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2026 Legislative Platform



Provider Funding, Capacity, & Waiting List

Increase provider reimbursement rates across the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Waiver; and Targeted Case Management to support system-wide growth, reduce the waiting list, and ensure sustainable service capacity.

Build capacity across all service areas by setting rates that reflect true costs and are tied to the addition of new service slots, addressing complex needs, transportation, and workforce stability to guarantee equitable access and quality.

Implement annual inflationary (COLA) adjustments within a consistent rate structure to stabilize, modernize, and sustain the IDD system in Kansas.

Targeted Case Management

Urge the Legislature to authorize and direct the transition of Kansas's Targeted Case Management (TCM) reimbursement system from a unit-based model to an encounter-based model with a properly calculated rate. This transition will support KDADS's modernization initiatives, strengthen access, ensure sustainability, enhance service quality, and produce administrative cost savings through greater efficiency.

Behavioral Health

Invest in behavioral health supports for Kansans with IDD by funding pilot programs (such as START) and expanding crisis response capacity through community-based stabilization options, including the State Institutional Alternative program and local stabilization beds. Direct Legislative Post Audit (LPA) to assess whether residents of state institutions have higher needs than those served in community settings and, if not, to identify barriers preventing timely admissions and discharges aligned with individuals' support needs.

Transportation

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.

Housing

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.

Employment

Strengthen and incentivize employment supports for Kansans on the IDD and Community Support Waivers by ensuring full schedule and outcome-based supported employment billing. Maintain waiver access exceptions through successful Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) cases, and work collaboratively with VR Counselors to ensure timely and successful job placements.

CDDO

Restore lost CDDO administration funding by carrying the 2.4% increase from FY24 into the FY26 base budget and sustaining the 2.4% waiver allocation as ongoing support, consistent with legislative intent and system growth. Restore lost State Aid funding so CDDOs can meet community needs, fulfill DDRA responsibilities, reduce the waiting list, and take on new responsibilities such as the CSW and the sunseting Autism Waiver. Explore incorporating local connection into the waiting list process to better prioritize need and ensure timely access to services.

Fire Marshal

Differentiate licensing requirements between residential service providers operating in agency-owned or controlled housing and those in privately leased homes, aligning rules with Article 63's approach to residential services in these settings. Assign fire safety oversight to local fire departments or municipalities to allow for local input and control, while recognizing that provider licensing already ensures health and safety protections.

Children

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.