

**Golden West Community Services**

**[www.goldenwest-rescare.com](http://www.goldenwest-rescare.com)**

Provides supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities in Goodland; 785-899-2322;

**Health Wave**

**[www.kansashealthwave.org](http://www.kansashealthwave.org)**

A primary and preventive health benefit program for children through age 18 who meet eligibility requirements: Contact local SRS office.

**Heartland Rural Counseling Services, Inc.**

Specializing in individual and family counseling including play therapy and diagnostic evaluations with evening hours; Colby- 785-460-7588.

**High Plains Mental Health Center**

**[www.highplainsmentalhealth.com](http://www.highplainsmentalhealth.com)**

Available to prevent, diagnose, and treat psychological problems; Hays, 785-628-2871; Colby, 785-462-6774; Goodland, 785-899-5991; Norton, 785-877-5141.

**Job Corps**

**[www.jobcorps.dol.gov](http://www.jobcorps.dol.gov)**

**[www.flinthills.jobcorps.gov](http://www.flinthills.jobcorps.gov)**

Provides vocational, academic, social skills, and independent living training for disadvantaged youth age 16 - 24 who are out of school and out of work; Flint Hills, 785-537-7222; Toll free, 800-733-5627.

**Kansas Career Pipeline**

**[www.kansascareerpipeline.org](http://www.kansascareerpipeline.org)**

On-line career, job, and education planning resource for middle school students through adult job seekers in Kansas.

**Kansas Equipment Exchange (KEE)**

**[www.equipmentexchange.ku.edu](http://www.equipmentexchange.ku.edu)**

The Kansas Equipment Exchange is a statewide project guided by individuals with disabilities, family members, and Medicaid. Durable medical equipment purchased with public funds is loaned to Kansans. The State of Kansas retains ownership, but the original consumer has the use of the equipment for as long as it is needed.

For more information call toll free 866-666-1470 or the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center – 785-672-3125.

**Kansas Guardianship Program**

**[www.ksgprog.org](http://www.ksgprog.org)**

Provides assistance with obtaining volunteer guardians and conservators when family or others are not available for 18 and older individuals with disabilities who need help with decision making. Call: 785-587-8555 or 800-672-0086.

**Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority**

**[www.jja.state.ks.us](http://www.jja.state.ks.us)**

Provides community supervision and safe, secure, humane and restorative confinement for youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system. Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services, Oberlin, 785-475-8113; Hays, 785-628-6244.

**Kansas Legal Services**

**[www.kansaslegalservices.org](http://www.kansaslegalservices.org)**

Provides legal services for income eligible clients; 800-723-6953; Hays Office, 785-625-4514

**The Kansas Mission of Mercy**

**[www.ksdentalfoundation.org](http://www.ksdentalfoundation.org)**

The Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation provides funding and resources to improve oral health in the state of Kansas. They provide yearly dental clinics free of charge. Call 785-272-7469

**Kansas Rehabilitation Services**

**(Voc. Rehab) [www.srskansas.org/rehab](http://www.srskansas.org/rehab)**

Assists people with disabilities in reaching their post-secondary training and employment objectives; Counselors: Goodland - 785-899-5661, Colby - 785-462-6760, Hays - 785-628-1066, Hays, 785-628-1066, Garden City, 620-272-5994, Phillipsburg, 785-543-5258

**Kansas Works**

**[www.kansasworks.com](http://www.kansasworks.com)**

Employment information, Colby, 785-462-6862, Hays, 785-625-5654.

**Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy**

**[www.kyea.org](http://www.kyea.org)**

Promotes and supports the development of youth with disabilities so they become empowered as community leaders through education, mentoring, and peer support. Facilitate the Youth Leadership Forum. 866-577-5932.

**Job Placement**

Works with Kansas Rehabilitation Services to council, guide, and train individuals with disabilities for competitive employment opportunities. Colby Office, 785-462-6760.

**Living Independently in Northwest Kansas (LINK)**

**[www.linkinc.org](http://www.linkinc.org)**

Provides advocacy, information, referral, independent living training, and other services to any individual with a disability. 800-569-5926  
Hays, 785-625-6942;  
Colby, 785-462-7600;  
Hill City 785-421-5772.

**(LIEAP) Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

**[www.ks-energy-assistance.com](http://www.ks-energy-assistance.com)**

For assistance in paying utility bills, call 800-432-0043.

**Make A Difference Information Network**

**[www.makeadifferenceks.org](http://www.makeadifferenceks.org)**

An information service for children and adults with disabilities, their families, and their service providers; 800-332-6262

**Medicaid**

**[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)**

Medical insurance with eligibility based on income and disability. Contact your local county SRS office.

**Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center**

**[www.nkesc.org](http://www.nkesc.org)**

Provides vocational assessments, transitional services, job training programs, and vocational materials for check out, and other special education related services; 785-672-3125 Vocational/Transition Department.

**Post-Secondary Education Support Services**

Most colleges and technical schools in Kansas have support services available for students with disabilities who benefit from either testing or instructional accommodations. Students are responsible to request these services and to provide documentation of a disability;

**Colby Community College (CCC)**

Student Support; 785-460-5512; GED/Adult Education, 785-460-5486

**Northwest Kansas Technical College**

Student Support; Goodland, 785-890-3641

**Fort Hays State University**

Academic Support; Hays, 785-628-4401

Disabilities Services; Hays, 785-628-4276.

**Office of Civil Rights**

**[www.uky.edu/TLC/grants/uk\\_ed/services/kansasocr.html](http://www.uky.edu/TLC/grants/uk_ed/services/kansasocr.html)**

Enforces laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in educational institutions receiving Federal funds. Kansas City Office: 816-880-4200

**Payroll Plus of Kansas, Inc.**

This is a HCBS Payroll Agent located in Montezuma and Manhattan, KS. Their service is to empower clients with the tools needed to recruit, hire, train, schedule and manage their employees. Montezuma Agent: 1-888-527-2658 or 620-846-2658. Manhattan Agent: 1-800-213-3893 or 785-537-0500

**SER Corporation**

Employment training for seasonal farm workers age 16 and older; Garden City, 620-275-2181; Hays 785-623-4016; Goodland, 785-890-3300.

**SKIL of Western Kansas**

**[www.skionline.com](http://www.skionline.com)**

Independent living center devoted to meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities and to serving them, their families and communities. Hays, 785-628-8019; 800-316-8019

**Department for Children and Families (DCF)**

**[www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov)**

Provides social services including: adult protective services, guardian/conservator services, day care services, financial aid to families with dependent children, medical programs, food stamps, and a low income energy assistance. Regional Offices: Colby, 785-462-6760; Goodland, 785-899-5661; Phillipsburg, 785-543-5258; Garden City, 620-275-5800; Hays, 785-628-1066.

**SRS - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)**

**[www.srskansas.org/hcp/css/pdf/WaiverDescription.pdf](http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/css/pdf/WaiverDescription.pdf)**

Services for the more severely disabled to help them stay in their home communities. Developmentally Disabled, DSNWK, 785-625-5678; Traumatic Brain Injury and Physically Disabled, LINK, 785-625-6942; Serious Emotional Disturbance, HPMH, 785-628-2871.

**Social Security Administration**

**[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)**

Provides financial support to people under qualified circumstances including Supplemental Security income (SSI) for individuals whose physical or mental disabilities place a substantial limitation on their ability to work now or in the future. 800-772-1213. Hays Social Security Office: 785-625-3496.

**Special Olympics**

**[www.kssso.org](http://www.kssso.org)**

Offers year round sports training, education, and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; Western Area; 620-271-8777.

## **The Northwest Kansas Transition Council**

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### **A TRANSITION RESOURCE MINI-DIRECTORY**

for use by students, families, and school personnel  
in the transition process from school to adult life.

As part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,  
**Transition Planning** is required in Kansas for all students receiving  
special education services beginning at least by the age of 14.

**Transition Planning** is a coordinated set of activities for the student,  
which promotes movement from school to post-school activities.

These activities must be based on the student's interests, preferences,  
and needs as determined by the student's vision for the future.

Using this vision, specialized transition services and supports  
are identified by the family and educational team and listed as a

#### **Statement of Needed Transition Services**

on the student's **Individual Education Plan (IEP)**.

Annual goals and objectives or action statements are then  
written to facilitate movement toward this future vision.

Some of the action statements may involve contacting  
community agencies to provide the needed transition support either  
at the present or in the future. Since some adult services have  
waiting lists, it is important to plan ahead.

Through contact with the agency before the services are actually  
needed, the family has a better idea of what is available  
and the agency has a better idea of future needs.

This mini-directory includes a brief description of some of the available  
community agencies with telephone numbers,  
to obtain more information.

### **Assistive Technology For Kansans**

Statewide program to enhance and expand assistive technology services for people  
with disabilities; 1-800-526-3648; Western Kansas - Oakley - Northwest Kansas  
Educational Service Center 785-672-3125, Kansas Equipment Exchange. (KEE)

### **Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas**

(DSNWK) [www.dsnwk.org](http://www.dsnwk.org)

Individuals, regardless of age, who are experiencing developmental disabilities are  
provided quality services including: adult education, employment services,  
community living, family support, educational advocacy, respite care, and life  
planning; Funding Manager, Hays, 785-625-5678; Hays 785-625-2521.

Individual Service Coordinator, Colby, 785-462-3400

Hoxie Office, 785-675-3933; Frontier Developmental Center, Norton, 785-877-5154;

Kobler Developmental Center, Hill City, 785-421-2851;

Prairie Developmental Center, Atwood, 785-626-3688;

Reed Developmental Center, Hays, 785-625-2521;

Wheatland Developmental Center, Colby, 785-462-3012.

### **Community Learning Centers**

Alternative community centers designed to help out of school youth and adults  
complete their high school graduation requirements, prepare for taking the GED, or  
increase their academic and computer skills.

Thomas county Learning Center, Colby, 786-465-7900

Goodland Community Learning Center, 785-890-8152

Graham County Learning Center, Hill City, 785-421-5531

### **Disability Rights Center of Kansas**

[www.drckansas.org](http://www.drckansas.org)

Assists children and adults with disabilities gain access to the rights and services to  
which they are entitled: 877-776-1541 or 785-273-9661.

### **Families Together, Inc.**

[www.familiestogetherinc.org](http://www.familiestogetherinc.org)

A statewide program developed to meet the needs of families with a child having a  
disability; information on Educational Advocates. Regional Office, Garden City  
620-276-6364 or toll free for parents, (888)-820-6364

### **Foster Care Agencies**

Provide case management and services to youth in foster care.

Kansas Children's Service League, 877-530-5275, [www.kcsl.org](http://www.kcsl.org); Saint Francis  
Academy, [www.st-francis.org](http://www.st-francis.org); Colby, 785-462-6679;

Hays, 785-625-6651, Family Preservation, 785-628-3111;

Youthville, Hays, 785-623-4424, [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org).

Youthville, Colby 785-462-2800 Ext. 2

**(TAP) Telecommunications Access Program**

**[www.kansastap.org](http://www.kansastap.org)**

Free specialized telephones for Kansas! Individuals who have a hearing, vision, speech, cognitive or mobility disability/impairment can apply and receive equipment if the eligibility requirements are met. Topeka – 785-234-0207 or Assistive Technology Department at NKESC -785-672-3125.

**Ticket to Work**

**[www.yourtickettowork.com](http://www.yourtickettowork.com)**

Employment program through the Social Security Administration for people with disabilities who are receiving SSI and are interested in going to work. 800-772-1213.

**Transition Coalition**

**[www.transitioncoalition.org](http://www.transitioncoalition.org)**

Online information, support, and professional development are available on topics focusing on the transition of youth from school to adult life.

**Wings Upon the Prairie**

Provides companionship, socialization, and information to past and present consumers suffering from mental illness. Colby, 785-460-7477.

**Workforce Investment Act – Youth Vision**

Assistance with obtaining job training for competitive employment and a high school diploma is available for qualifying youth ages 16-21.

Colby, 620-200-0708;  
Garden City, 620-271-6200.

**Working Healthy**

**[www.workinghealthy.org](http://www.workinghealthy.org)**

Offers people with disabilities that are working or want to work the opportunity to keep their Medicaid coverage. Contact local SRS Office for a Benefits Specialist; Hays, 785-628-1066, Receive information about how working will affect your benefits.

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