

IDD: intellectually or Developmental Disability Waiver

Ages: 5+

Entry Point: CDDO Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO)

-The CDDO will determine eligibility which is based around two major pieces of developmental disability:

1) (substantial limitations in present functioning that is manifested during the period from birth to age 18 years and is characterized by significantly sub average intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior including related limitations in two or more of the following applicable adaptive skill areas: Communication, self-care, home living, social skills, community use, self-direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure and work);

2) a severe, chronic disability, which:

(A) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment, or multiple sensory impairments, a combination of mental and physical impairments, physical and sensory impairments, mental and sensory impairments or a condition which has received a dual diagnosis of mental retardation and mental illness;

(B) is manifest before 22 years of age;

(C) is likely to continue indefinitely;

(D) results, in the case of a person five years of age or older, in a substantial limitation in three or more of the following areas of major life functioning: Self-care, receptive and expressive language development and use, learning and adapting, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency;

(E) reflects a need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment, specialized communications techniques or other services which are lifelong, or extended in duration and are individually planned and coordinated; and

(F) does not include individuals who are solely and severely emotionally disturbed or seriously or persistently mentally ill or have disabilities solely as a result of the infirmities of aging.

Services offered: There are various agencies within Sedgwick county that offer services to this population. Here are a few things to know:

- 1) The three basic categories (there are more) of services I'll be addressing are Day services, Residential Services and Case Management. These are optional services that are offered by many providers in Sedgwick county.
- 2) Just because a consumer receives one services from a company does not meant they get all their services from that place. In many cases it is encouraged to use multiple companies to ensure the consumer has adequate choice in his or her services.
- 3) Day services are usually either some type of work program, or a social-based program that operates between 8-4. Residential services normally open at 3 and handle evenings, and Case

management normally acts as a liaison between the two and community resources, guardians, and the family. Case managers, in this population are considered leaders of the team.

The waiting list:

Broken into two parts: the Unserved (those folks who have applied but have yet to receive services) 31 months for adults 29 for children

And the Underserved (those who are currently receiving some form of service, but a request has been entered to raise this level 32 months for adults, and there is not reliable information on the waitlist for children

The Final rule

This is currently being implemented and discussed by providers. A quick overview:

It is a vision rooted in the belief that “Disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to live independently, to exert control and choice over their own lives, and to fully participate in and contribute to their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of United States society.”

There has been a significant and substantial push away from institution-based care to community based care, which, of course is why we have HCBS waivers in the first place. The Final Rule, among other things, puts a serious emphasis on this, ensuring providers are focused on independence, choice, and participation for consumers of this waiver. This process is not over, nor is it fully implemented yet.

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