

March 2019 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

SCDDO

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	2534	2530	2540										2534
2018	2525	2514	2517	2520	2523	2529	2543	2543	2544	2532	2533	2535	2530
2017	2566	2565	2559	2542	2543	2544	2547	2553	2556	2556	2516	2520	2547
Individuals Waiting for Services	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	935	932	946										938
2018	949	916	919	924	918	866	904	928	930	932	937	936	922
2017	984	980	970	932	934	902	906	978	981	958	937	942	950
Options Counseling Transactions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	36	83	66										62
2018	106	70	65	70	60	99	94	53	56	73	39	39	69
2017	48	36	72	53	70	80	48	77	62	107	95	101	71
Intakes Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	11	7	11										10
2018	16	9	10	9	7	8	11	17	8	10	10	6	10
2017	6	6	11	7	12	7	13	13	11	13	11	13	10
Functional Assessments Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	164	138	155										152
2018	163	135	154	148	168	149	150	163	163	166	165	162	157
2017	220	150	193	223	174	186	207	207	216	226	179	198	198

- During the month of March, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 11 day and 11 residential program visits.
- In March Dee Nighswonger, SCDDO Director, called a meeting with local stakeholders to learn about the Community Connections Career Partnership Program (C3P(O)) from Ohio. C3P(O) is a two year program that exposes high school juniors and seniors to the field of direct support through an integrated classroom and internship program. Representatives from Wichita State University - South Campus, WSU Tech, Goodwill Industries, Starkey, Arrowhead West and KETCH were in attendance. Stakeholders agreed the program was promising and presented an exception opportunity for the local community. Next steps include engaging with Wichita and Haysville Public School systems.
- Linda Winfrey, the 2019 Miss Unstoppable, and Kevin Fish, Executive Director of The Arc of Sedgwick County, accepted a proclamation for National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month at the March 13th meeting of the Sedgwick County Commissioners. The proclamation encouraged all citizens to promote both expectations and opportunities for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) to participate fully in our community, including access to integrated employment, education, housing and civic engagement.
- The two recipients of the 2019 community capacity grants and their projects were introduced to the affiliate network in a virtual meeting in March. Community Living Opportunities' project consists of a life-coach (iCoach) that is virtually present 24-7, anticipating needs and offering support designed to allow persons with IDD to be more independent. Persons' served homes are equipped with simple to install, affordable, advanced smart technologies that allow the iCoach to see, hear, feel and act. Additionally, the project will work with affiliates to implement new enabling technologies to include development of policies and procedures and locating grant funding for these technologies. Disability Cocoon's project will be a multi-disciplinary pilot project that will

include provider agency executives, provider agency front-line supervisors, SCDDO and various enabling technology vendors. The project will start by identifying three to five provider agencies in Sedgwick County experiencing workforce shortages who are interested in incorporating enabling technologies in their line of services. The goal of these projects is both to maximize independence for individuals with IDD but also to assist affiliate agencies alleviate direct support workforce issues.

- Dee Nighswonger, SCDDO Director, and Jeannette Livingston, Assistant Director, represented the IDD system in a strategic planning event hosted by the Kansas Department of Family and Children entitled “Family First Prevention Services Act: Transforming Child Welfare Together.” The event focused on the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) as an opportunity offering exciting possibilities to be responsive and proactive in avoiding placing children in foster care.
- SCDDO hosted the Appointments Project March 5th. The Appointments Project, a program of the Women’s Foundation, works to empower women and strengthen communities by increasing the gender diversity of public boards and commissions. About 30 women attended to learn more about the role and function of public boards and commissions, as well as how to volunteer for these positions. County Commissioner Lacey Cruse was in attendance and emphasized the need for more women to participate in these volunteer positions.
- The Sedgwick County Business Leadership Network (BLN) hosted a mixer March 14th facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Stone, an assistant professor with Wichita State University. At the mixer Dr. Stone conducted a short experiential activity designed to broaden understanding of the impact of disabilities and help employers retain good employees. The mixer was well attended and the activity received high marks from participants.