



POLICY OVERVIEW:

Housing That Supports Community Living

LEGISLATIVE ASK:

Address the growing shortage and rising costs of affordable, accessible housing for Kansans with IDD by supporting development initiatives, offering tax incentives and exemptions, establishing a dedicated housing trust fund for IDD, and aligning HCBS waiver supports to promote independence and stability. Support the removal of regulatory barriers that limit the availability of accessible housing options.

OVERVIEW OF HOUSING NEEDS:

Affordable and accessible housing is increasingly difficult to find for Kansans with IDD. Rising costs, limited development, and inconsistent regulatory requirements make it challenging for individuals to secure housing that supports independence. Without stable housing options, people may experience service delays, unnecessary institutional stays, or be forced to move far from their home communities.

GOALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASK:

- Support housing development through tax incentives, exemptions, and a dedicated IDD housing trust fund.
- Align HCBS waiver supports to promote independence and stability in community-based housing.
- Remove regulatory barriers that restrict or delay the creation of accessible homes and small residential settings.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

A safe and stable home is the foundation of community life. When housing is unavailable or unaffordable, Kansans with IDD lose independence, community belonging, and the chance to build meaningful lives close to family and support networks. Investing in housing solutions expands choice, strengthens community inclusion, and ensures Kansans with IDD can live where they want, with the supports they need.