

**Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities Testimony on HB 2416.**

The Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities has as part of its mission to advise state partners and agencies on important research and policy issues that impact people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Kansas. A trend that we have noted is that Kansas is well below national averages in key statistics regarding employment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Data collected on state IDD agencies' service trends (Zalewska & Winsor, 2018) shows that:

Kansas has 11% of people with IDD working in integrated employment (national average is almost 20%). Compared to 38% in sheltered employment

Kansas has 92% of people with ID spending their day in sheltered activities (work and nonwork). The national average is 81%.

This is concerning because people with IDD who work in integrated employment have better outcomes on choice, self-determination, community integration, and health.

Kansas does not have rate structures in place that promote a move to competitive, integrated employment for people with I/DD. Because of that, we support HB 2416 with the amendments proposed by DRC. We believe especially that promoting a planning process to enact rate structures and system transformation to support competitive integrated employment is a needed step toward increasing employment opportunities for Kansans with I/DD.



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