

## June 2023 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

### SCDDO

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	2652	2664	2673	2670	2678	2689							2671
2022	2642	2663	2662	2665	2679	2670	2704	2715	2687	2687	2659	2649	2674
2021	2595	2602	2613	2616	2625	2628	2635	2638	2650	2657	2664	2654	2631
2020	2598	2593	2598	2600	2599	2605	2611	2606	2606	2599	2605	2604	2602
Individuals Waiting for Services	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	931	939	953	959	969	984							956
2022	956	971	968	986	996	998	996	1004	983	989	934	932	976
2021	1003	1005	1018	1017	983	983	947	948	954	966	973	958	980
2020	994	989	983	985	985	991	1001	994	991	993	996	1001	992
Options Counseling Transactions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	52	56	93	75	68	62							68
2022	77	58	61	49	62	83	44	65	57	30	42	77	59
2021	48	39	57	34	30	56	68	54	36	94	67	131	60
2020	181	93	235	68	44	54	55	71	43	43	31	34	79
Intakes Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	13	8	15	17	12	9							12
2022	2	5	16	15	13	19	13	22	17	22	7	16	14
2021	5	5	5	3	11	19	3	10	6	12	6	9	8
2020	8	10	11	2	2	2	1	4	3	6	1	5	5
Functional Assessments Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	141	168	180	158	138	145							155
2022	124	160	158	131	174	141	109	175	166	161	143	128	148
2021	147	147	154	147	179	203	174	146	160	178	151	143	161
2020	168	167	138	151	144	170	146	168	152	177	148	148	156

- During the month of June, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 7 day and 14 residential program visits.
- Jeannette Livingston, Deputy SCDDO Director, served on a panel at the KANDID Workshop in the KU School of Medicine, Wichita campus. The workshop is designed to provide continuing medical education on how best to serve children with IDD. Primary care physicians, residents in training and other health care professionals heard from experts around the country. Jeannette was a panelist in the “Resources Available to Kansas Families” session. Others on the panel included representatives from a managed care organization, community mental health center and Families Together, among others.
- The SCDDO hosted a training on the HCBS Settings Final Rule conducted by national expert, Dr. Thomas Pomeranz on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Pomeranz’s training was titled “Enhancing Quality of Life: Strategies for Meeting & Exceeding the Home & Community Based Settings Final Rule.” Affiliates subject to the HCBS Settings Final Rule were invited and all but two sent at least one representative. Two potential affiliates also were in attendance. LaTonia Wright, HCBS Training Specialist, who is on the KDADS’ Settings Final Rule compliance team participated and gave the group an update on where Kansas is with regard to compliance with the rule. Dr. Pomeranz detailed procedures and implementation strategies to ensure all HCBS waiver recipients have full access to the benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate.

- The week following Dr. Pomeranz’s provocative training, the SCDDO convened a debrief meeting for affiliates who participated in the training. Affiliates participating in the debrief meeting indicated a sincere commitment to ensuring all HCBS waiver recipients have full access to the benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate; however, Dr. Pomeranz challenged providers (and the SCDDO) on the details and how the Settings Final Rule will entail a cultural shift and different approaches. At the debrief meeting, participants discussed what they learned and identified areas to begin working on. Participants also identified ways the SCDDO can help the IDD network as the Settings Final Rule is fully implemented.
- In June Several SCDDO staff were appointed to state workgroups focusing on issues important to the IDD system:
  - Sherry Arbuckle, SCDDO Service Access and Operations Director, was appointed to the steering committee for the KDADS Waiting List Study. KDADS has contracted with the University of Kansas to review the current waiting list for IDD services. The goal is to understand who is on the list, clarify their service needs and develop strategies for eliminating the wait for IDD services in Kansas.
  - Sherry Arbuckle is also serving on the Kansas SIM Leadership Committee. SIM stands for Sequential Intercept Model Mapping. It is designed to provide a conceptual framework for communities interested in understanding the relationship between behavioral health/IDD with the criminal legal system. Sherry participated in the Kansas SIM process last fall and now will assist with developing implementation strategies identified from the SIM process by participating on the SIM Leadership Committee.
  - Sherry Herrington, SCDDO Quality Assurance Director, was appointed to a workgroup designed to “unbundle” residential services. This workgroup is part of the IDD waiver renewal process. Currently, residential services can be delivered in a variety of ways (group home, semi-independent, shared living, etc.) but are all billed under the generic residential supports code. Unbundling residential refers to developing separate billing codes that better reflect the type of residential service being delivered.
  - Jeannette Livingston, Deputy SCDDO Director, was selected to participate in the ratio billing workgroup. For many, many years, Rainbows United and AbilityPoint (formerly The Arc of Sedgwick County) billed personal care services for their camps. Since not every camp participant required a one-on-one staff person, the agencies would bill in ratios such as one-to-three. KDADS decided a few years ago that this was not allowable but implementation of this change was delayed due to the pandemic. KDADS plans to add a different service to the new IDD waiver that will allow for ratio billing.