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KDADS Schedules Information Sessions on Its TBI Waiver Services Program

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services' (KDADS) Community Services and Programs Commission has scheduled eight informational meetings across the state to discuss the renewal of the Home and Community Based Services waiver program for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (HCBS-TBI).

These informational meetings will provide consumers with information about the program, and give them an opportunity to make recommendations about what features they would like to see in the TBI waiver. No formal decisions have been made about renewal of the waiver program. Attendance at these meetings is not required by the agency, but KDADS would like to get consumers' and stakeholders' input on the program.

The TBI waiver program, administered by KDADS, is for individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury. The program provides the services needed after injury to ensure that individuals are able to remain in their homes and be as independent as possible in a safe, healthy environment.

The TBI waiver program serves individuals age 16 through 65 who meet the criteria for TBI rehabilitation hospital placement. There are currently 619 individuals participating in the program.

Services available to individuals in the TBI waiver program include assistance in completing daily living tasks such as dressing, shopping, cooking, bathing; assistive services such as medical equipment, home modifications and technology that helps the individual remain in his or her home and increases quality of life and independence; transitional living services that help the individual learn the skills necessary to living independently and rehabilitation therapies to restores the individual to an optimal level of physical and mental functioning.

Join us at one of the TBI waiver informational meetings at the following locations and times:

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Date	Time	Place
February 26th	1:30-3:00 pm	Kansas City DCF Office 402 State Ave, Kansas City , KS 66101 <i>Seating Limited</i>
February 27th	9:00-10:30am	St. Francis Health Center Auditorium 2 nd Floor 1700 SW 7th Street, Topeka , KS 66606-1690
February 27th	6:00-7:00 pm	Conference Call Dial in 866-620-7326; Conference Code: 5826736791
February 28th	9:00-10:30 am	Independent Living Resource Center 3033 W. 2nd Street North, Wichita , Kansas 67203
February 28th	12-1:30 pm	Independent Living Resource Center 3033 W. 2nd Street North, Wichita , Kansas 67203
March 4th	9:30-11:00 am	Kansas City DCF Office 402 State Ave, Kansas City , KS 66101 <i>Seating Limited</i>
March 5th	1:30-3:00 pm	Overland Park DCF Office Sunflower Room 8915 Lenexa Drive, Overland Park , KS 66214 <i>Please Park in back and enter through staff entrance</i>
March 6th	9:00-10:30 am	Topeka & Shawnee Public Library Marvin Auditorium 101AB 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka , KS 66604

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