

2023 Kansas Statutes

39-1804. Implementation of act; powers and duties of secretary for aging and disability services; reports. (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this act and subject to appropriations of federal and state funds, the secretary, after consultation with representatives of community developmental disability organizations, community service providers, families and consumer advocates, shall implement and administer the provisions of the developmental disabilities reform act in accordance with the following policies. Persons with developmental disabilities shall:

(1) Be provided assistance to obtain food, housing, clothing and medical care; protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation; and a range of services and supports which assist in the determination of individual needs; and

(2) receive assistance in determining their needs; be provided information about all service options available to meet those needs; have coordination of services delivered; be assisted and supported in living with their families, or independently; be assisted in finding transportation to support access to the community; and receive individually planned habilitation, education, training, employment and recreation subject to supports and services available in the community of their choice.

(b) To accomplish the policies set forth in subsection (a), the secretary, subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, shall annually propose and implement a plan including, but not limited to, financing thereof which shall: (1) Provide for an organized network of community services for persons with developmental disabilities; (2) maximize the availability of federal resources to supplement state and local funding for such systems; and (3) reduce reliance on separate, segregated settings in institutions or the community for persons with developmental disabilities.

(c) The secretary shall report to the legislature the number of persons with developmental disabilities eligible to receive community services and shall make a progress report on the implementation of the annual plans and the progress made to accomplish a comprehensive community services system for persons with developmental disabilities.

(d) The secretary shall prepare and submit budget estimates for the Kansas department for aging and disability services to the division of the budget and the legislature and shall establish and implement policies and procedures within the programs and activities of the department so that funds for state-level programs and activities for persons who are developmentally disabled are allocated between services delivered in institutions and community services.

(e) Subject to the provisions of this act and appropriation acts, the secretary shall administer and disburse funds to each community developmental disability organization for the coordination and provision of community services.

(f) The secretary shall establish procedures and systems to evaluate the results and outcomes of the implementation of this act to assure the attainment of maximum quality and efficient delivery of community services.

History: L. 1995, ch. 234, § 4; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 184; July 1.