

Kansas College of Direct Support

Monthly Summary of Kansas College of Direct Support Use

September 2007

I finally got around to starting the College of Direct Support curriculum now that work has slowed down a bit. I am truly enjoying them. At times when you have been in the field for so many years you get a feeling that there is not much more to learn but I find I am learning a lot from these courses and they are challenging me. They are very well done.

Well I am almost finished with all the courses in my listing and wonder if you can drop in some more or all of the rest. I have made it my goal to finish them all.

Kansas Program Director

Attached is an email I received showing how a KETCH staff went back into the CDS site to review some "teaching" tips from CDS. I think this story is a good illustration of how - experienced staff come up against challenges which cause them to seek out support and guidance. It was good to hear the staff knew where to go to get some answers and CDS was one of them. The staff is a Job Coach here at KETCH and has completed our "KETCH- first year" CDS courses (four courses). The staff has worked previously in the school system in special education and has taken courses like IDD & CDS thru the schools. This is a good example of the ongoing benefits of the information provided in CDS - especially the "Teaching" Course.

CDS Administrator

I have two Consumers that I've been having problems dealing with attitudes. I got back in to CDS and went to Lessons 2 and 3 on Teaching People with Developmental Disabilities and was able to pick up valuable tools on how to work with these two individuals on the Work Crew. One of the big mistakes that I was making was treating all team members the same way, but viewing these two lessons I found that it was very important that I learn as much about each individual and what makes them tick. I again reviewed their individual records, talked to their Home coordinator and Service Coordinator and my supervisor and now I feel I am better able to understand how to train them better on work site skills. On one Consumer - I talked with both of their Coordinators and we decided that a 45 day review meeting be held with the Consumer which really opened my eyes on what was going on. CDS has been very helpful in helping me work with the clients on the work crew.

"I have done work with persons with disabilities for a period of eight years. Obviously, there were some lessons which were refreshers for what I'd already learned. However, I found the module on cultural diversity very informative and very thought provoking. I had never fully taken the time to understand how important cultural differences are, nor how much understanding those differences can make a difference in the lives of our clients and how we provide services for them.

CDS Learner

I feel every coach, as well as leaders, could benefit from taking these courses, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to take them and understand how better to serve our clients."
CDS Learner

"College of Direct Support is a course that all staff should complete to help give them a better understanding of how to assist that their clients are living life to the fullest. The best assignment I had was reading the culture chapters. For me it helped me understand that not everyone that lives in America has the same culture or preference I have.

Over all, it also helped me with assisting the clients I work with in being able to make their own choices and to advocate for themselves. Many people don't understand that eating steak instead of hamburger is a choice that we make everyday and so should the clients that you work with. "

CDS Learner

"My experience with this course has been an adventure from the start. It was the first time I'd ever used a computer and it was a struggle to get thru the first lessons. I spent more time thinking "What will it do to me next.' I don't have a computer so I had to arrange use of a computer through (community college) and juggle my time. When I was doing the pretest on the 3rd lesson I wondered what I had gotten into I couldn't see what it had to do with my job. As I progressed down the list of lessons it all tied in.

Going thru this course strengthened my self-confidence. I found out I was more knowledgeable about many subjects than I thought I was. I also found out what my weaknesses were. I read almost all of the lessons, as I wanted to learn as much as I could. I increased my vocabulary by learning many new words, terms, and looking up the definitions as related to the lessons."

Learner after completing College of Frontline Supervision

"In taking the lessons for the college of direct support, I found the information very helpful. There were certain issues that I was not aware of, for instance, doing task analysis, and situations dealing with client health issues. I think this is a very informative course that would be very beneficial to new staff that are not familiar with this field of work."

CDS Learner

"I have completed the lessons assigned to me through the college of Direct support. I found these lessons to be very enlightening, and very useful towards helping to make me a better coach."

CDS Learner

Number of Learners and Lessons Completed September 1, 2007

Month	Number of Learners				Number of Lessons Completed			
	Under Kansas Administrator	ISS	Starkey	Total	Under Kansas Administrator	ISS	Starkey	Total
January	0			-	0	-		-
February	200	185	64	449	203	4391	1405	5999
March	340	185	69	594	883	4407	1573	6863
April	601	69*	68	738	2212	2064*	1732	6008*
May	682	70	76	828	3753	2101	1800	7654
June	755	72	83	910	5111	2404	1837	9352
July	1010	77	87	1174	6470	2764	1986	11220
August	1125	81	96	1302	7610	3111	2030	12751
September	1299	83	100	1482	9066	3258	1933	14257

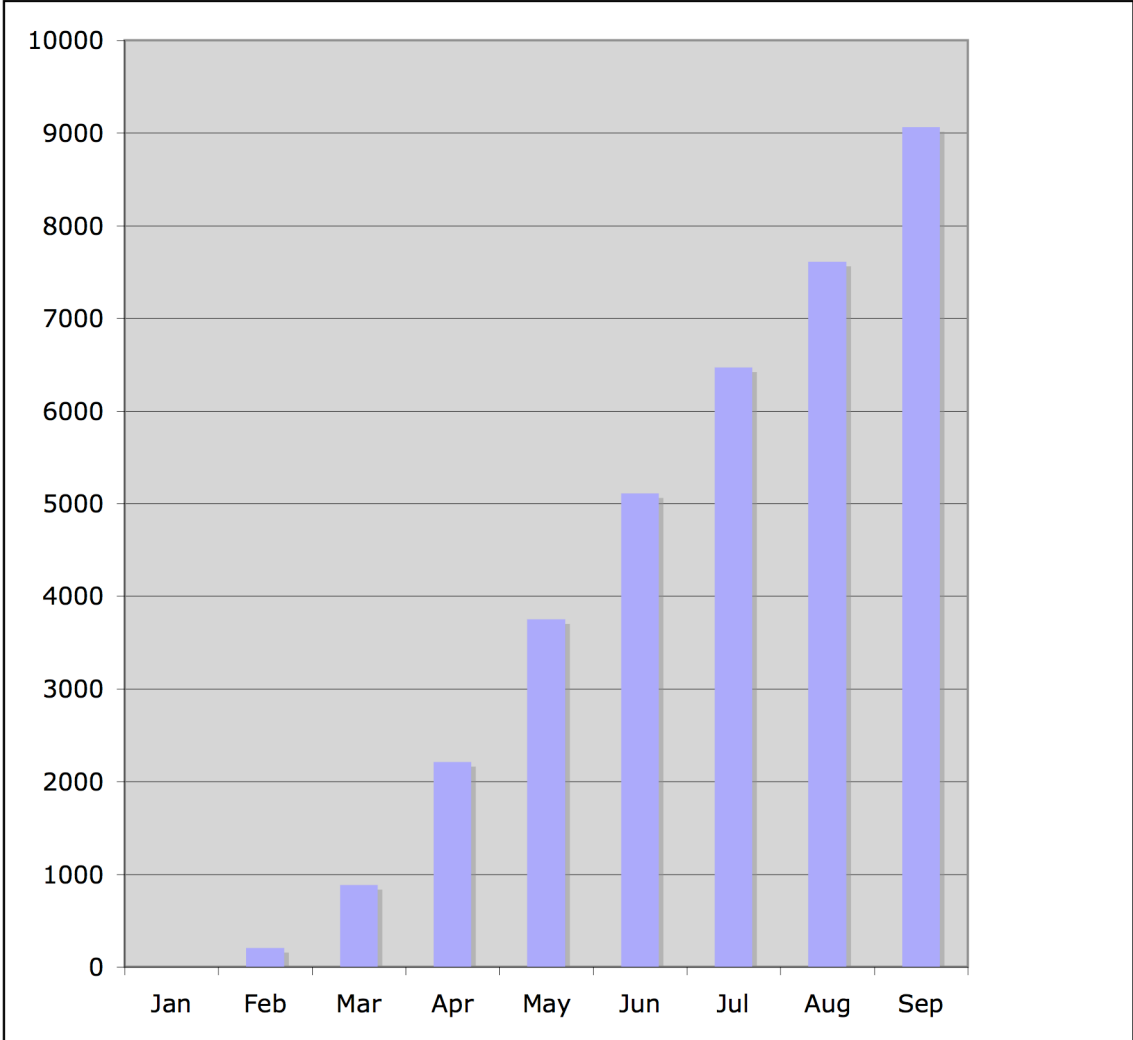
** ISS removed learners who had completed all lessons and their reports from their database. Thus the totals appear to have decreased. Use across Kansas has increased.*

The College of Direct Support in Kansas continues to expand. More than 14,000 lessons have been completed. Kansas now has over 1,400 learners enrolled!

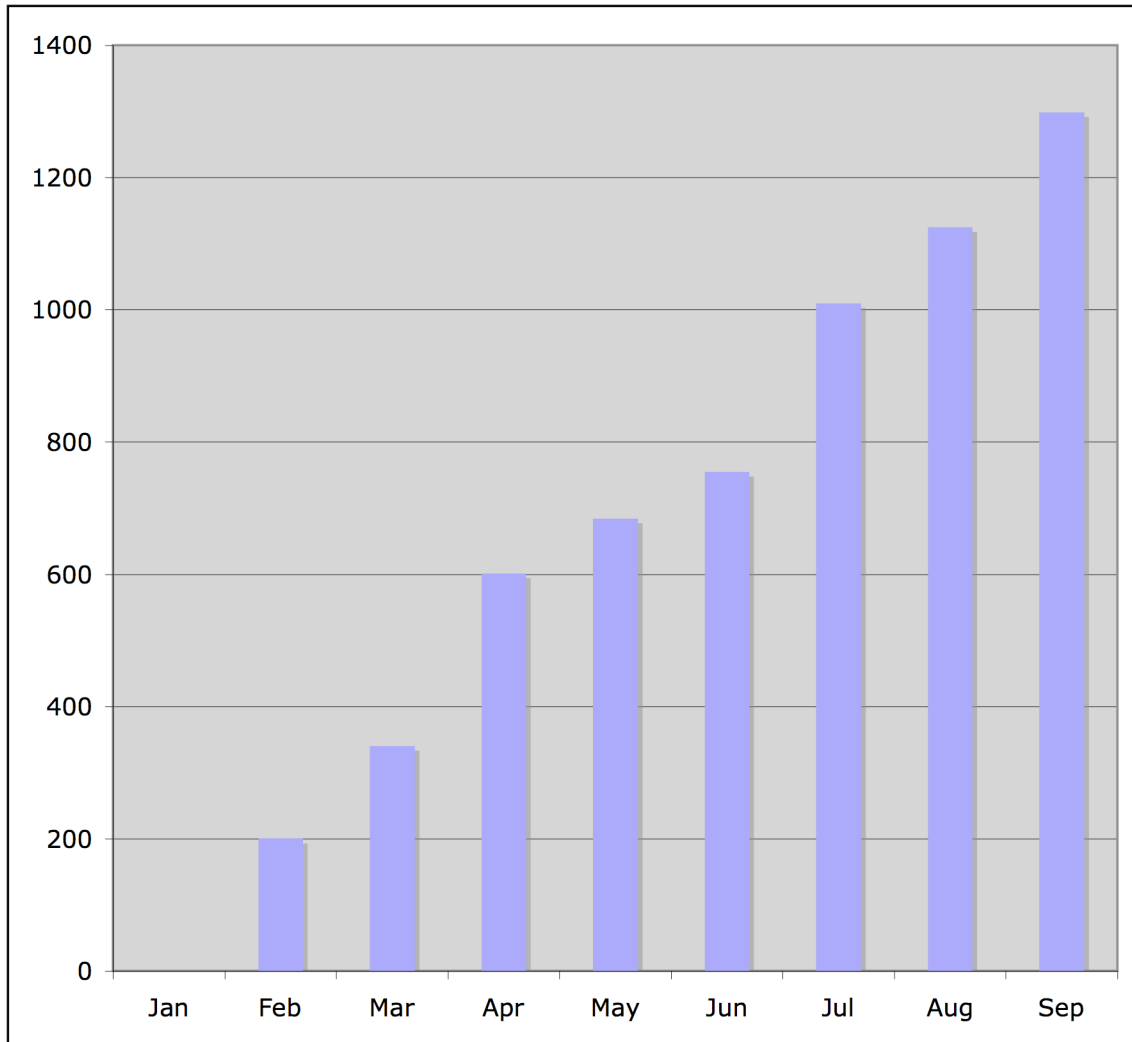
Activities

- Technical assistance and training continues
- Two presentation proposals were submitted for the October InterHab conference (One was at InterHab's request to discuss credentialing and apprenticeship options linked to CDS. The other is a general session on CDS)
- A proposal was submitted to the self-advocate conference in October. Kelly Smith will co-present.
- Advisory meeting was held on August 16th in Topeka
- Next advisory meeting scheduled for Wichita on November 29th
- Regional meetings have been scheduled for trainers in Topeka, Wichita, and Parsons. Meeting date in Dodge City pending.

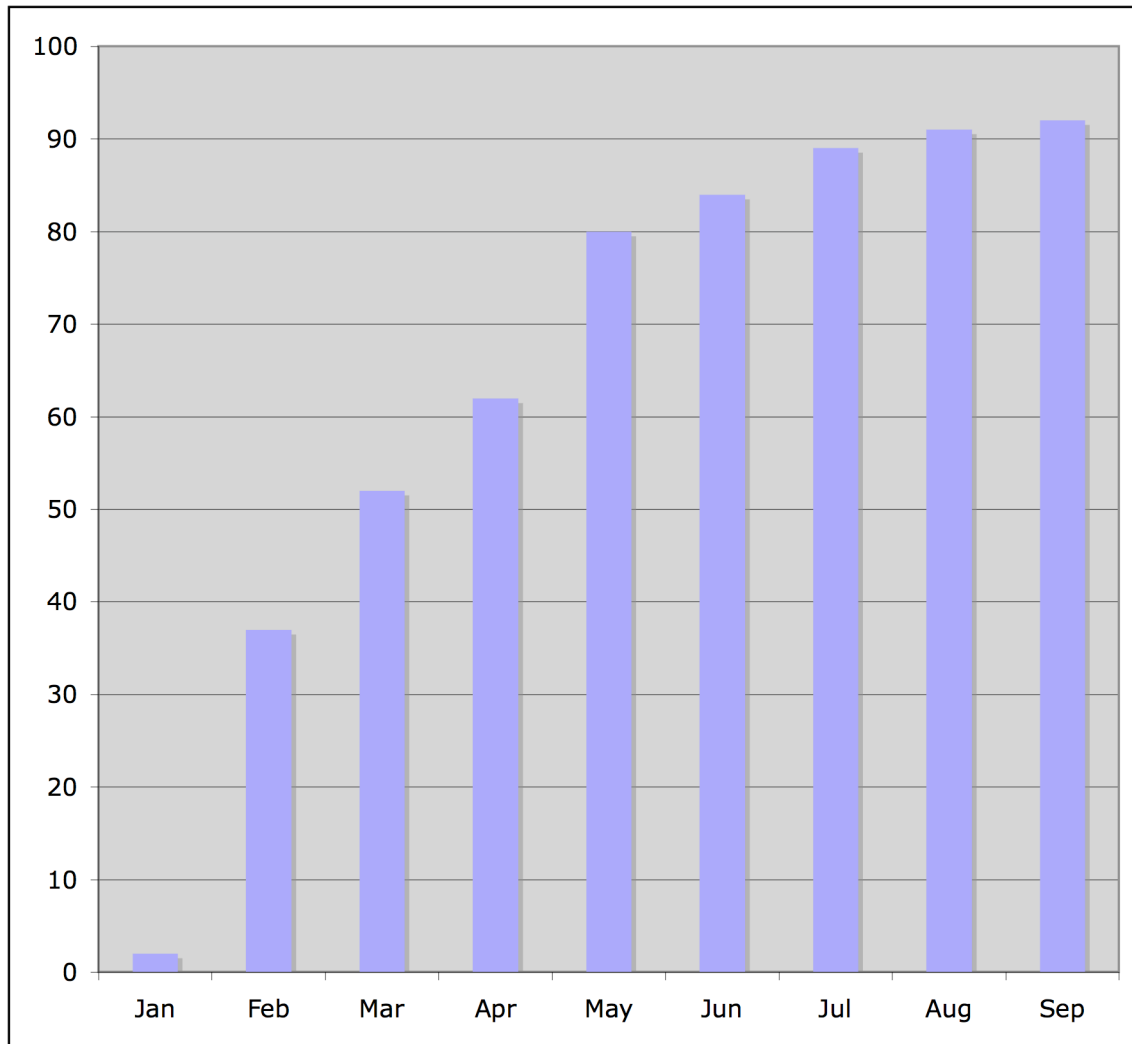
Number of Lessons Completed Under the Kansas Administrator on the First of the Month



**Number of Learners Enrolled in CDS Under the Kansas Administrator
on the First of the Month**



Number of Service Providers* Enrolled in CDS on the First of Each Month



* Includes case management providers.

The number of agencies participating continues to grow. Ninety service providers and three case management agencies in addition to foster parents and parents, are accessing the College of Direct Support. Administrators for three services providers were trained this month and OCCK began reviewing CDS.

**Service Providers Enrolled in College of Direct Support
September 1, 2007**

Provider	Local Administrator(s) Trained	Kansas Admin For Provider's Employees	Administrative Training Scheduled	Identifying Local Contact Training Pending	Reviewing Content
1. ACS	X				
2. Anita Motto					X
3. Arrowhead	X				
4. Auspision					X
5. Bethany House Self-Directed Services	X				
6. BLHS					X
7. Bridges	X				
8. Brown County	X				
9. Cain's Quality Care					X
10. Care By Design					X
11. Catholic Social Services	X				
12. CCDS (CDDO)	X				
13. CCL	X				
14. Cedar Vale Human Services					X
15. Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	X				
16. Choices	X				
17. CLASS	X				
18. CLO	X				
19. COF	X				
20. Community Connections, LLC		X			
21. Cottonwood	X				
22. Destiny Supports, Inc.					X
23. DSGP	X				
24. DSNWK	X				
25. Doniphan County	X				
26. Eagle Creek Homes					X
27. Envision	X				
28. Flinthills				X	
29. Futures	X				
30. Golden West	X				
31. Good Will Easter Seals					X
32. Graves, Inc		X			
33. Heartland, Inc dba L'Arche Heartland	X				
34. Heartstrings	X				
35. Home at Last					X
36. Home Base, LLC (trains through Heartstrings)	(X)				
37. House of Hope					X
38. The Homestead					X

39. ISS	X				
40. Jackson County					X
41. JCDS	X				
42. Just-in-time	X				
43. Karis, Inc.					X
44. KETCH	X				
45. Lakemary	X				
46. Lakeside Terrace					X
47. Lawrence Community Innkeepers					X
48. Life Patterns	X				
49. Loving Hearts Training Center, Inc					X
50. MOSAIC – Ellsworth	X				
51. MOSAIC- Liberal	X				
52. National Alliance					X
53. Nemaha	X				
54. New Beginnings	X				
55. New Beginnings of McPherson, Inc					X
56. OCCK					X
57. Paradigm					X
58. PSH&TC					X
59. Payroll Plus					X
60. Peters, Colleen & Rodney		X			
61. Quality Residential Care					X
62. Rainbows	X				
63. Residential Alternatives, Inc	X				
64. ResCare Newton					X
65. ResCare-Life Choices Wichita	X				
66. Riverside Resources	X				
67. Rose Palms					X
68. Rosewood					X
69. SEK Respite					X
70. Self- Management Services					X
71. Sensitive Home Care, LLC					X
72. Sheltered Living	X				
73. Southwinds Community Alternatives					X
74. Special Needs Billing	X				
75. Starkey	X				
76. Summit - ResCare	X				
77. Sunflower Diversified	X				
78. Sunflower Home Health					X
79. Sunflower Supports	X				
80. TARC	X				

81. TECH					X
82. TSS	X				
83. Tri-Ko	X				
84. Tri-Valley					X
85. Twin Rivers					X
86. Twin Valley					X
87. We Care Agency, LLC		X			
88. Wyandotte CDDO	X				
89. Zachary House				X	

Italics indicate new user or change in status from the previous month.

Case Management

90. <i>Dream Catchers Case Management</i>	X				
91. Lisa Jolliff- Case management		X			
92. Southwestern Case Management		X			

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Other Kansas Users - No local Administrator

Foster Care	9
Parents (Not through local providers)	2
<i>Self – Advocate</i>	<i>1</i>
SRS	2

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