



Legislative Platform 2020

Invisible Kansans Advocacy Campaign:

A unified strategy to promote the need to develop IDD provider capacity as well as eliminate the IDD waiting list. The strategy will stress capacity stabilization first, followed by the building of new capacity to serve individuals on the waiting list.

- Stabilize the Kansas IDD provider network via continued progress on provider rates either via introduction of legislation or other legislative means
- Build provider capacity for the future
- Eliminate the waiting list now totaling more than 4,000 adults and children
- Further develop the highly-specialized supports needed to serve complex needs populations

DSP Workforce:

Collect local and national data trends, investigate other state successes, research funding options and explore potential partnerships.

- Review national and local data regarding the building DSP workforce crisis
- Explore the use of technology via determining industry best practices
- Partner with state agencies and other community partners for developing workforce resources
- Review options to increase the pool of interested candidates for the DSP workforce
- Explore the development of a education-based pipeline for the DSP career path

Reduce Regulatory Barriers:

Work with the administration and legislators to reduce or eliminate unnecessary overregulation.

- State Fire Marshal
- Background Check Policy
- Licensure
- Overregulation of policy and procedures
- HCBS Final Settings Rule-related regulatory changes

Improve KanCare:

Coordinate with State agencies, define and recommend preferred models.

- Prepare for future changes in KanCare
 - Explore opportunities to improve oversight of KanCare contractors
 - Leverage InterHab member expertise to provide recommendations to the administration
- Collect and provide data on specialized services gaps
- Push for more standardization and consistency among MCOs
- Promote greater communication between the State, MCOs, providers and CDDOs

Case Management:

Protect and maintain the elements of TCM that are of value to persons served.

- Maintain local control of case management
- Work in partnership with the State to address CMS conflict of interest concerns
- Explore new models of case management and make recommendations to the administration

Critical Needs for IDD System Stability:

- Promote approaches to the HCBS Final Settings Rule that protect and enhance the existing provider network
- Protect and enhance the spectrum of employment supports for Kansans with IDD
- Restoration and enhancement of state aid and SGF funds to address the needs of persons with IDD who do not receive services through the HCBS waiver
- Enhance CDDO Administration funds
- Enhance funding for the tiny-k network of providers who support children with IDD ages birth to three