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# AAAs and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

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# Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) Changes

- All eleven of the AAAs continue to operate in your region.
- With the implementation of KanCare, the AAAs no longer have a contract with Medicaid to provide Targeted Case Management (TCM) services. However, the AAAs are continuing to provide case management for non-Medicaid customers.
- With the implementation of KanCare, the AAAs no longer have a contract with KDADS for the CARE Program. However, the AAAs are continuing to complete functional assessments for this population.

#### What is an ADRC?

- ADRCs are a process more than an entity, according to two federal agencies (CMS and ACL).
- ADRCs provide unbiased, reliable information and counseling to individuals with <u>all levels of income</u>.
- ADRCs are a <u>visible and trusted</u> place where people can turn for information, assistance and a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits.



### What is a fully functioning ADRC?

- ▶ A fully functioning ADRC includes six criteria:
- ▶ I. Information, referral and assistance
- ▶ 2. Options counseling and assistance
- 3. Streamlined eligibility determination for public programs
- ▶ 4. Person centered transition support
- 5. Consumer populations, partnerships, and stakeholder involvement
- ▶ 6. Quality assurance and continuous improvement

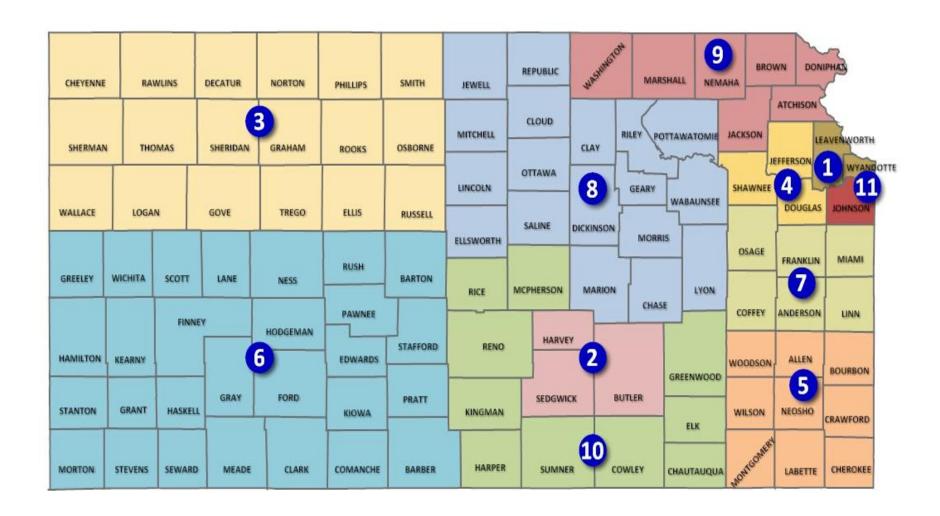


#### Kansas ADRC

- On September 10, 2012, the State of Kansas awarded a single ADRC contract to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SWKAAA).
- SWKAAA subcontracted with the other 10 AAAs to provide a state-wide ADRC.
- Kansas' ADRC includes a call center and 11 walk-in centers, effective November 1, 2012.



### The ADRC Collectively Covers all 105 Counties



#### What will the Kansas ADRC look like?

- Kansas' ADRC contract focuses on the functions of: information and referral, options assistance and counseling, and functional eligibility assessments.
- These functions will serve the following populations: the service of I& R/A will target the general population, Options Assistance & Counseling will provide services to the general population, and functional assessments will serve the FE, PD, TBI, and NF/CARE Level I customers.
- The ADRC call center is located at the Central Plains ADRC and will provide the bulk of the I&R/A services. The II ADRC walk-in centers will focus on Options Assistance and Counseling and functional assessment services.



## Source/Contact information

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