



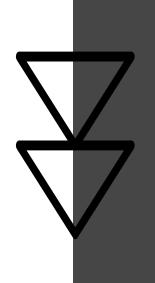
Within the next twelve months, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability (KDADS) intends to make sweeping changes to the IDD service system. All of these initiatives represent major and potentially irreversible change to the network of services that was built by Kansas communities to support our most vulnerable Kansans.

If you're concerned about the many proposed changes that KDADS intends to make to the IDD service system in the next 12 months, take action to SLOW THEM DOWN!

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A Targeted Case Manager (TCM) helps individuals identify, access, and coordinate services and supports to enhance independence, community inclusion, and productivity. They advocate for the individual, assist with navigating the disability system, and connect them to necessary resources, based on their person-centered support plan.



TCM services are offered by both independent TCM agencies and agency-based providers. Individuals and their families can choose their TCM provider and decide where to receive other services through a yearly process called options counseling, which takes place at the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO).



KDADS plans to dismantle the current TCM network, expecting new independent providers to emerge. This will create significant statewide gaps in TCM coverage statewide. It will also require hundreds of case managers to change jobs if they want to continue their careers. KDADS intends to make these changes in the near future.



State staff and community stakeholders should create a flexible, Kansas-specific plan that supports both agency-based and independent TCM on an ongoing basis. The plan should address conflict of interest (COI) concerns by establishing clear firewalls for agency-based providers and include exemptions for rural areas.