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### **Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Selected to Participate In National Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Quality Assessment Survey**

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services' Community Services and Programs Commission has been chosen to participate in a national project to measure how effective the state's developmental disabilities system is in helping individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

The National Core Indicators (NCI) has selected Kansas as one of five additional states to survey this year. Kansas will use the NCI quality assessment tool to determine how well the state is supporting its I/DD population. With the addition of Kansas, along with Minnesota, Delaware, Colorado and Tennessee, there are now 38 states across the country taking part in this project.

"It is an honor to participate in this assessment," said Gina Meier-Hummel, KDADS' Community Services and Programs Commissioner.

"It will give us detailed information on how these services are impacting those we help. We will be able to use this data to make decisions about the way we utilize resources and how to improve the quality of services that are being delivered," Commissioner Meier-Hummel said.

A random sample of more than 1,200 adults and families in Kansas who are currently receiving I/DD services will be invited to complete the survey. There will also be in-person interviews. Questions will target key areas such as employment, relationships, health, consumer choice, inclusion and case management.

NCI was launched in 1997 and is coordinated by the National Association of Directors of State Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).

States participate in the survey by conducting in-person interviews with individuals receiving services, by mailing surveys to families, and by collecting and analyzing data about their service system.

Results will be available on the NCI, DHS and KDADS websites in January 2015. For more information on NCI, go to [www.nationalcoreindicators.org](http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org).

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