

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is looking for interested parties to participate in the HCBS Final Rule Onsite Assessment Workgroup. In compliance with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule, KDADS will be assessing all settings that receive funding through the Home and Community Based programs. The assessment will include settings serving the Frail Elderly (FE), Autism, Physical Disability (PD), Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Technology Assisted (TA), and Intellectual and Developmental (IDD) populations.

As part of the assessment process, KDADS is requesting participation from consumers/family, caregivers, providers, and other interested parties. The workgroup will focus on outlining the contents necessary for the development of the onsite assessment tool. At the conclusion of the workgroup, KDADS will expect the Workgroup to have a plan that will identify:

- The changes that are required for HCBS settings to meet the Final Rule
- The elements for the design of the assessment tool
- A process for conducting the onsite assessment
- A process for HCBS settings to submit evidence of compliance with the Final Rule

The workgroup will participate in three meetings located in Topeka or Wichita. The meetings are anticipated to last 4 to 5 hours and study groups will be expected to meet between Workgroup meetings. Therefore, it is critical that any party interested in participation in this workgroup understand the time dedication required for the workgroup. The initial workgroup meeting will be held on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>; therefore, any parties unable to attend ALL workgroup meetings and study groups should not submit an application. In addition, all participants are responsible for travel costs and other related expenses accumulated throughout the workgroup.

The HCBS Final Rule Onsite Assessment Workgroup Application is attached to this email or available online at [www.kdads.ks.gov](http://www.kdads.ks.gov). The Application Form must be completed and returned to KDADS by ***Friday, June 19.***

Participants selected for this workgroup will receive an email from Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research (CSSR). The email will provide additional information about the workgroup including the dates, time, and location of the initial and future meetings.

Additional questions regarding the HCBS Final Rule Onsite Assessment Workgroup or application form should be directed to [HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov](mailto:HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov) or 785-296-3473.