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*Serving all ages with any type of disability*

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## Core Services Wy & Jo Counties

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We have expanded our services from Lawrence to the Kansas City, KS area! Our core services available in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties include:

**Advocacy:** Advocacy services can help you to understand the laws that protect you and approach difficult disputes and other situations with confidence for a positive outcome for all.

**Information & Referral:** I&R is a vital service, connecting you to community and statewide programs, services, products and opportunities that may benefit someone with a disability.

**Independent Living (IL) Skills Training:** Helping to maximize independence and the ability to lead active, engaged and productive lives in the home and the community of your choice.

**Peer Support:** Peer Support can help someone with a disability navigate life, systems, friendships and other relationships and the community as a whole, as well as assist in gaining confidence and making valuable connections.

**Deinstitutionalization:** Providing services to assist a person with a disability make the transition from a nursing home or institution back into the community and into the housing of their choice.

**Youth Transition Counseling:** For teens and young adults who desire to transition from high school or part-time employment, to long-term employment, training, technical school or college, including IEP support, independent living skills training, identifying strengths and interests and taking the next step into adulthood.

## Financial Management Services

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**Financial Management Services (FMS)** is available to eligible persons with disabilities desiring to self-direct their personal care services under the Kansas Medicaid HCBS Waiver Program. You, as the employer, will hire, train, and supervise your own Personal Care Service Worker (PCSW), while we handle the financial management/payroll for you and your employee(s). Services include, preparation of payroll, filing of related payroll returns, W-2s, taxes, unemployment insurance and worker's compensation coverage.

## Kansas Youth Transition Network: Wy Co

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We are working within the Kansas Youth Transition Network to provide extended **Youth Transition Services** within Wyandotte County to support the independent living and employment goals of youth with disabilities. We work with youth ages 10 and up to help identify and strengthen interests and talents, to develop future goals and present opportunities for school and community engagement, peer support and eventually vocational, higher education or technical training opportunities. We do this through:

- in-class group training/workshops
- IEP or 504 support and advocacy
- life skills and independent living skills training like
  - how to manage money
  - conflict resolution
  - self-determination and self-advocacy skills
  - cleaning/organizing and time management
- Vocational skill development like
  - job seeking
  - resume writing/interviewing
  - body language/communication skills, and much more!

## Kansas WORK and STEPS Programs

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The Kansas **Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK) program** is part of the Working Healthy program and offers various services to those who need additional supports. It is designed to help working people with disabilities ages 16+, pursue their employment goals without losing health care coverage. Through the WORK program, an Independent Living Counselor will help guide you through the employment process, listen to your goals and provide supports to help achieve those goals.

**Supports and Training for Employing People Successfully (STEPS)** is a program through which people with disabilities and/or certain behavioral health conditions may seek a path to employment without losing Social Security benefits or medical insurance coverage. For those who qualify, services can include: Pre-Vocational Services, Independent Living Skills Training, Personal Assistant Services, Transportation, Supported Employment, Assistive Technology and Community Service Coordination.

