

## Services for Kansas Residents

The Whole Person (TWP) provides direct services and advocacy for Kansas residents.

### **ADAPTIVE SPORTS**

Providing diverse and inclusive play opportunities at competitive and recreational levels for people with disabilities living in the greater Kansas City area.

### **BENEFIT ENROLLMENT CENTER (BEC)**

Providing help for low income Medicare eligible seniors and people with disabilities to identify and apply for benefit programs.

### **BLINDNESS LOW VISION EXPERIENCE**

Providing opportunities for those who are blind/low vision achieve greater independence and access to the community through outdoor activities, art and cultural events.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

The Whole Person provides education on disability etiquette, including reasonable accommodations and accepted social interaction, as well as why disability awareness is important. Visit our website to arrange a presentation for your company or organization.

### **DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES**

Providing support and resources, and offering the assistance of specialists with extensive knowledge of Deaf culture and hearing loss.

### **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Helping individuals with disabilities identify ways to improve career opportunities and find permanent, integrated, and competitive employment. Services provided through Kansas Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.

### **HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS)**

Providing Fiscal Management Services (FMS) oversight of the process of providing supports and services for people with disabilities in Kansas.

### **HOME MODIFICATIONS**

Providing physical changes to homes to accommodate for physical obstacles people experience due to their disability, and assistance with ADA compliance and design.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS TRAINING**

Helping individuals develop the everyday skills needed to lead a more independent lifestyle, including personal care, household management, personal finances and coping with social situations.

### **INDIVIDUAL AND SYSTEMS ADVOCACY**

Helping people with disabilities acquire the knowledge and skills to solve problems and achieve goals on their own. Advocating for the civil rights and equality of people with disabilities by influencing and implementing legislation and policy at the local, state and federal level.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES**

Providing up-to-date information on needed services and support such as adaptive equipment, transportation, accessible housing and other issues.

### **RURAL SERVICES**

Working to increase inclusion in areas with populations of 10,000 or less; from working directly with individuals with disabilities to disability awareness trainings.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Providing support to apply for Social Security Disability Benefits, or assistance in appealing a denial for benefits.

### **THE WHOLE FAMILY PROJECT**

Providing free sign language instruction to help families better communicate with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, have speech disabilities or other such barriers.

### **TRANSITION SERVICES**

Providing information and assistance to individuals who are presently in facilities or are in immediate risk of entering State Institutions or Nursing Facilities.

### **YOUTH TRANSITION**

Assisting youth ages 14-24 to transition to independent living and/or employment.

## Support Groups

Peer groups provide a forum for problem solving, brainstorming, and sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues individually and collectively. Most groups meet at The Whole Person's offices at 3710 Main Street.

Visit [thewholeperson.org](http://thewholeperson.org) for information about specific meeting times and locations of the following groups:

- **Brain Injury Peer Support Group**  
Connecting individuals with brain injuries to each other and the resources they need.
- **Consumer Advocacy Group**  
An advocacy group for individuals with disabilities and their PCAs to participate in advocacy activities.
- **Deaf Peer Social and Support Group**  
A peer group for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- **Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Peer Group**  
For adults with hearing loss: Meet others with similar experiences, explore new communication strategies, and learn new tools.
- **Life with SCI/D**  
Connecting individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries or Related Disabilities to each other and the resources they need.
- **Mental Health Peer Mentoring Group**  
Support for anyone with a physical, cognitive, or mental health disability.
- **Mind's Eye View**  
Individuals with low vision seeking to live independent, fulfilling, self-supporting lives, fully integrated into society's mainstream.
- **Blindness Low Vision Experience**  
Opportunities to achieve greater independence and access to community through outdoor activities, art and cultural events.
- **TWP Getting Social**  
An educational and social group open to all people with disabilities, their PCAs, family, friends, and other service providers.

## Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

## Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

## Core Values

The core values will influence how we interact with each other, guide how we go about our work and fulfill our mission.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Committed
- Collaboration

## Who We Serve

- People with disabilities
- Parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- Schools
- Businesses
- Local government agencies
- Volunteer organizations
- Hospitals, health organizations and the medical community
- Civic organizations
- Churches/religious organizations
- Veterans
- Any individual or organization seeking assistance

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