The Children’s Mental Health Waiver, also known as the Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) waiver, supports families by granting access to necessary services that allow children with serious mental health conditions to remain in their homes. Eligible children have a diagnosed mental health condition that substantially disrupts their ability to function socially, academically, and/or emotionally. Services are guided by a case plan that positions parents and children as active participants and includes case management, outpatient therapy, and respite care.

**PARTNERS**

Community Mental Health Centers  
School Districts  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
University of Kansas  
Managed Care Organizations

**CIF $3,800,000**

Total Budget $73,400,000

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WHAT IS THE PROGRAM’S IMPACT?

- Enables children with serious mental health needs to stay in their homes and avoid hospitalization
- Increases the ability of children to succeed at home, in school, and in communities by providing wraparound services
- Provides parents with the skills and tools needed to care for their children at home

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM MONITOR AND ENSURE QUALITY?

- Monitors eligibility assessments through an external review process to ensure children meet all qualifications for waiver services
- Conducts quarterly reviews to ensure case plans continue to sufficiently meet families’ needs

Waiver Services

- Parent support and training
- Independent living skills
- Short-term respite care
- Wraparound facilitation
- Intensive family support
- Attendant care

25 out of 26 Community mental health centers in Kansas provided waiver services in FY 19

- 92% Children engaged in waiver services in FY 18 while living in their permanent home or independently
- 67% Waiver participants in FY 18 received parent support and training as part of their case plan