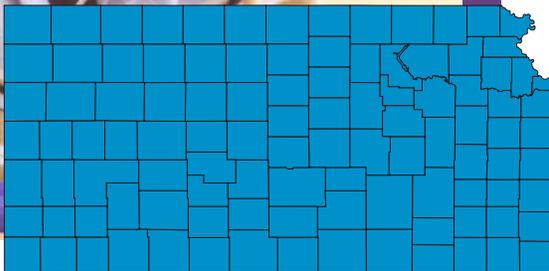


SERVICE AREAS



Children's Mental Health Waiver

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Access to outpatient services for children diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbances

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.



POPULATION	SERVED
Total Children	5,120
Prenatal to Age 2	0
Ages 2-5	24
Ages 5-12	1,619
Ages 12-18	2,741
Ages 18+	736
Caregivers	2,840
Professional Development	70

PARTNERS

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

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

