

August 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	2638					2619
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	948					988
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	54					48
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	10					8
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	146					162
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 August, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 5 day and 23 residential program visits.
- The SCDDO Management Team and system stakeholders participated in a Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping event. SIM is an applied strategic planning tool to improve cross-system collaborations to reduce involvement in the justice system by people with mental and substance use disorders. SCDDO's mapping event is the first to include people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, as well as other populations with disabilities. The event drew participation from stakeholders from across the community as well as participation by members of the KDADS administration. The DRAFT report is expected sometime in September and will be instrumental as the department enters into strategic planning for 2022-2025.
- SCDDO Director participated in a Project ECHO Immersion Training with representatives from Heartspring and InterHab to explore the potential for the model to be used to continue to address the gap in services for individuals with IDD and a co-occurring behavioral health condition. Project ECHO is an evidence based approach to the democratization of knowledge through expert didactics and professional peer case consultation. The potential for local Project ECHO replication of existing MH/DD programs is under thoughtful consideration and will potentially be included in strategic plans moving forward.
- An exciting step toward professionalizing the role of the Direct Support Professional in Kansas was made in August. After many months of hard work and diligent collaboration the first two badge courses in the planned series of stackable digital credentials leading to 3 DSP certifications were opened for enrollment! DSP Basic Part One and DSP Basic Part Two are now available and offer the first steps in the certification pathway. These courses also are open to high school seniors in USD259 (Wichita) and juniors/seniors in USD261 (Haysville) as part of the next steps in building the bridge from high school to the DSP workforce. SCDDO Director completed

two presentations to the KDADS/MCO standing LTSS Advisory Committee on the project and to InterHab membership during the month of August. More information on these badges can be found using these links: [Direct Support Professional: Basic Certificate Part 1 – WSU Badges \(wichita.edu\)](#) and [Direct Support Professional: Basic Certificate Part 2 – WSU Badges \(wichita.edu\)](#)

- During August, community service stakeholder agencies were brought together to meet with Melody Head from Wichita Workforce Alliance to explore the potential to develop a Registered Apprenticeship Program for Direct Support Professionals using the DSP Badge Program through WSU as the Related Technical Instruction as the foundation to the proposed apprenticeship. SCDDO will continue to coordinate the exploration of the program.
- A small residential agency closed at the end of August. Due to the short notice, the SCDDO worked hard to coordinate with the residents and their guardians to ensure no one experienced a gap in services. While Sedgwick County crisis providers were provided notice that they might be needed, all persons served were able to select a new residential provider and get moved by the deadline.