Johnson County Affiliates Meeting
Agenda

9/14/17
1:00-2:00 PM
KU Edwards Campus
Regnier Hall Room #255
12610 Quivira Road
(West side of the Regents Center)
Overland Park, KS  66213

Introductions & Announcements/Affiliate Updates and Openings
A flyer for the September 21st Lakemary Center Open house is attached.

Guest Presenter
Adam Lane with The Whole Person, shared resources that his agency can provide to individuals with disabilities in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. They will be able to help with filling out Medicaid and Social Security forms and assist with the appeal process. They have Home Health to provide personal care services, ASL assistance (families and friends included), and services for the blind and low vision, deaf and hard of hearing, adaptive sports programs and support groups. Flyers with contact information are attached.

CDDO Updates
Sheri, Anna and Seth with the Quality Assurance Team have been completing a comprehensive review of PCSP’s and routine visits to licensed providers.

KDADS offered waiting list funds to 200 individuals with a waiting list date of 6.28.10. 22 of those were from Johnson County.

The CDDO has a new letter that must be signed by the individual/guardian to document their request to be removed from the Waiting List.

There will also be a letter for those who wish to return to the waiting list. A new BASIS assessment is required to return to the waiting list. The date the BASIS is entered by the assessor into KAMIS is the “KAMIS Entry Date” which will be the new waiting list date.

CDDO staff are in the process of verifying waiting list dates on the Statewide Waiting List managed by KDADS. This has been a 2-3 year process of resolving KAMIS date vs. BCI date and KAMIS Entry date vs. application date. The KAMIS entry date is the waiting list date. For Tier 0 folks, their waiting list date is KAMIS entry date when they tiered eligible (Tier 1-5). Once the verification process is complete, the CDDO will mail a copy of our new handbook and a letter with their waiting list date.
There is a new code in Services 2 screen (WAITING), it no longer lists specific services and there will be no more waiting for additional services indicated in Services 2. WAITING means they are waiting for access to the I/DD waiver. The MCO is the entity that determines what waiver services are added to the Integrated Service Plan.

There also new status codes in BCI on the Individual Basic Information Page (IBI). The new codes are being used to more clearly define who is on the waiting list and who is accessing waiver services. The new codes are:

- \( C \) = closed from all services
- \( W \) = waiting for I/DD waiver services
- \( Z \) = receiving I/DD waiver services
- \( N \) = receiving non I/DD waiver services (for example VR)

Shelly shared the survey results on CDDO performance. She thanked those that took the time to send feedback. There were 33 responses. Overall, the findings were good but there is room for improvement. Suggestions from the survey:

- Publicize information – the CDDO Website updates are scheduled for Nov 1st
- Customer service – responsiveness to emails/phone calls
- More training opportunities outside of monthly affiliate meetings
- Flexibility/Online Appointments for BASIS scheduling – CDDO staff is meeting with DTI to explore this possibility.

**State Updates/Workgroups/Policies**

All the HCBS Waiver Manager positions have been filled. The new contact list will be emailed with meeting minutes.

**KANCARE 2.0 meeting**

Participants of the KDHE/KDADS joint meeting discussed feedback from May public hearings and incorporated into the RFP that will be posted in November 2017 for the contracts to begin in June 2018. Lt Governor Colyer is holding workgroup sessions, and Shelly is involved in the 1915i employment state plan service discussion. October 17 and 19 there will be calls for providers and consumers/families. The time and phone number will be sent when available. The week of November 13th there are public hearings planned in six cities.

**Background Check Policy**

Secretary Keck is reviewing the conditional employment requirement that was brought up during KANCARE 2.0 meetings. KDADS is following up on timeliness of APS/CPS backgrounds checks completed by DCF. There are issues with what to expect on the Documentation of Kansas driver’s license checks, for example, insisting out of state workers get a Kansas driver’s license. The policy and memo will be sent with the minutes.

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

This applies to all providers of services to HCBS recipients not just FMS providers. If a guardian is providing services and getting paid, there is a potential conflict of interest. Expectation applies to guardians who work for an agency that also provides services to the ward – even if the guardian does not provide the direct service to the ward. QMS is looking for documentation that a conflict has been reported to the court. If the court determines there is no conflict, then a designated representative is not needed. A redrafted policy should
come out in the next few weeks and include a public comment period. The KDADS goal is to have new policy in place by the end of the calendar year.

KDADS resumed the HCBS Settings Final Rule stakeholder calls this month. The next one is September 20th. Call in line: (866) 620-7326. Code: 582 673 67 91.

The schedule is posted for KDADS/CDDO Quarterly Conferences Calls – these are hosted at the Elmore Center from 9:30-Noon. Affiliates are invited to attend locally or in Topeka.
- January 18, 2018
- April 19, 2018
- August 16, 2018

Advocacy Update
There is a Families for KanCare Reform Survey on Care Coordination and Targeted Case Management:  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKKZPPQ. Survey is for parents to complete.

Announcements
Disability Mentoring Day flyers – attached with minutes
Parent Leadership Conference – attached with minutes

Upcoming CDDO Meetings/Trainings – RSVP to Gail Lauri gail.lauri@jocogov.org
- 2017 BASIS Training Dates – All affiliates welcomed and encouraged to attend.
  - October 12, 2017 - Registration is now open for the Fall I/DD Provider Summit: A Day with Derrick Dufresne. View preview here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWBZp4afQBI.
  - November 9, 2017 – Mary Beth Thomas, Pre-employment Transition Services (Kansas Rehabilitation Services) Youth Employment Services.

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Next Johnson County Affiliate Meeting – November 9, 2017
KU Edwards Campus
Regnier Hall Room #255
OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 21st
11AM - 1:30PM

Lakemary Center
15145 South Keeler
Olathe, KS 66062

Complimentary Lunch & Door Prizes

Did you know that Lakemary Center...

is one of Johnson County’s largest providers of residential & day services for adults with disabilities?

Join us on September 21st to learn more about ALL of the programs & services we provide!

For more information, call (913) 557-4000 or email us at info@lakemaryctr.org
Informational Memorandum

Date: January 24, 2017

To: HCBS Waiver Providers

From: Brandt Haehn, Commissioner

RE: Background Check Requirements

As provided in Section 6201(a) of the Affordable Care Act – Pub. L. 111-148, long-term care facilities or providers (or the designated agent of the long-term care facility or provider) are required to obtain State and national criminal history background checks on prospective employees.

Furthermore, the CMS approved HCBS waivers all require providers of HCBS services to maintain a clear background as evidenced through background checks of; Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Nurse Aid Registry, and Motor Vehicle screen.

K.S.A. 39-2009 (i) states “the licensee operating a center, facility, hospital or a provider of services shall request from the Kansas department for aging and disability services information regarding any criminal history information relating to a person who works in the center, facility, hospital or for a provider of services, or who is being considered for employment or volunteer work in the facility, center, hospital or with the service provider, for the purpose of determining whether such person is subject to the provisions of this section”.

To be a qualified HCBS provider of services that involve, or may involve one-on-one contact with the HCBS service recipient, individuals and entities shall meet the provider qualifications, including passing a background check. The background check requirements have been standardized for all HCBS programs to ensure consistency, efficiency and effectiveness of background checks for individuals receiving long-term services and supports through HCBS programs.

Implementation shall occur in the following stages:

1. As of the effective date of this memorandum, background checks shall be conducted on all prospective employees. In addition to prospective employees, background checks shall be required on all current employees with a period of employment of three (3) years or more. Background checks on current employees with a period of employment of three (3) years or more shall be conducted during the anniversary month of their date of employment. Subsequent checks of this group shall be required every two years.
2. Beginning twelve (12) months after the date of this memorandum, background checks shall be conducted on all prospective employees and current employees with a period of employment of less than three (3) years. Background checks on current employees with a period of employment of less than three (3) years shall be conducted during the anniversary month of their date of employment. Subsequent checks of this group shall be required every two years.

3. Criminal background checks shall be submitted through KDADS Health Occupations Credentialing, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation or any other entity with access to criminal history information, including adjudications of a juvenile offender which if committed by an adult would have been a felony which is a crime against persons (K.S.A. 39-2009 (2)).

4. Motor Vehicle (Driver’s License) checks do not prohibit employment, but are designed to ensure the employer is aware of the individual worker’s driving record.
ATTACHMENT: A

STATE REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS PROVIDED TO KDADS FMS PROVIDERS

1) KBI, KNAR and KDOR Background Checks

1. For a KBI criminal history record information (CHRI) check, HCBS providers shall submit employee information through KDADS Health Occupation Credentialing Division (HOC). The process for requesting the checks can be accessed at: http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/scc/health-occupations-credentialing.

2. HCBS providers shall complete an online check for abuse, neglect and exploitation at http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/scc/abuse-neglect-or-exploitation. A screen print of the search shall be maintained in the file in order to verify date and time the online check was completed.

3. HCBS providers shall submit Driver’s License Records requests through KDOR. Information related to searches, associated forms and costs is available at: https://www.accesskansas.org/ssrv-mvr-ltd/.

2) DCF Registries

1. K.S.A. 65-6205 authorizes community service providers, mental health centers, and independent living agencies to request information for background checks on applicants and employees regarding abuse, neglect and exploitations. Providers or employers not listed in K.S.A. 65-6205 shall have the applicant or employee sign a DCF release of information form.

2. DCF Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (ANE) Central Registry

   a. DCF maintains a statewide registry identifying, after due process, persons substantiated for the abuse, neglect, exploitation or fiduciary abuse of vulnerable adults.

   b. Requests for adult registry checks shall be submitted to DCF for the applicant or employee using the required request for information form currently found at: http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/PPM_Forms/Section_10000_Forms/PPS10400.pdf.
3. DCF Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry

    a. DCF maintains a statewide registry identifying, after due process, persons substantiated for the abuse or neglect for children.

    b. Requests for children registry checks shall be submitted to DCF for the applicant or employee using the required request for information form currently found at: http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/PPM_Forms/Section_1000_Forms/PPS1011.pdf.

3) KSBN

1. License Status Verification is available online at https://www.kansas.gov/ksbn-verifications/ or, written request for verification may be submitted to the board office. License status verification will include the following information:

   - Kansas license number
   - Date of issue and expiration
   - Legal and/or disciplinary action (if any)

2. Please refer to the KSBN website for additional information and any updates.

4) Office of Inspector General (OIG)

1. The U.S. Health and Human Services OIG has the authority to exclude individuals and entities from federally-funded health care programs and maintains the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities.

2. The Online Searchable Database (https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/) enables users to enter the name of an individual or entity and determine whether they are currently excluded. If a name match is made, the database can verify the match using a Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number.

3. Anyone who hires an individual or entity on the LEIE may be subject to civil monetary penalties. According to the OIG, providers and contracting entities have an affirmative duty to check the program exclusion status of individuals and entities prior to entering into employment or contractual relationships, or run the risk of civil monetary penalties if they fail to do so.
We are excited to bring you our newest workshop centered around The ABLE Act.

This workshop will introduce you to the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, designed to assist individuals and families to save funds for supporting individuals with disabilities. Parents can expect to learn:

- How to establish accounts
- Who can contribute and how much can be saved
- Allowable withdrawals and tax implications
- Coordination with Medicaid, SSI and other benefits
- How to combine with special needs trusts and other planning tools

This new workshop will be facilitated by Scott Adams, Vice President, Special Needs Planning, CFP®, ChSNC,™ ChFC. Scott will share both his personal and professional experiences of planning for his own children with special needs.

No pre-registration needed. To learn more about the Special Needs Planning Center, visit snpcenter.com.
Lenexa, KS 662144
(view map and get directions)

Refreshments Provided!

Please, RSVP here!
For more information contact Yolanda Hargett at
Ph: 913-221-3632 or Email: yolandahargett@clokan.org

Visit CLO here
The HCBS mailbox is being phased out. All future emails should be sent directly to the appropriate HCBS waiver program manager. The contact information for each program is as follows:

**AUTISM WAIVER**
Program Manager --- Sam Philbern  
785-296-6843  
Samuel.Philbern@ks.gov

**FRAIL ELDERLY (FE) WAIVER**
Program Manager --- Carrie Proffitt  
785-296-8288  
Carrie.A.Proffitt@ks.gov

**INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABLITY (IDD) WAIVER**
Program Manager--- Paula Morgan  
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Paula.Morgan@ks.gov  
OR  
Karla Werth  
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Karla.Werth@ks.gov

**PHYSICAL DISABILITY (PD) WAIVER**
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Callie.Simmons@ks.gov

**SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE (SED) WAIVER**
Program Manager --- Sam Philbern  
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Samuel.Philbern@ks.gov

**TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE (TA) WAIVER**
Program Manager --- Michele Heydon  
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Michele.Heydon@ks.gov

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) WAIVER**
Program Manager --- Michele Heydon  
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Michele.Heydon@ks.gov

**PROGRAMS OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE) PROGRAM**
Program Manager --- Carrie Proffitt  
785-296-8288  
Carrie.A.Proffitt@ks.gov
CONTRACTS & POLICIES
George VanHoozer
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George.VanHoozer@ks.gov
OR
Eva Diehls
785-296-4980
Eva.Diehls@ks.gov

MONEY follows the person (MFP)/INSTITUTIONAL TRANSITIONS
MFDD --- MFPD --- MFFE mirrors these three waivers
Emails would be sent to the appropriate waiver program mgr (IDD or PD or FE) whichever applies
Fall Harvest
HOE-DOWN
TUESDAY, September 26th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Western Themed Attire Encouraged
- boots - cowboy hats - bandannas -
BE CREATIVE

LOCATION:
Overland Park Christian Church
7600 W. 75TH ST.
Overland Park, KS, 66204

Entry into the dance is $1.00 and a canned good donation.
Canned goods and monetary donations will be provided to the Overland Park Christian Church food pantry.

RSVP online at:
WWW.advocacyinmotion.org
For more information, contact ruby@advocacyinmotion.org or call 913-871-3400

ADVOCACY IN MOTION NOR THE OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ATTEND THE DANCE. ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY DESIGNATED STAFF, PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
Join Us This Fall for the 13th Anniversary of Kansas City Disability Mentoring Day Events
New Topics, New Presenters, New Experiences!

August, 2017

Dear Job Seeker:

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The 13th annual Greater Kansas City Disability Mentoring Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, and Thursday, November 2, 2017. Disability Mentoring Day promotes employment opportunities for all job seekers and students with disabilities through information and career exploration. As a person pursuing employment, this event gives you an excellent opportunity to:

- Increase and enhance your job readiness skills.
- Network with employers to learn about different types of careers.
- Visit with service organizations, providers and government agencies to learn how they can help you in your job search.
- Learn how to advocate for yourself.

The October 24, 2017 Disability Mentoring Day event will be held at Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

The November 2, 2017, Disability Mentoring Day event will be held at MidAmerica Nazarene University, Bell Cultural Events Center, 2030 College Way, Olathe, Kansas.

These events are free of charge to any individual with a disability living in the Kansas City metro area. A schedule for both days with descriptions of events is printed on the reverse side of this letter. **Register in advance to receive a free lunch.**

You are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity by preparing ahead of time.

1. **Professional attire is strongly recommended.**
2. Come with a positive, upbeat attitude. This is your chance to shine *brightly*.
3. Network and meet as many new people as you can. Networking is a valuable tool when searching for work.
4. Bring multiple copies of your resume to share.

If you have any questions regarding these events, email DMDinKC@aol.com or contact Brian Ellefson at 913-239-9776.

Please see schedule of events on the back. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Brian Ellefson, Chairman
Greater Kansas City Disability Mentoring Day Committee
DMD Schedule of Events – Kansas and Missouri

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Check In and Same Day Registration*
8:00 – 9:00 AM  Mock Interviews, Resume and Application Assistance
9:00 – 9:15 AM  Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 9:30 AM  Brief Overview SHIFT Program, Darla Wilkerson, Greater Kansas City Business Leadership Network
9:30 – 10:10 AM  Session 1: Present for Success
10:10 – 10:20 AM  Break
10:20 – 11:00 AM  Session 2: Good Interview/Bad Interview, Role Play
11:00 – 11:40 AM  Session 3: Follow Up After Job Interview, Panel of Employers
11:40 – 11:45 AM  Closing Remarks Before Lunch
11:45 – 12:30 PM  Lunch
12:30 – 2:30 PM  Career Exploration/Resource Fair
12:30 – 2:30 PM  Mock Interviews, Resume and Application Assistance
11:30 – 2:30 PM  Mobile Unit From KS Workforce Center (KS Event Only)

*Advance registration required to assure a free lunch and accommodations!

From 8:00 – 9:00 AM and from 12:30 – 2:30 PM individual 10-minute sessions for “Mock Job interviews” and “Resume/Application Assistance” will be offered. Indicate on the registration form your interest in participating. Please bring a resume. You may bring written questions for the interviewer. Dress appropriately as if it were a real job interview.

If you have any questions, email DMDinKC@aol.com or Brian Ellefson at 913-239-9776.

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Missouri Host
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

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Mail Your Registration Form To:
DMDKC
PO Box 8459
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Visit us at www.DMDinKC.org
Missouri
Greater Kansas City Disability Mentoring Day
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Conference Center
4801 Rockhill Rd
Kansas City, Missouri 64110
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Check In
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM – Event

A FREE Event
for Job Seekers with Disabilities
www.DMDinKC.org

Kansas
Greater Kansas City Disability Mentoring Day
Thursday, November 2, 2017
MidAmerica Nazarene University
Bell Cultural Events Center
2030 College Way
Olathe, Kansas 66062
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Check In
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM – Event

2017 is the 13th Anniversary of Kansas City Disability Mentoring Day Events

All Persons Attending Must Complete and Submit a Separate Registration Form

Employers, Service Organizations and Government Agencies Requesting a Table Please Use Employer Form

I plan to attend the following event:

☐ Oct. 24, 2017 Event – Kansas City Missouri Registration must be received by Tuesday, Oct. 10
  Attendance limited to first 200 registrants

☐ Nov. 2, 2017 Event – Olathe Kansas Registration must be received by Thursday, Oct. 19
  Attendance limited to first 300 registrants

Registration must be received by deadline to receive a free lunch

First Name: ___________________________   Last Name: ___________________________
City/State/ZIP: ______________________________________   County: ________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Primary Phone: ___________________________   TTY: __________________________________

Which describes you best?

☐ High School Senior or Transition Student   ☐ College Student   ☐ Adult Job Seeker
☐ Parent/Family/Guardian   ☐ Educator/Support Advocate   ☐ Service Provider

Organization if Educator or Service Provider:

Organization Address: ______________________________________________________________
City/State/ZIP: ______________________________________   Phone: _________________________

Job Seekers and Students please complete both pages of this registration form
Job Seekers or Students Only

For Statistical Purposes Only - DMD Kansas City does not share names and other personal information.

Please Indicate  □ Male  □ Female  Age:  □ 21 and under  □ 22-45  □ 46-64  □ 65 & Over

Please Indicate Your Disability (check all that apply):

□ Intellectual Disability  □ Low Vision/Blind  □ Physical Disability
□ Hard of Hearing/Deaf  □ Learning Disability  □ Mental Health
□ Spectrum/Autism  □ TBI  □ Other ________________________________

Were you referred by or attending with an organization, school or another person?

Name:___________________________________________________

Reasonable Accommodation Requests Please check if applicable:

□ Braille  □ Computer disk
□ Large print  □ American Sign Language Interpreter (ASL)
□ Other:__________________________
□ Dietary Needs (Specify) ________________________________

Register in advance to assure accommodations
Both locations are fully accessible. Please bring your own personal attendant if needed.

Individual Help Sessions
Individual 10 minute sessions for “Resume/Application Assistance” and “Mock Job Interviews” will be offered during the event. Please indicate below your interest in participating in either or all of these help sessions.

□ Resume/Application Assistance  □ Mock Job Interview

Bring your resume and any questions you may have for the interviewer.

Professional Attire is Strongly Recommended

Disability Mentoring Day is a public event open to the media. Photographers and video cameras may be present at either event.

Mail completed registration form(s) to: DMDKC, P.O. Box 8459, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Direct questions to: DMDinKC@aol.com or Brian Ellefson (913) 239-9776

Visit us at www.DMDinKC.org
Registration is open for the annual Parent Leadership Conference October 13-14 at the Downtown Ramada Hotel & Convention Center in Topeka, KS. This free event will include breakout sessions, speakers, child care and more. This year’s conference will feature keynote speaker Kansas Leadership Center President/CEO Ed O’Malley.

Free child care (for conference participants only) is available for ages newborn-12 years old if pre-registered. A limited number of hotel rooms will be available to those who live outside 100 mile radius of Topeka. Registration is on a first come/first serve basis. Register at ksplc17.eventbrite.com.

Questions?
Please contact Mary Hess, 877-530-5275 ext.1448 or mhess@kcsl.org.

FUNDING FOR THIS CONFERENCE IS PROVIDED BY:
The Brain Injury Support Group Presents a Special Performance by Cristabelle Braden

Thursday, September 14, 2017, 3:00 – 4:30pm
The Whole Person Community Room

For the first time, Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor Cristabelle Braden will be touring the Midwest to raise awareness about Brain Injury and Brain Injury Resources, speaking and performing her original songs on the Hope Survives Tour. Cristabelle Braden offers more than music; she offers inspiration, hope, and sincerity. Her life is a miraculous testimony of courage and strength, described perfectly by the title of her new album – Hope Survives.

Please RSVP to Tristan at 816.595.3337 or Gabi at 816.627.2228 by Friday, September 8, 2017
This support group event will be limited to 50-60 people.

RSVP early to secure your place and to let us know if you need accommodations.

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

3710 Main, Kansas City, MO | 816.561.0304 | www.thewholeperson.org
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To learn more about TWP, visit
Kansas City, MO 64111
3710 Main Street
816-561-0304

816-561-0304

To call TWP for a Free Consultation
about your Social Security Disability Case

Appealing a denial for benefits, or assist you in
Social Security Disability benefits, or assist you in
applying for Social Security help you apply for Social Security
The Whole Person may be able to

Are you able to work due
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Are you unable to work due
to physical or mental impairment?
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The Whole Person may be able to help you apply for Social Security Disability Benefits, or assist you in appealing a denial for benefits.

If you are disabled and unable to work per Social Security Administration rules, you may qualify for Social Security Disability Benefits through the federal government. The application or appeals process can be an overwhelming, time consuming and difficult process. The experienced Benefits Specialists at The Whole Person (TWP) can help you make the process easier to understand and navigate.

It is imperative you begin building your Social Security Disability Case as soon as possible! Many steps within the application process are time sensitive, as mandated by the Social Security Administration.

Once you make your initial phone call to the TWP Benefits Specialists, they will schedule a time to meet with you in person to discuss your particularsituation. They will ask about your medical history, work history, functioning and limitations. They will also provide you with a detailed list of what documentation is needed for them to further research your possible Social Security Disability claim.

After you provide the requested information, the TWP Benefits Team will assess your case in full and determine if TWP can offer you our services and represent you in your Social Security Disability claim. They will review a fee agreement with you at that time.

How will The Whole Person’s Benefits Specialists aid you in the Disability process?

We will assist you in completing the application(s) for Supplemental Security Income (SSI – Title XVI Benefits) and/or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI – Title II Benefits) and answer your questions along the way.

After the local Social Security Office reviews your application, they will assess your eligibility for various benefits. They will then forward your claim to the local office of Disability Determination Services (DDS) for the State of Missouri. That office will conduct a medical and vocational review, including reviewing medical records, physician statements, your work history and job demands, and information related to your functioning and limitations. SSA and DDS may find it necessary to send you to a physician for a consultative examination, which will be at the expense of DDS. Also in this process, the SSA and DDS offices will continue to send you forms to complete in a timely manner.

The Whole Person’s Benefits Team will aid you in understanding each form, what SSA/DDS is requesting from you, and how to efficiently relay the information requested in accordance with SSA/DDS’s deadlines.

We will also advocate for you in direct correspondence with the SSA/DDS offices, as needed. TWP will keep you informed of the status of your case with the Social Security Administration and the State Disability Determinations Service Office as your claim progresses.

The Disability Determinations Services Office will make a recommendation of an allowance or denial of benefits based on the totality of your case review. The Social Security Administration then makes the final decision as to if you will be allowed or denied SSI/SSDI benefits, and the onset date of those benefits. The Whole Person’s Benefits Specialist will help you understand this determination and the reasons stated for the decision.

Should you decide to appeal the decision to the hearing level, TWP will aid you in that process as well. We will help you create your disability case to present before an Administrative Law Judge and our attorney will be present with you at the hearing.

FACTS AND QUESTIONS

1) Who can apply for disability?
Anyone who is a United States citizen or Legal Alien of the United States has the right to apply for Disability Benefits. Which specific benefits you may qualify for is determined by your work and income history.

2) How long does the Social Security Administration take to make a decision?
Each case is determined on an individual basis, thus there is no specific timeline by which SSA must make a decision. SSA does have procedures in place to expedite some cases based on specific medical criteria.

3) Is every disability claim denied at the first level of application?
No. Again, every case is reviewed on an individual basis. Cases are allowed or denied for many reasons. Your Benefits Specialist will be able to explain the various reasons with you upon your initial meeting at The Whole Person.

4) Do I have to be in medical treatment before I apply for disability?
Per SSA rules, a disability must be a medically determinable impairment and with medical findings. SSA considers treatment and compliance when reviewing a disability claim. If you are not currently in treatment for your disability, you could still apply for SSI/SSDI. Some SSA policies allow for consideration of the reasons one is not currently undergoing treatment for some impairments.
Our Mission
The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

The Whole Person is a Center for Independent Living founded in 1978. We are a private, nonresidential, nonprofit organization providing a full range of community-based services for people with disabilities.

Our goals are to promote empowerment, independence, self-reliance and integration into the community.

A key part of our charter is to be consumer controlled as well as consumer focused. A majority of our board of directors and staff are people with disabilities.

The Whole Person provides services for all people with disabilities and their families and strives to help them identify and implement resources appropriate to their situation.

Providing services for all people with disabilities

For information regarding our full range of programs and services and ways you can make a difference, contact us at: info@thewholeperson.org

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