



POLICY OVERVIEW:

Strong Supports from the Start

LEGISLATIVE ASK:

Support overdue provider rate increases and expand access to personal care services and Children's Integrated Community Supports (CHICS), recognizing that the provider network serves Kansans with IDD from birth through adulthood. Commit to collecting state data to capture the full scope and impact of these services.

OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES:

Kansas' IDD service system begins at childhood, yet access to early supports varies widely across the state. Provider rate pressures and limited personal care and community support options make it difficult for families to get the help they need to support growth, learning, and stability during critical developmental years.

GOALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASK:

- Support overdue provider rate increases to stabilize the children's provider network.
- Expand access to personal care and Children's Integrated Community Supports (CHICS) to help families maintain children safely at home and engaged in their communities.
- Collect statewide data to understand service demand, gaps, and outcomes across the lifespan.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Early support sets the foundation for long-term independence, learning, and community engagement. When children with IDD and their families receive consistent, flexible support, they can stay connected to school, community, and daily life. Strengthening children's services ensures Kansas is investing in stability and opportunity from childhood through adulthood.