



POLICY OVERVIEW:

Mobility, Access, and Independence for Kansans with IDD

LEGISLATIVE ASK:

Invest in sustainable and accessible transportation options for Kansans with IDD by expanding funding through both the Comprehensive and Community Support Waivers (CSW). This investment should reflect rural and urban rate differences, support vehicle operation and accessibility costs, and establish a voucher model that increases mobility, independence, and community participation.

OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION:

Access to reliable, affordable transportation is essential for Kansans with IDD to work, attend appointments, and participate in daily community life. But current transportation supports vary widely across Kansas and often do not cover the real costs of operating and adapting vehicles, especially in rural areas. Strengthening transportation funding ensures Kansans with IDD can move freely and live fully in their communities.

GOALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASK:

- Expand transportation funding through both the Comprehensive Waiver and the Community Support Waiver (CSW).
- Adjust rates to reflect real operating costs, including rural mileage and accessible vehicle expenses.
- Create a transportation voucher model that increases personal choice, mobility, and independence.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Transportation is the link that makes work, medical care, relationships, and community participation possible. When transportation supports are limited, people with IDD are cut off from opportunities, independence, and daily life. Investing in sustainable, flexible transportation options keeps Kansans with IDD connected to their communities and supports meaningful inclusion across the state.

