

2016 VOR State Report - Kansas

ICF/ID Census

The State of Kansas has two remaining ICF/ID facilities which remain open. The Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI) where my grandson lives, has a stable census of around 145. While older individuals who have lived there for decades have been dying off, there have been a number of requests from the KanCare system for new admissions. The Kan-care (Managed care system) may be realizing that it cannot care for certain individuals in a cost-reduced manner, so is referring individuals for admissions.

While admissions are not closed in Kansas, Community Oversight Organizations across the state avoid mentioning our facilities as an option due to pressure from community-for-all advocates, and presumably to keep the money in the community system.

State Activity

Our state has been pushing to move everyone under a Universal Waiver system, which would eliminate specific waivers currently serving various portions of DD and elderly populations. There has been significant pushback, and the decision has been delayed by Legislators for at least one year.

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