

Shawnee County  
Council of Community Members  
Capacity Building Plan  
2004

**Priority #1**

Increase transportation capacity in Shawnee County. And ensure that attendants have free access when traveling with a person with disabilities.

Strategies/Activities:

1. Council of Community Members will seed a position on the Para-Transit Council.
2. Council of Community Members will seek a position on the ACATs Committee.
3. Invite Route Administrator from Topeka Transit and The Lift to attend Council of Community Member meetings.

**Priority #2**

Ensure that employment opportunities are made available to persons with disabilities.

Strategies/Activities:

1. CCM will advocate to have employment services debundled from day services.
2. Invite a speaker from Vocational Rehabilitation Services to discuss outcome based performance funding.

**Priority #3**

Focus on educational concerns and opportunities for children with disabilities.

Strategies/Activities:

1. The Council of Community Members will host a forum for parents of children with disabilities in school on educational advocates and related educational issues.

**Priority #4**

Help members better understand funding so as to advocate for increased funding.

Strategies/Activities:

1. Council of Community Members will become educated in how all related waivers in the State of Kansas operate.

**Priority #5**

Members will develop a good understanding of rights and responsibilities of persons served in order to broaden knowledge.

**Strategies/Activities:**

1. Council of Community Members will invite guests to speak on the philosophy of Independent Living.
2. Council of Community Members will invite guests to speak about guardianship, rights, limitations, etc.
3. Council of Community Members will invite Rocky Nichols from KAPs to speak.

**Priority #6**

Ensure members of the Council of Community Members are well versed when discussing current issues in the field of developmental disabilities.

**Strategies/Activities:**

1. Council of Community Members will have opportunities to learn about new research related to the field of developmental disabilities.
2. Best practices when working with aging caregivers, autism/asperger syndrome and others will be shared and discussed with members.