

HCBS SED Waiver

The SED Waiver provides additional home and community-based services to children and youth who experience ongoing challenges related to their mental health diagnoses. Children and youth between 4 and 18 years of age must meet clinical and financial eligibility criteria to receive SED Waiver services.

Kansas implemented the SED Waiver in 1997 to supplement the mental health services provided to children and youth through the state plan. CMHCs (or an affiliate) currently provide SED Waiver services to more than 3,000 children and youth.

SED Waiver Services

Wraparound Facilitation: develops ongoing collaboration among the family, service providers, and other formal and informal community resources identified by the family to ensure effective service delivery	Attendant Care: provides children and youth assistance in the form of support, supervision, and/or cuing that enables children and youth to accomplish tasks and engage in activities in their homes, schools, or communities	Independent Living/ Skills Building: assists children and youth who are transitioning to adulthood with support in developing the necessary skills to live independently
Parent Support and Training: assists parents in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and address the needs of children and youth in relation to their mental health diagnoses	Short-Term Respite Care: provides temporary direct care and supervision to children and youth who are not in foster care	Professional Resource Family Care: alleviates crises through a co-parenting approach provided in a surrogate family setting to children and youth who are not in foster care

Common Acronyms

CMHC: Community Mental Health Center
HCBS: Home & Community-Based Services
POC: Plan of Care
QMHP: Qualified Mental Health Professional
SED: Serious Emotional Disturbance
WAF: Wraparound Facilitator

Oversight Agencies

CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal oversight)
SRS: Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (state oversight)
KHS: Kansas Health Solutions (Community Mental Health Center oversight)