

Harvey-Marion County CDDO Service Area Policy/Procedure

Policy No: 007

Subject: Uniform Access to Services

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Purpose: Establish a service area plan that offers and provides uniform access to services without discrimination based on severity of any person's disability.

Intended outcome: All residents Harvey and Marion Counties have uniform access to services without discrimination because of the severity of any person's disability.

Policy: All community service providers affiliated with Harvey-Marion County CDDO serve individuals who choose their services, without discrimination because of the severity of the individual's disability.

Procedure:

1. Discrimination due to severity of disability is prohibited. Affiliated community service providers may not discriminate against any person due to the severity of the person's disability.
2. Service specialization is allowed. Individual community service providers may specialize in service provision, as long as all persons served are offered appropriate services without regard to the severity of each person's disability. Examples of service specialization: supported employment only, low vision services, respite care only, children's services only. Providers seeking affiliation for providing specialized services are required to provide a written description of their specialty in the affiliation process.
3. Providers are not required to accept more persons than they can effectively serve. Affiliated providers must inform the Harvey-Marion County CDDO when they have reached their maximum capacity. If all affiliated community service providers are at their maximum capacity, the Harvey-Marion County CDDO shall assist in establishing new community service providers, according to K.S.A. 39-1805(b).
4. If Harvey-Marion County CDDO contracts with its affiliates and by mutual agreement provides them with financial consideration in excess of that required to be provided by the commission, Harvey-Marion County may require its affiliates to develop and make available appropriate services for any eligible person, for example, persons in crisis.
5. Only if the Secretary of KDADS determines a person to be inappropriate for community services because the person presents a clear and present danger to self or to the community, may Harvey-Marion County CDDO refuse to serve this person in the community service system.