## September 2019 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

## **SCDDO**

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	2534	2530	2540	2549	2543	2547	2554	2562	2564				2547
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	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	935	932	946	955	946	952	954	901	955				942
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
<b>Options Counseling Transactions</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	36	83	66	74	60	52	68	60	66				63
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	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	11	7	11	9	15	4	4	8	8				9
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	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	AVG
2019	164	138	155	148	136	162	169	162	174				156
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 September, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 7 day and 8 residential program visits including 2 new locations.
- The week of September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> was Direct Support Professional Recognition week. SCDDO acknowledged the event and the incredible work of direct support professionals in our community in a presentation to the County Commission at their September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additionally, the recognition week served at the kick off for the SCDDO's direct support marketing and recruitment campaign. As part of the community capacity expansion grants, SCDDO worked with Nye & Associates to develop a comprehensive campaign designed to increase knowledge of the direct support profession and lead individuals interested in employment to the career of caring website (<a href="www.careerofcaring.org">www.careerofcaring.org</a>). The campaign includes billboards and TV and radio commercials aimed at people searching for a rewarding career with flexible work hours.
- Dee Nighswonger, SCDO Director, co-chairs the KDADS/CDDO Complex Needs Workgroup meeting. At the
  September meeting the workgroup developed a charter, clarifying their purpose as "...to develop strategies to
  promote effective collaboration among systems; proactively eliminate gaps in services and achieve attainable
  outcomes for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities." The charter and purpose have been shared
  with all CDDO's to get their feedback.
- In September, Disability: IN Greater Wichita hosted the third Best Practices & Brews mixer at Norton's Brewery. The experiential activity was led by Dr. Jennifer P. Stone from Wichita State University. Dr. Stone led the group through the focused activity on how to design simple accommodations that would help with three specific unobservable disabilities. Participants worked in small groups to brainstorm ideas that could then be applied to various situations that the employee may face which also simplified the job. While the activity was designed for a specific disability, Dr. Stone showed the group that the accommodations would also be transferable to anyone

in the same position and in fact create efficiencies for all employees and would be considered a tool of "Universal Design."

• Upcoming event: Disability: IN Greater Wichita is hosting the 2019 FORUM October 22nd. Sessions will include subjects on Veteran Relations: Filling the Skills Gap, Microsoft Suite Accessibility, ADA & the Interactive Process & Being Intentional: Proactive Approaches to Diversity & Inclusion Efforts. The FORUM will be kicked off with a keynote address from Anne Hirsh the Co-Director of the Job Accommodation Network (JAN). JAN is an internationally recognized authority on ADA accommodations. They have worked with fortune 500 companies as well as small businesses and employees making sure that accommodations are reasonable and attainable for all parties. JAN is also well known in the Human Resources world for hundreds of published articles focused on accommodations. The key note address will be focused on Tools, Techniques and Technologies for creating Inclusive Workplaces.