher with 26 years of experience. His expertise in special education, mobility and communication has increase independence for individuals with disabilities throughout Kansas a crossed the life span.

Session Description

Assistive Technology for Kansans connects people with disabilities and health conditions of all ages with the assistive technology they need to learn, work, play and participate in community life safely and independently. Services include device demonstration; device short-term loan program; help identifying funding for a device; access to the reuse program of lightly used, high quality equipment; access to telecommunications equipment and services and more.

Brain Injury 101 and After

Terrie L. Price, PHD, ABPP
Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City

Dr. Price is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychologists. She received her PhD in Counseling Psychology, with an emphasis in Behavior Medicine-Neuropsychology, from University of Kansas. She is serving or has served in leadership roles for the following organizations: Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (President); Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City; International Neuropsychological Society, American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers; American Psychological Association, and Greater Kansas City Psychological Association. She was a contributing author for The Missouri Green Book: Living with Traumatic Brain Injury and Educational Directions for Students with Traumatic Brain Injury. Published articles to her credit include: Life satisfaction of people with SCI Traumatic Head Injury Cause Consequences and Challenge; and Testing Adults: A Reference Guide for Special Psycho-diagnostic Assessments.

Session Description

This session will describe what is known about the multiple causes and effects of brain injury, particularly those on cognition, behavior, and life skills, and supports that can help bridge gaps to independence.

Care for the Caregiver

Deborah Gutteridge
Brain Injury Association of Kansas

Deborah possesses a Master's of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology from Northwest Missouri State University. With over 27 years in the field of case management, Deborah possesses experience in multiple practice settings ranging from State Vocational Rehabilitation, to acute inpatient rehabilitation, to post-acute rehabilitation in her current position as a Clinical Evaluator/Case Manager with NeuroRestorative, a nationally recognized company providing supports and services for persons who have sustained traumatic brain or spinal cord injury. Deborah also serves on the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City and on the Case Management Society of America-Kansas City Chapter. She has published in both periodical and journal articles regarding the practice of case management and integrated case management. Additionally, Deborah has been involved in the Case Management Society of America for 16 years, serving in both local and national capacities.

Session Description

Brain injury is a lifelong challenge, not only for the survivor, but also for those caring for the survivor. This session will explore ways family and other caregivers can remain positive while adapting to new realities.

CILS: Independent Living

Rosie Cooper
Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living

Rosie Cooper currently serves as the Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (KACIL). In addition, Rosie serves as a Commissioner for the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, an Ex-Officio member of the Kansas Statewide Independent Living Council, and a board member for Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy and Wheatland Fishing Has No Boundaries. Previously, Rosie served as Independent Living Director for Resource Center for Independent Living and Wraparound Director at Keys for Networking. Rosie's passion is igniting people's hope for a better future.

Session Description

Learn how Centers for Independent Living can teach you how stand up for yourself, how to live more independently, how to meet like peers or most important, what the IL Philosophy of "Choice" means for you.

Conflict Resolution

Jeanne Tomiser, Deborah Pinault-Wilson, & Tim Baker Kansas Neurological Institute

Jeanne Tomiser is currently the Director of the Psychology Department of Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka, Kansas. With 37 years of experience in the field of intellectual disabilities, she is certified as a Facilitator for the Kansas Institute for Positive Behavior Support, and has held previous positions as the Director of Service Coordination for Monaco & Associates, as a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional and as a Research Assistant at the University of Kansas. Jeanne holds degrees of Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Missouri, St. Louis (1974), and Master of Science in Experimental Psychology from Kansas State University (1979).

Deborah Pinault-Wilson is currently a Behavior Technician in the KNI Psychology Department. Her work in the field of disabilities began at Winfield State Hospital and Training Center (4 years), Cottonwood, Inc. as an employment Services Supervisor (3 years), Paraprofessional Educator through Three Lakes Educational Co-Op (4 years), supportive home care work (4+ years), and direct support staff at KNI (2 years). She holds an Associate's Degree in Human Services from Allen County Community College.

Tim Baker is currently a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional for the Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka, Kansas. He has held previous positions as a Client Training Supervisor, Behavior Consultant for Enhanced Life Services and Behavior Technician in KNI's psychology department. Tim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Washburn University.

Session Description

An overview of non-physical and physical techniques necessary in the management of challenging behavior from a person-centered orientation. Includes KNI's guiding principles for positive behavioral intervention including understanding the function of the behavior, recognizing triggers, setting events and precursors, and various non-physical intervention techniques. Safe physical intervention techniques are discussed.

Discharge Planning for Individuals with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Mary Tibbets, LMSW
Stormont Vail

Mary Miller is a licensed Master's level Social Worker with 11 years of experience working in a hospital setting with expertise in discharge planning, uninsured and underinsured Medicaid populations, and navigating social service systems to improve coordination of patient care across the healthcare continuum.

Session Description

Examine the complexity of applying for the services needed for patients with TBI along the continuum of care. From the acute care setting to home with community services explore the processes that are necessary to obtain needed community services for TBI survivors and then need for community collaboration to assure service delivery.

DSW Training: AuthentiCare Kansas Overview

Candace Cobb
First Data

Candace worked with services that supported consumers in their home environments for almost 31 years in her work with the State of Kansas. For the past three and a half years, she has worked with First Data Corporation, Government Solutions, in AuthentiCare(r) Kansas.

Session Description

AuthentiCare is a web-based Electronic Visit Verification system which includes scheduling, tracking, reporting and billing. The FD AuthentiCare system automatically captures and invoices accurate services provided to consumers, and automates billing and reporting functions. It offers assurance to consumers, providers, health plans, and state agencies that the "right services were delivered at the right time and for the right amount of time." AuthentiCare gives consumers assurance the time spent with them is accurate, gives Direct Support Workers credence for their ethical service delivery, and state agencies and health plans data to assist them in ensuring appropriate care is delivered to consumers and in making policy decisions regarding the delivery of services.

Emergency Planning for Individuals with Disability

Anthony Fadale
Department for Children and Families (DCF)

Anthony Fadale became State ADA Coordinator in 1997. In this capacity he ensures that the State of Kansas is compliant with the ADA and State accessibility requirements. Prior to his current job Anthony worked for Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas on issues involving disability, Mental Health and Aging.. He has graduated from Washburn University with a B.A. in 1992 and J.D. From Washburn School of Law in 1995..

Mr. Fadale is an expert in both State and Federal Court on ADA issues. He has also made ADA presentations at many State Conferences. Mr. Fadale has participated and worked w with our Federal Partners among them the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He was considered for nomination by the President in 2008 to the U.S. Access Board in 2008. In 2010 attended 20th Anniversary celebration at the White House.

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Session Description

Events like tornados and floods impact everyone. This overview will focus on some of the major responsibilities and obligations during a disaster. It will also provide participants with resources they can use to assist in developing their plan.

Families Together: Kansas Parent Training And Family-to Family Health Information Center

Tami Schwindt-Allen
Families Together, Inc.

Tami Schwindt-Allen has been a part of the Families Together Inc. team since 1993. She is currently the Program Director and serves as the Project Director for the Family to Family Health Center.

Tami is the parent of a young adult with special health care needs including cerebral palsy. She has been instrumental in the development of his health care plan to better support his endeavor in self-directing his life and needed services as well as living independently. Among Tami's areas of expertise is transition from school to adult services and employment. Tami serves on the State Independent Living Council of Kansas, Kansas Assistive Technology Advisory Board, Living Independently in Northwest Kansas Board, Community Health Coalition, Southwest Developmental Services Board and Mosaic Human Rights Council.

Session Description

Come learn about Families Together, Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps families and youth to understand the educational, health, and disability systems that provide services and supports in Kansas. The session will include an overview of Families Together's mission, programs, and available services.

Food Borne Illnesses and Safety: Enteric Diseases and Outbreaks in Kansas

Lindsey Webb
Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE)

Lindsey Webb has been an epidemiologist with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment since 2013 and is responsible for the foodborne and waterborne disease programs for Kansas. Lindsey received her Master of Public Health from Georgia State University in 2012 and her Bachelor of Science in Statistics from the University of South Carolina in 2005.

Session Description

Discuss disease that can be caused by exposure to contaminated food or water, animals, or other ill persons. We will then provide resources and safety tips to help prevent these diseases.

Guardianship in Kansas

Jean Krahn and Laura Dickinson
Kansas Guardianship Program

M. Jean Krahn, NMG, has served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Guardianship Program (KGP), for the past 31 years. The KGP on a statewide basis recruits, trains and monitors volunteers who are appointed to serve as guardians and conservators for program eligible adults. This program serves more than 1400 wards or conservatees through the efforts of approximately 775 volunteers. Ms. Krahn is certified as a National Master Guardian through the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC) has served as President for the Center for Guardianship Certification of Board of Trustees. Ms. Krahn serves on the Kansas Judicial Council Guardianship and Conservatorship Advisory Committee.

Ms. Dickinson has served as regional staff with the KGP for 26 years. Prior to her work in the field of guardianship and conservatorship, Ms. Dickinson worked in community supports and services providing advocacy and case management for adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities and seniors. She holds B.S. degree in horticultural therapy and gerontology. Ms. Dickinson is certified as a National Certified Guardian through the Center for Guardianship Certification.

Session Description

This program will provide an overview of the Kansas Guardianship Program; program structure, services and partners. Additionally it will provide a general overview of the guardianship and conservatorship statute; less restrict alternatives including powers or attorney; the legal process for obtaining a guardian or conservator; statutory framework for surrogate decision-making; responsibilities and limitations of authority; and, accountability to the Court.

Health Homes in KanCare

Samantha Ferencik
Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE)

Samantha Ferencik is a Program Analyst at Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Division of Health Care Finance. She received her BA and MA from Washburn University and completed her doctoral coursework at Binghamton University in New York State. After teaching at the collegiate level, Samantha relocated to Topeka to be near to family, where she began her career with KDHE. Samantha's notable projects and initiatives at KDHE include the Health Homes initiative and the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP). Samantha can be contacted at sferencik@kdheks.gov.

Session Description

The presentation will cover the basics of eligibility related to Health Homes. I will also describe the services as well as the general program framework.

KanCare and the ADA: Olmstead and HCBS

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This presentation will provide an overview of some crucial requirements of the ADA and how it applies to Kancare. It also stresses the some specific areas that are being focused on to ensure compliance with the law as we continue to integrate as appropriate Kansans with disabilities into the communities so they can pursue their dreams in a meaningful way.

KanCare Basics: An Overview of KanCare

Rebecca Ross

Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KHDE)

Becky Ross is currently the Medicaid Initiatives Coordinator in the Division of Health Care Finance/KDHE. In that position, she is the project manager for the KanCare Health Homes initiative.

She earned degrees in psychology from Baker University and Fort Hays State University, where she also taught psychology. She has worked as a psychologist and Qualified Mental Retardation Professional at two State hospitals. She wrote and managed the Kansas home and community-based services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver for persons with intellectual or other developmental disabilities. She held a number of positions in the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Developmental Disabilities and Medicaid programs, including Acting Medicaid Director. She served as Acting Director of Data Policy and Evaluation, Senior Manager of Policy Analysis and Deputy Policy Director in the Kansas Health Policy Authority before it was merged with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Session Description

This presentation is designed to provide an overview of KanCare and Medicaid in Kansas. It will provide basic information about the difference between Medicare and Medicaid, as well as explaining which services are required to be provided and which are optional. It will also explain how KanCare policy is developed and which state agencies carry out various KanCare functions.

Kansas Nursing Law related to Delegation/ Nurse Delegation

Diane Glynn
Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN)

Diane Glynn, Practice Specialist for the Kansas State Board of Nursing

Diane received her BS degree in Nursing from Washburn University in 1980 and her Juris Doctorate degree from Washburn University School of Law in 1985. She practiced hospital nursing for ten years. She was in private law practice for four years and was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Kansas assigned as Litigation/Discipline Counsel to several Health Care Boards including the KSBN for two years before accepting this current position. She later served as a Special Assistant Attorney General for KSBN. She has been with the KSBN for 24 years. She heads the Legal Department for the agency. She is also an Adjunct Professor for Washburn University in the Criminal Justice and legal Studies Program.

Session Description

The presentation will examine Kansas statutory requirements contained in the Kansas Nurse Practice Act (KNPA) relating to scope of practice for RNs and LPNs, exceptions to licensure and delegation of nursing actions.

Medicaid Eligibility 101

Jeanine Schieferecke
Kanas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE)

Jeanine is a Senior Manager in the Eligibility Unit of the Division of Health Care Finance in the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, responsible for Medicaid and CHIP eligibility policy. She has more than 25 years of experience with Medicaid and CHIP eligibility, with over 15 in the policy and program area. She has a B.S. in Mathematics from Fort Hays State University.

Session Description

This session will explain Medicaid eligibility policies and processes. This will include a review of the Medicaid application process and verification requirements as well as an overview of the various Medicaid categories and eligibility standards.

MFEI: Assessment Overview, Process, and Planning

Carrie Wendel- Hummell & Dorothy Nary
University of Kansas (KU)

Carrie Wendel-Hummell is a research project manager in the KU Center for Research on Aging and Disability Options (CRADO) and a doctoral candidate at KU. Prior to her research career, Carrie was a direct care provider for older adults and individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD).

Dot Nary is an assistant research professor at the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at KU, with research interests in community living and full participation of people with disabilities of all ages. She worked at several independent living centers before entering graduate school.

Session Description

The University of Kansas (KU) is working with KDADS to develop and implement a new universal assessment tool for the Medicaid FE, PD and TBI HCBS and PACE programs. It will also be a screen for Medicaid Nursing Facility and TBIRF admissions. The tool is currently called the Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument (MFEI). KU research staff will discuss the process of selecting an interRAI assessment as the base tool for the FE, PD, and FE populations, the current pilot testing of the MFEI with ADRCs, and plans for implementation. KU will also discuss the plans and process for revising or developing a new assessment for I/DD services and supports.

Nurse Practice Act

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Online and Applied System for Intervention Skills (OASIS) Training Program

Linda Heitzman-Powell

Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training (KCART)

Linda Heitzman-Powell, Ph.D. is currently the Director of Community Research at the University of Kansas Medical Center where she holds a Research Associate Professorship position. She maintains credentials as a Licensed Psychologist and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (doctorate level). She currently directs several federally funded research projects such as the NIDRR-funded project to develop and evaluate a distance applied behavior analytic training program for parents of young children with autism. She also is the Program Director for the Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training Social and Rehabilitation Autism Waiver state training program. Dr. Heitzman-Powell is an active member in the Autism Community, serving on the boards of several local autism organizations. Dr. Heitzman-Powell received her Ph.D. in Developmental and Child Psychology from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Heitzman-Powell has a long and rich history in determining and providing evidence-based practices to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. During her doctoral training, she studied under the tutelage of Dr. Donald, M. Baer, one of the initial researchers that defined the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) (Baer, Wolf & Risley, 1968). Since the early 1990's, she has been involved in the application of science-based methodology with individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds in addition to those with disabilities, such as ASD. In fact, her Master's Thesis was on the use of skills-training and reinforcement of anger management with the juvenile delinquent population and her dissertation examined the effects of a social skills training package on increasing the social repertoires of young children with ASD. She served as the Convener of the Best Practices Subcommittee for the Kansas Legislative Task Force on Autism. In addition to her professional activities, she maintains an active private practice providing home- and clinic-based behavioral consulting services to families who have a child or children with problem behaviors, diagnosed with an ASD, or other disabilities/conditions. Over the last decade, her research has concentrating on the development of several community-based training programs for providers and parents. She has also served as Co-PI on a federally funded project to explore the use of peer networks to increase social and literacy competence in young children with ASD in kindergarten and first grade. Currently she works on a federally funded project to promote social competencies in older adolescents and young adults with ASD.

Session Description

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neuro-biological condition that affects neurotypical development. Individuals impacted by ASD experience challenges with social communication and exhibit behaviors that interfere with their ability to participate independently in home and community settings. Intervention requires a significant investment in time and resources. The OASIS intervention teaches parents the skills they need to feel confidence in parenting their child with ASD. Parents participating in OASIS have reported satisfaction with the intervention.

Overview of the ADA

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The overview will provide some history of and amendments to the ADA. It will also provide information and resources available regarding the different titles.

Project Search

Craig Knutson, Beth Johnson, & Shelley Mae

Craig Knutson currently serves as a Public Policy Coordinator for the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) and is the Statewide Coordinator for Project SEARCH Kansas. He is the former Director of Self Advocacy Services for the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas (SACK) and has over 25 years of experience working in the disability field. He believes that the strongest form of advocacy is the empowerment of people so that they can live as independently as possible in the communities of their choice.

Beth Johnson is the Director of Day and Employment Services for Johnson County Developmental Supports (JCDS) and recently helped establish an Adult Project SEARCH site in Johnson County. She is also a member of the InterHab Employment Resource Network and participated on the statewide Employment First workgroup. Beth has over 25 years of experience working in the disability field and believes that everyone should have the opportunity to be employed, earn a competitive wage, and enjoy the many benefits of being an active member of their community.

I have worked in the field of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in Kansas for over 26 years. During my career I have served multiple roles as a service provider, targeted case manager, volunteer guardian, state licensing and quality assurance coordinator, grants manager, and disability advocate. I currently serve as Employment/Day Pathways Facilitator for members w/IDD enrolled in Sunflower Health Plan, one of the managed care organizations in Kansas and work statewide to increase culture, capacity and choice in all communities and service systems. I consult within the managed care organization and externally with members, families and providers to increase expectations of employment and provide training and resources to achieve the desired outcome of employment.

Session Description

Project SEARCH is an education and employment program for high school youth with I/DD in their last year of high school eligibility. Kansas has also blazed new ground with Project SEARCH and has adapted the model so that young adults can use the program to transition from sheltered workshop and day services settings into competitive, integrated employment. Interns typically spend nine months immersed in a host business site completing three internship rotations designed to teach them marketable, transferable work skills. The goal of the program is employment for each intern-defined as 20 or more hours per week in a competitive, integrated setting, non-seasonal, and earning prevailing wage or higher. Project SEARCH has a 69% success rate for meeting employment outcomes in Kansas; internationally, it has earned numerous awards and citations for their quality and innovation. Come learn what makes Project SEARCH so successful and why it was mentioned 5 times in the National Associations of Governors Blue Print on Employment.

Public Health Concerns: Current Public Health Topics

Sheri Tubach

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Sheri Tubach is the Director of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response and has been an epidemiologist with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment since 2007. In her role as director she oversees infectious disease surveillance, outbreak investigations, and communicable disease prevention and control. Ms. Tubach received her Master's degree in Public Health from Kansas State University in 2006, her Master's degree in Biochemistry from Kansas State University in 1998, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Kansas State University in 1995.

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Role of FMS Provider in F/EA Model

Jacque Clifton & Terry Koehn

Jacque Clifton is the parent and legal guardian of a 20-year old young man with I/DD and is the owner/director of Advocate Care Services, Inc., a Financial Management Services (FMS) provider in Sedgwick County and south-central Kansas area. Jacque helps her son self-direct his in-home supports and works with individuals and families in Kansas that self-direct their in-home services. Jacque is a member of the Kansas FMS Workgroup, a member of the KanCare Provider Oversight Committee, is involved in state-wide advocacy issues related to self-direction, and is a member of the National Resource Center for Participant Directed Services. Advocate Care Services, Inc. has been an HCBS provider in Kansas since 2005.

Session Description

Updated as becomes available.

Self-Direction and Employer Management

Dinell Smith

Dinell Smith taught school for several years before becoming a parent of a child with severe multiple disabilities. She is now a single mom of 3 teenagers, and is self-employed as an Educational Assistive Technology Consultant for schools, serves as the Family Specialist for the KS Deaf-Blind Project, a Parent Trainer for Families Together, and has served on numerous boards and advisory councils through the years in order to advocate for her daughter and others with disabilities.

Session Description

This session is presented by the mother of a young lady that has been served on a HCBS Waiver for the past 19 years. She will share strategies, tools and personal experiences of how self-direction has worked for their family. She will also share a link to handouts to assist you and empower you on your journey of Self-Directing Services.

Self-Direction Toolkit

Deone Wilson, Becky Brewer, & Audrey Schremmer Center for Independent Living (CILs)

Deone M. Wilson is the Executive Director of Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL). Ms. Wilson has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Emporia State University and over 23 years of experience in human services. Ms. Wilson serves as the vice-chair for both the Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas and the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living. She is an advocate for people with disabilities, especially for their rights to live in the least restrictive environment of their choice and to self-direct their services.

Becky Brewer is the Director of Home and Community Based Programs and Services at the Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. She has 18 years of experience in working with individuals with disabilities as well as personal experience. She graduated from the School of Hard Knocks. Becky currently serves on the Multi-Functional Eligibility Instrument committee tasked with creating the new assessment tool and as an alternate for RCIL to KACIL. She is a passionate advocate for persons with disabilities.

Audrey Schremmer is the Executive Director of Three Rivers Inc., a Center for Independent Living in North East Kansas. She has served in this position since 1998. Ms. Schremmer served on the Kansas Managed Care Advisory Committee as the State moved towards a managed care system that included long term care services. She provides regular trainings on self-direction with a special focus on helping individuals develop personalized training manuals including personnel policies so they effectively hire, train and direct their workers.

Session Description

This session provides an overview of self-direction of HCBS in-home services and the resources available to support your choices as you self-direct. Topics include recruiting, screening, interviewing, hiring, training, and managing Direct Support Workers plus emergency back-up planning and abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Spousal Impoverishment Rules in Medicaid

Jeanine Schieferecke
Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE)

Jeanine is a Senior Manager in the Eligibility Unit of the Division of Health Care Finance in the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, responsible for Medicaid and CHIP eligibility policy. She has more than 25 years of experience with Medicaid and CHIP eligibility, with over 15 in the policy and program area. She has a B.S. in Mathematics from Fort Hays State University.

Session Description

This session will explain the Spousal impoverishment (AKA Division of Assets) program available to married long term care applicants. The presentation will also include general information regarding the treatment of resources and assets, including trusts, for all long term care applicants. Transfer of Property provisions will also be discussed.

Social Security Disability and Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination

Russell Nittler, Earl Williams, & Steve Curtis
Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE)

Russell Nittler has been working with Medicaid Eligibility for over 22 years and has worked for SRS, KHPA and KDHE. He is currently at Senior Manager at KDHE and oversees the KDHE Out Station Unit and the Presumptive Disability Determination Unit.

Steve Curtis is currently the Working Healthy Program Coordinator and lead Benefits Specialist. He has over 28 years of experience with Medicaid eligibility and 14 years of experience with Social Security work incentives. He is a 1986 graduate of Fort Hays State University.

Session Description

This session will provide a broad overview of the KanCare Eligibility and how factors the state looks at when determining eligibility. Attendees of the Social Security Disability Benefits (Determination Process) presentation will leave knowing there are two different disability benefit programs available through Social Security. The difference between Title II and Title XVI benefits will be discussed. In addition, the 5-step process adult applicants must meet to be determined disabled per Social Security standards will be presented.

Supported Employment

Mike Donnelly **Department for Children and Families (DCF)**

Michael Donnelly is the Director of Kansas Rehabilitation Services (KRS), the state's vocational rehabilitation program. Before becoming the Director of KRS Mr. Donnelly was the Director of Policy and Outreach for the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. He is the former Executive Director of the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley California. Prior to that, Michael was the Executive Director of the Topeka Independent Living Resources Center, providing advocacy and supports for Kansans with disabilities. He has also served as Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Topeka and Executive Director of the Three Rivers Independent Living Resource Center in Wamego, Kansas. He received a B.S. in Bible Ministries from Manhattan Christian College, in Manhattan Kansas. He is a past member of the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, past member of the National Council on Independent Living Board, past member of the National ADA Implementation Network, past president of the California Foundation of Independent Living Centers and past president of the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living.

Session Description

Updated as becomes available.

Trauma- Informed Systems of Care

Joyce McEwen-Crane, Teresa Strausz, Randy Johnson, & Brittney Hauck

Joyce McEwen Crane, is the strategic development coordinator for Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research. Joyce works as a professional consultant and coach. After completing her bachelor's degree in psychology at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, Joyce attended Southern Methodist University where she earned a master's degree in psychology and a doctoral degree in psychology. Her current work in Kansas includes providing organizational capacity-building, strategic and succession planning, and leadership training and coaching for businesses, foundations and nonprofits across the state of Kansas.

Joyce also provides training and coaching on community development and healthy living initiatives and is a member of the coaching team and adjunct faculty at the Kansas Leadership Center. Joyce has owned two successful businesses, managed two counseling centers, provided corporate training and developed curriculum for several relationship-based programs in Kansas. She has a long history of treating survivors of various types of abuse. She is a professional certified coach, a board certified coach and is also certified in the use of the MBTI and the EQi-2.0. Joyce is very proud to be a fourth generation Kansan.

Teresa Strausz, MSOD, LMSW, began serving with the WSU Center for Community Support and Research in April 2007 as a community and organizational specialist and assumed the role of community engagement & learning coordinator in August 2013. Teresa is involved in many projects related to organizational change, development, and leadership (including serving as a leadership coach), and completed the Kansas Leadership Center's Faculty Development Program in 2010. In addition, Teresa provides leadership to CCSR's commitment to student engagement, pre-service learning, VISTA (a community engagement effort dedicated to addressing poverty), and to our efforts related to Trauma-Informed Systems of Care.

With nearly 18 years of experience in facilitation, training, capacity-building and supervision that spans mental health, education, early childhood, leadership development, youth development, community development and organizational development, Teresa contributes a wealth of skills, knowledge and expertise to her teams.

Teresa earned a master's in social work from the University of Kansas in 1996 and a Master of Science in organization development through Friends University in 2012.

Session Description

Trauma-Informed Systems of Care are organizations that have adapted their operations and service practices based on their understanding of the prevalence and impact of trauma on clients and staff, that the impact of trauma is central to the journey to recovery, and that how services are delivered to clients can create avenues or create barriers for healing. This training will explore these systems of care and offer practical applications for how you can begin to shift your own organizational culture and practices to be more trauma-informed.

Veterans Services and Support

Misty Lester

Veterans Affairs Easter Kansas Health Care System Caregiver Support Program Coordinator (VAEKHCS)

Misty Lester, MSW, LSCSW, VHA-CM

Senior Clinical Social Worker

VAEKHCS Caregiver Support Program Coordinator

Education:

MSW Washburn University, Topeka, 2003

BSW Kansas State University, Manhattan, 2002

VA Career:

Graduate practicum, Topeka Division, Medicine Service, 2002-2003.

Home-Based Primary Care, Topeka Division, May, 2008-December 2011.

Caregiver Support Program Coordinator, VAEKHCS, December 2011-present.

Previous Employment:

Home Health and Hospice Social Worker, Heartland, Topeka

Out-pt Geriatric Psych Program Therapist, Wamego City Hospital, Wamego

In-Pt Medical Social Worker, Geriatrics/Pulmonary/Palliative Care, U of Arkansas

In-Pt Medical Social Worker, Palliative Care/Medicine, Stormont Vail, Topeka

Social Work Specialties:

Death and Dying/End of Life Support & Decision Making

Medical Social Work

Geriatrics

Cognitive Behavioral Theory

Professional Enrichment:

Social Work Clinical Supervisor

Master's Level Clinical Field Instructor
Kansas State University Social Work Community Advisory Committee
VA Certified Mentor, Fellow

Special Projects:

Website content development: www.caregiver.va.gov
National Caregiver Support Program Workgroup, Member
VISN 15 Caregiver Support Program, Lead
National Caregiver Support Program Interactive Storybook, Co-Creator

Misty Lester is a clinical social worker whose career focus has been on medical care and aging issues. She currently serves as the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System and Veteran's Integrated Service Network 15 Caregiver Support Program Coordinator. In this position she has been instrumental in the development of the VA National Caregiver Support Program and was awarded by the Deputy Secretary for Health Policy and Service for her contributions to the national implementation.

A graduate of both Kansas State University, where she sits on the Social Work Community Advisory Committee and Washburn University. Ms. Lester makes her home in Topeka. She resides with her husband, a retired Master Sargent of the US Air Force who also works for VA Eastern Kansas Health Care Systems.

As the wife of a Veteran and proud VA employee, Ms. Lester has a passion and committee to Veteran's Supports and Services.

Session Description

This presentation will serve as an introduction to VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System and the medical and mental health services that are available to eligible Veterans who are enrolled. The presentation will highlight the campuses and clinics that make up our Health Care System, as well as the specific Programs that are designed to support Veterans in the community. The presentation will focus on the VA's ICARE values and Veteran Centered care.

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Session Description

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Working Healthy/WORK

Mary Ellen O'Brien-Wright
Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE)

Mary Ellen O'Brien Wright received her Master's degree from Gallaudet University, and has since worked with people with disabilities in a variety of settings, including rehabilitation, post-secondary institutions, independent living and state agencies. Since 2002 she has focused on promoting employment in Kansas, implementing and managing the Kansas Medicaid Buy-In *Working Healthy*, the personal assistance service program, *WORK*, administering two Federal employment grants, and partnering with disability stakeholders in the state to carry out the goals and objectives of a five-year strategic plan to improve employment outcomes for youth and adults with disabilities. She continues to work on employment initiatives in Kansas, representing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Session Description

Working Healthy, the Kansas Medicaid Buy-in program, is an employment incentive program authorized under the Ticket-to-Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIIA). *Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK)* is the program through which *Working Healthy* participants receive personal assistance and other service. This presentation will provide an overview of both programs, including eligibility, benefits, and some basic information about program outcomes.