

## July 2021 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

### SCDDO

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	2595	2602	2613	2616	2625	2628	2635						2616
2020	2598	2593	2598	2600	2599	2605	2611	2606	2606	2599	2605	2604	2602
2019	2534	2530	2540	2549	2543	2547	2554	2562	2564	2573	2571	2588	2558
Individuals Waiting for Services	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	1003	1005	1018	1017	983	983	947						934
2020	994	989	983	985	985	991	1001	994	991	993	996	1001	992
2019	935	932	946	955	946	952	954	958	955	967	968	978	954
Options Counseling Transactions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	48	39	57	34	30	56	68						47
2020	181	93	235	68	44	54	55	71	43	43	31	34	79
2019	36	83	66	74	60	52	68	60	66	74	58	85	65
Intakes Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	5	5	5	3	11	19	3						7
2020	8	10	11	2	2	2	1	4	3	6	1	5	5
2019	11	7	11	9	15	4	4	8	8	11	10	3	8
Functional Assessments Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	147	147	154	147	179	203	174						164
2020	168	167	138	151	144	170	146	168	152	177	148	148	156
2019	164	138	155	148	136	162	169	162	174	162	160	156	157

- During the month of June, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 4 day and 9 residential program visits.
- After several months with declining COVID – 19 cases, Sedgwick County began to see a resurgence in July. The IDD system experienced similar increases. Agencies reported a six-fold increase in staff testing positive for COVID – 19 from June to July (3 to 18). In June there were no reports of persons served testing positive but in July 21 tested positive for COVID – 19. Several of the positive cases have been in individuals who were fully vaccinated. Due to this concerning trend, the SCDDO arranged a special Affiliate Directors Meeting with Kaylee Hervey with the Sedgwick County Health Department. Kaylee provided an overview of the current community status and gave an update on the Delta variant, which seems to be responsible for the sudden uptick in cases.
- The Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Community Council met Friday July 30<sup>th</sup>. Dustin Wright with Disability Cocoon provided an overview of the Technology First movement. Technology First advocates for service planning to focus on the person served’s goals and consider if technology could help them achieve them. The focus is on increasing independence and respecting the dignity of the individual to take risks, rather than being limited by current service models. Technology is not designed to replace staff but to extend their reach and allow them to focus on supporting the individual to meet their goals. Dustin discussed a number of different technologies designed to assist individuals with disabilities and answered attendee’s questions. A local resource that was discussed was Assistive Technology for Kansans through the University of Kansas (<https://atk.ku.edu/>). This center can assist individuals identify technologies that might be of assistance, provide low cost loans for technology and rents assistive technology.

- The SCDDO Director and Wellspring Team members wrapped up their work on the DSP Competency Framework, completing validation meetings and launching the framework into the CASE Network. The first two DSP Badge Courses for the DSP Basic Certificate were launched with WSU for Fall enrollment. USD259 teacher, Camille Harding, completed her externship experience with SCDDO affiliate organizations and will be using her experiences to incorporate educational content about the DSP as a career opportunity in the pacing guides for the Family Studies course taught throughout USD259. WSU is offering full scholarships for any HS students interested in enrolling in the DSP Basic Certification courses by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Initial conversations were held regarding the establishment of a Registered Apprenticeship Program for DSPs.