

Sedgwick County Developmental
Disability Organization (SCDDO)

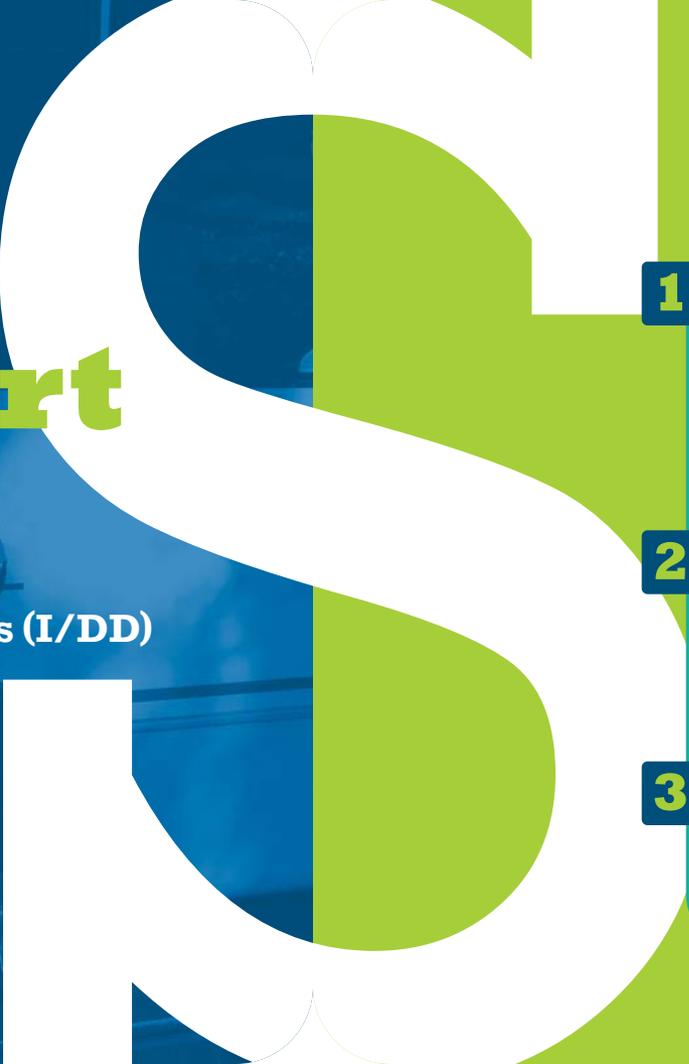
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Build
the capacity
of our community
to support
persons
with Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

strategies

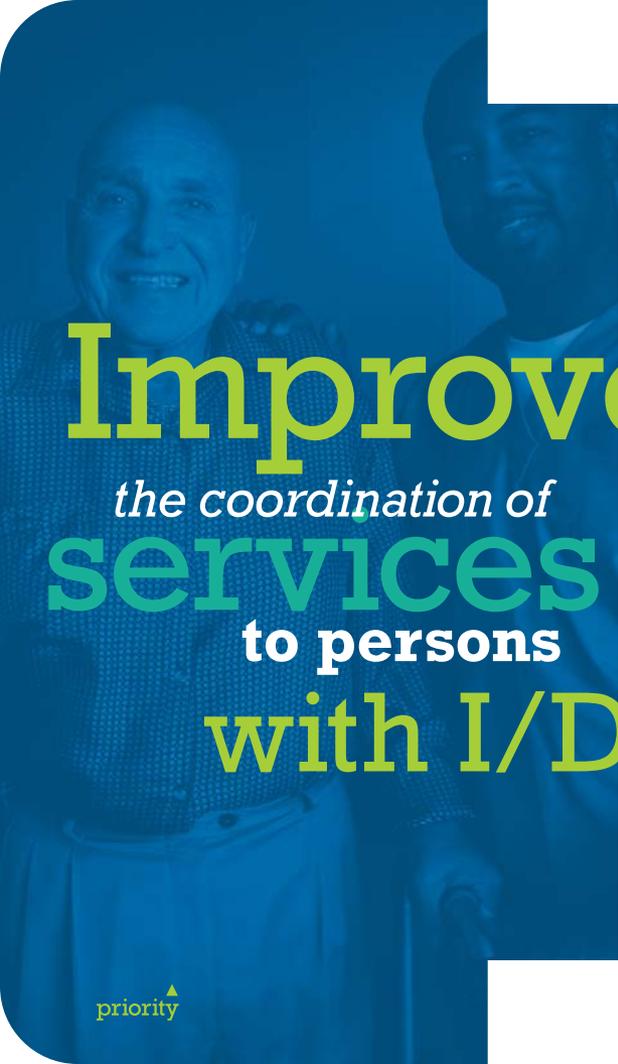
- 1** Develop new partnerships with community organizations such as public transportation, housing, law enforcement, universities, parks and recreation, and business leaders to increase options and opportunities.
- 2** Focus collaboration activities to address the needs of those on the waiting list, persons with co-occurring disabilities, the aging, and children identified as in need of services.
- 3** Assess capacities of the current service system to determine where it should be strengthened as resources become available.



Make the I/DD system easier to navigate

strategies

- 1** Make information provided by the SCDDO and service providers more user-friendly.
- 2** The SCDDO and providers will work together to develop a plan to reduce paperwork.
- 3** Explore technology such as applications, shared information and electronic access to simplify processes.



Improve

the coordination of

services

to persons

with I/DD

strategies

- 1** Pursue Managed Care Health Homes as opportunities for improved coordination.
- 2** Reinitiate community coordination efforts to better serve individuals with challenging behaviors.
- 3** Explore development of a more formal Coordinating Council.
 - a** Determine leadership roles in specific coordination activities and situations.
 - b** Reinforce attention to transitions: school to adult services, services as people age.



Promote and *increase availability* of peer/parent support

strategies

- 1** Advocate for a change in the Medicaid State Plan to include funding of a peer/parent support service.
- 2** Providers and the SCDDO assertively promote peer support programs and help recruit volunteers.
- 3** Make new opportunities available for informal supports throughout the system.



Initiate

new

education

and advocacy
efforts

strategies

- 1** Make self-advocacy a priority in Sedgwick County through additions such as Person Centered Support Plans (PCSP), and school transition plans.
- 2** Work with the Advocates in Communities Team (ACT) to develop online advocacy training and networks.
- 3** Continue to support the growth of the Business Leadership Network of Sedgwick County.

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In the **summer of 2013**, the Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) spearheaded planning activities to address the needs of persons with

Intellectual and **Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)**

using online surveys and focus groups — a process conducted by the Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research. A planning team then analyzed the data and generated

five priority areas

for local efforts over the **next three years**. With these priority areas as a guide, the SCDDO and community stakeholders will explore best practices, develop new initiatives and conduct ongoing course correction.



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