



WHAT ARE HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES?

KNOW YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN KANSAS

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Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) waivers are programs through Kansas Medicaid (KanCare). The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) directs these programs. HCBS waivers let someone receive services where they live in the community instead of an institution, like a nursing home or state hospital.

There are seven HCBS waivers in Kansas. Six of them provide in-home services for children and youth.

The waivers meet different needs depending on different disabilities. Some waivers may provide in-home assistance for your child. Others may provide services such as therapies, nursing care, case management, counseling, day services, or residential services.



The six waivers that serve Kansas children and youth are:

- **Autism Waiver (AU):** for children with autism ages 0-5
- **Brain Injury Waiver (BI):** for people who have a brain injury ages birth to 64
 - This brain injury can be acquired or traumatic
- **Intellectual/Developmental Disability Waiver (IDD):** for children ages 5+ who have an intellectual disability that started before they were age 22
- **Physical Disability Waiver (PD):** for people ages 16-64 that meet Social Security's definition of disability for SSDI or SSI
- **Severe and Emotionally Disturbed Waiver (SED):** for people ages 4-18 with a mental health diagnosis
 - This diagnosis must substantially disrupt the person's ability to function socially, academically, and/or emotionally
- **Technology Assisted (TA):** for people ages 0-21 who depend on a ventilator or other device to perform a vital bodily function

Who can receive HCBS waivers?

Your child must have KanCare Medicaid insurance to qualify for HCBS Waivers. They also must meet the definition of disability under the Social Security Act. They must meet the requirements of the specific Waiver.

More details can be found about each waiver at the [KDADS website](https://tinyurl.com/yschbhht). Find it here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yschbhht>



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