

Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative District #613

PARENT TRANSITION RESOURCE GUIDE



*An overview of general services available to parents and students within
the SKACD #613 district.*

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Click on: Parent Resources and then Transition Resource Guide

INTRODUCTION:

This document is designed to accompany the Kansas Department of Education's "Transition in the Individualized Education Program What Parents and Students Need to Know" document with specific information related to Southwest Kansas.

Kansas State regulations require that school districts begin the transition process no later than the student's 14th birthday, or younger when appropriate. Parents are advised to work with the student's special education professionals when there are questions.

Transition services are a *coordinated set of activities for a student with a disability that...occur within a results-oriented process* that facilitates movement from school to post-school activities, including:

- o Postsecondary education,
- o Career technical education,
- o Integrated employment (including supported employment),
- o Adult services,
- o Independent living,
- o Community participation.

must be based on the individual student's needs, taking into account the student's *preferences, interests, needs, and skills (PINS)* must include:

- o Instruction,
- o Transition related services,
- o Community experiences,
- o Employment and other post-school/adult living outcomes,
- o Current and future daily living skills
- o Functional vocational evaluation when necessary

Why is it required?

Indicator 13 is one of the 17 indicators that the state and federal government audits special education programs on. Indicator 13 is specific to secondary transition.

Indicator 13: "Percent of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age-appropriate

transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition service needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that if appropriate a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority. (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(B))”

Who participates in the process?

The student, parents and family members, education personnel, school support staff, administrators, peers and friends, community members, postsecondary education staff, community service providers are all people who can participate in the process. At a minimum, the student must be invited to participate in the IEP meeting where transition services will be discussed. Parent consent or students who have reached the age of majority must consent to the participation of an outside agency representative. Parents should feel comfortable asking for transition planning to start earlier if they believe it is needed. Transition planning, goals, and services are required to be “individualized.” This means each student will have his or her own unique plan, goals, and services.

Aspects of a Quality Coordinated Transition Service Plan

- Transition Assessment
- Annually updated
- Student Involvement
- Connecting student with outside agencies
- Measurable Postsecondary Goals (MPG)
 - At least one related to PLAAFP's goal(s)
- Coordinated with the IPS document
- Incorporates Courses of Study

Parent Tips for Transition Planning

Successful and meaningful transition services are the result of careful planning that is driven by a young person's dreams, desires, and abilities. This planning builds a youth's independence and participation in school, home, and community living and helps to prepare them for their futures. Youth learn important adult decision-making roles when they participate in this school-based planning.

RESOURCES:

The remainder of this document is intended to be full of resources for you and your child to utilize as they go through the process of transition.

Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO)

A CDDO is an organization with responsibility for making sure that eligible people with developmental disabilities who live in the CDDO area receive the support needed. The CDDO may provide some of the services or they may be provided by other agencies. CDDOs are contracted by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and are the initial point of contact for anyone age 3 or over seeking Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) services. They determine eligibility for IDD services, work with individuals/family to choose services, refer to other community resources as needed, and provide quality assurance oversight of current providers.

Arrowhead West CDDO

Covers Barber, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ford, Gray, Harper, Hodgeman, Kingman, Kiowa, Meade, Ness and Pratt counties.

Ginger Carlisle, Admissions Coordinator

P.O. Box 7

Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

Phone: (620) 933-2215

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Southwest Developmental Services Inc. (SDSI)

Covers Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kerney, Lane, Morton, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens and Wichita counties.

Justin Stevens, Admissions Manager

1808 Palace Drive, Suite C

Garden City, KS 67846

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Government Resources

Kancare

KanCare is the program through which the State of Kansas administers Medicaid. Launched in January, 2013, KanCare is delivering whole-person, integrated care to more than 415,000 people across the state. Kansas has contracted with three health plans, or managed care organizations (MCOs), to coordinate health care for all people enrolled in Medicaid.

(800) 792-4884

<https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/>

Kancare State Children Health Insurance Program

Kancare (State Children Health Insurance Program) offers affordable, low-cost health insurance for the uninsured children of Kansas. Some low-income parents may also qualify for health coverage. Applicants are screened for Medicaid eligibility to determine the funding source. You may also be eligible for coverage of existing medical bills.

(800) 792-4884

<https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/>

Medicaid

Is a health care program for people with low income and limited assets. Medicaid is available if a person qualifies for SSI. For Medicaid you must apply at your local Social and Rehabilitation office or online.

<https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/>

Social Security Administration

2204 Summerlon Circle

Dodge City, KS 67801

1-877-694-5494

Supplemental Security Income

SSI is a Federal program that provides monthly payments to people who are blind or have a disability and who have little to no resources and income. (It can also benefit qualified people who are 65 and older.)

<https://www.ssa.gov/>

Family Resources

Genesis Family Health

Genesis Family Health (GFH) has provided medical and social services to thousands of people in Southwest Kansas. A nonprofit service agency, GFH serves people of all races, colors and faiths. GFH is supported through state and federal grants, as well as the generous donations of local churches, organizations and citizens.

All of our programs, dental and medical clinics, oral health screening and education, social services such as the food pantry, emergency assistance, immunizations, health education and outreach -- are designed to improve the lives and health status of individuals and families, thus building a stronger community.

For contact information related to Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health, and Social Services, visit the link below.

<https://www.genesisfamilyhealth.org/contact>

Crisis Center(s)

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Intervention Services

Services offered include:

- Crisis intervention and counseling
- Emergency shelter for battered women and their children
- Referral services
- Support groups

No charge for services

24 Hour Hot Line (620) 225-6510

Office (620) 225-6987

Kansas Crisis Hot Line 1-888-END-ABUSE or 1-888-363-2287

www.kcsdv.org

Families Together, Inc.

Families Together is the Kansas Parent Training and Information and the Family to Family Health Information Center. It is a 501 (c)3 organization that provides support and information for families of children, from birth to age 26, with disabilities and/or special health care needs. Programs are offered at no cost to families, and are available in English and Spanish. Program highlights: parent training and information, family to family health information center, parent to parent, and education advocate.

Garden City

PO Box 2537

Garden City, KS 67846

(620) 276-6364

(800) 499-9443 Spanish Speaking Parents

<https://famiestogetherinc.org/>

Independent Living

Prairie Independent Living Resource Center Inc.

The purpose of Prairie Independent Living Resource Center (PILR) is to achieve the full inclusion and acceptance of people with disabilities through education and advocacy. PILR is a Non-Profit organization.

207 West Spruce Street
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 371-7690
www.pilr.org

- PILR works with Vocational Rehabilitation to offer job placement services to qualified individuals at no cost.
- PILR provides Independent Living Counseling (ILC) for participants enrolled in WORK/Working Healthy Programs.
- PILR provides independent living services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Legal

Disability Rights Center of Kansas

The Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC) is a public interest legal advocacy agency empowered by Federal law to advocate for the civil and legal rights of Kansans with disabilities. DRC is the Official Protection and Advocacy System for Kansas and is part of the national network of federally mandated and funded protection and advocacy systems.

214 W 6th Ave
Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66603
(785) 273-9661
<http://www.drckansas.org>

Kansas Guardianship Program

Any person reaching age 18 is presumed by the State to be a competent adult and no other person including the individual's parents, is legally able to make decisions on his or her behalf. An adult individual is considered competent unless a court formally determines the person incompetent to handle their own affairs and appoints a guardian to act on his or her behalf.

3248 Kimball Ave
Manhattan, KS 66503

(785) 587-8555

<https://ksgprog.org/>

Kansas Legal Services

Kansas Legal Services is a statewide non-profit organization which is dedicated to helping low income Kansans attend to their basic needs through the provision of essential legal mediation, and employment training services. KLS strives to eliminate the causes of poverty and mitigate its effects by helping individuals achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and family supporting employment.

712 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200

Topeka, KS 66603

(785) 233-2068

(800) 723-6953

www.kansaslegalservices.org

Job Placement

Kansas Rehabilitation Services

Kansas Rehabilitation Services help people with disabilities prepare for and achieve employment.

Rehabilitation services which are individualized according to each person's needs, include:

- assessments
- counseling and guidance
- training
- physical or mental restoration services
- work related placement services
- transition services

To receive VR services, you must:

- have a physical or mental impairment which results in substantial impediment to employment.
- Be able to benefit, in terms of employment outcome, from VR services.
- Require VR services to prepare for, secure, retain or regain employment.

Individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) are presumed eligible unless there is evidence that they will not be able to benefit from services.

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/rs/pages/employment-services.aspx>

Workforce Centers

www.kansasworks.com

Dodge City Workforce Center - Employment Agency

2308 1st Ave.
Dodge City, KS
620-227-2149

Garden City Workforce Center – Employment Agency
107 E. Spruce St.
Garden City, KS
620-276-2339

Mental Health Centers

Mental Health Centers: Private non-profit organizations committed to providing a full continuum of mental health care for residents in the counties they serve. Fee reduction may be available based on a sliding scale.

Compass Behavioral Health

Counties served Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Hodgeman, Kearney, Lane, Morton, Scott, Stanton, and Wichita

Dodge City (620) 227-8566
Garden City (620) 276-7689
Scott City (620) 872-5338

<http://compassbh.org>

High Plains Mental Health

Counties served Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, Wallace

Hays (785) 628-2871 or (800) 432-0333

<https://hpmhc.com/>

Iroquois Center for Human Development Inc.

Counties served Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa

Greensburg (620) 723-2272

<http://www.irqcenter.com/>

Southwest Guidance Center

Counties served Haskell, Meade, Seward, Stevens

Liberal (620) 624-8171

<https://sewardcountyks.org/154/Southwest-Guidance-Center>

Recreation

Special Olympics

Special Olympics of Kansas is dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports competitions, health, nutrition, and leadership development.

www.kssso.org

YMCA

The YMCA serves both communities of Dodge City and Garden City providing vital programs and services that invest in our kids, our families, and our communities.

www.ymcaswkansas.org

Youth Involvement

Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy

We serve youth with disabilities all across the state. The KYEA mission is to educate, mentor, and support youth with disabilities to be contributing members of their community.

<http://www.kyea.org/>