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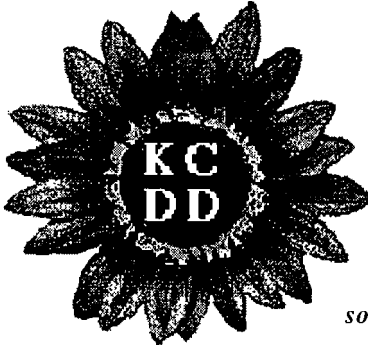


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*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in
society and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Kansas Council advocates on a global scale through funding training on the ADA, Employment, Health Care Reform, and others. We have funded grants for integrated preschool programs, self-advocacy training, provided individuals with assertive technology devices, and development of a training video and manual emphasizing choice for individual with disabilities. The Council is federally funded and federally mandated under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights. Under this Act a *developmental disability* is a severe, chronic disability which:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments, and
- Is manifested before the person attains age 22, and
- Is likely to continue indefinitely, and
- Results in *substantial* functional limitation in *three* or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - Self-care
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Learning
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction
 - Capacity for independent living
 - Economic self-sufficiency, and
- Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment, or other services which are lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

Employment

The Kansas Council focuses on activities that are investments in the future and use the entrepreneurship concept and the private sector to provide programs, ensuring a high return. In 1997 the Council began a program to assist persons with developmental disabilities to purchase their own businesses. In only three months the first individual was able to earn \$700 a month. The Council is actively seeking other individuals to help develop their own businesses. The Council is also funding a job coach training program and other related work activities.

Outcome: Kansans with developmental disabilities will be gainfully employed in their own business and will not need Social Security funding. Kansas will have an adequate job coach training program.

Home Of Your Own

The Home of Your Own project in Wichita assisted individuals with disabilities to purchase their own homes. The project identified barriers to home ownership and researched solutions to the barriers. They also worked with five other organizations in 28 Kansas counties to facilitate the replication of the project in other counties.

Outcome: The project assisted 18 individuals with disabilities in buying their own home with no defaults over a period of two years. The Technical Assistance part of the project assisted over 200 persons with disabilities in its first year of operation.

Hospital Closure

The Council, in collaboration with the Kansas legislature, funded a study and evaluation of the closure of Topeka State Hospital (closed May, 1997) and Winfield State Hospital and Training Center (closed February, 1998). The purpose of the study was to determine what procedures and methods worked during closure, if consumers received adequate services after leaving the state hospitals, and to provide suggestions for future hospital closings.

Outcome: Over 400 Individuals with disabilities were studied and follow after leaving a state hospital. Recommendations on future closing of a state mental health hospital have been presented to the legislature, including issues such as adequate housing, transportation and funding for community services. The report on the closure of the state developmental disability hospital will be received in December.

Transportation

Consortiums in Wichita and Salina, received funding in October, 1998, to provide accessible, affordable and reliable transportation on an interagency basis to persons with disabilities. The purpose of this project is to show how collaboration, among different entities that have customers with transportation needs, can be used to effectively provide affordable transportation services to Kansans. In just one month one of the projects has received calls from individuals crying from happiness because they could leave their home and take part in such community activities as grocery shopping and church attendance. Next year the project will seek out rural areas for demonstrations.

Outcome: In the first month, over 195 rides were provided to people who previously had to stay at home. In the first 23 days of November 257 rides were provided in Salina alone.

Publications/Documents

Through several grants the Council funded the development of several manuals: *Becoming A Personal Care Attendant*, *Selecting Personal Care Assistance*, *What Difference Does it Make? A Report on Receiving Personal Care Assistance*. In addition, The Council funded the development of *Choices Facing Kansans with Developmental Disabilities*. Over 25,000 copies of *Choices* have been distributed across Kansas to consumers and their families. Several universities are using the document to train future caregivers and many providers agencies use it for staff training. The Council is currently publishing *A Self-Directed Care Guide* and *It's the Right Thing To Do* (stories about persons and staff who were formerly at Winfield State Hospital and Training Center).

Outcome: Over 25,000 individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families have received needed information regarding available services in Kansas.

Please feel free to contact the Council regarding these or any other programs funded by the Council.

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