

SDSI ELIGIBILITY

Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) has been designated as the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for the following 18 counties in southwest Kansas;

Barton	Finney	Grant
Greeley	Hamilton	Haskell
Kearny	Lane	Morton
Pawnee	Rice	Rush
Scott	Seward	Stafford
Stanton	Stevens	Wichita

As the CDDO, SDSI is the single point of application for individuals seeking mental retardation or developmental disability services in southwest Kansas. One of SDSI's responsibilities is to determine if the individual applying for services is eligible. To do this we look at applicable documentation you make available to us. This documentation should include psychological evaluations, school records, social history, person-centered support plans, medical records, mental health records, application for services, and any other information that would be helpful in determining eligibility. We also meet with the applicant, their family and/or guardian and any other interested people to obtain information from them about the applicant's functioning level, their needs, and their current supports.

To be determined eligible for our services the applicant must be a current resident of one of the counties shown above and must meet the following definition for mental retardation and other developmental disabilities;

Intellectual Disability means intellectual functioning as evidenced by an IQ score of approximately 70 to 75 or below on a standardized measure of intelligence.

Other developmental disability means a condition such as autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or other similar physical or mental impairment. **In addition, other developmental disability** is evidenced by a severe, chronic disability which:

1. Are attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, AND
2. Is manifest before the age 22, AND
3. is likely to continue indefinitely, AND

4. Results in substantial functional limitations in any three or more Of the following areas of life functioning:
 - a. Self-care,
 - b. Understanding and the use of language,
 - c. Learning and adapting,
 - d. Mobility,
 - e. Self-direction in setting goals and undertaking activities to accomplish those goals,
 - f. Living independently,
 - g. Economic self-sufficiency, AND
- 5 Reflects a need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment or other services which are lifelong, or extended in duration and are individually planned and coordinated, AND
6. Does not include individuals who are solely severely emotionally disturbed or seriously and persistently mentally ill or have disabilities solely as a result of infirmities of aging.

If the applicant meets the above criteria, an SDSI representative will complete a Basic Assessment and Services Information System (BASIS) assessment. The BASIS is a way of determining the applicant's needs and eligibility for various funding sources. Also an SDSI representative will assist you with determining what services would best meet your needs.

If the applicant does not meet the criteria, they will be informed of the reason why and will be given a list of other potential service providers in southwest Kansas.

For more information or to start the process to determine eligibility contact:

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