



The Arc Resource Update

If you have need more information on anything you read in the resource update, please contact your case manager.

Community Resources

As of January 16, 2008, all waiting lists for Kansas Rehabilitation Services have been eliminated. This means **there are currently no waiting lists for Vocational Rehabilitation Services**. "All eligible Kansans with disabilities are now able to work with their counselors to develop Individualized Plans for Employment and initiate job-related services with no waiting periods." If you are interested in finding employment in the community, you are encouraged to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation now by contacting your case manager or SRS.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that helps eligible families pay for their energy costs. For 2008, the application period is January 22nd - March 31st. Contact SRS or your case manager for eligibility requirements and more information.



Families Together presents *Together We Can Learn and Discover the Music Within* on February 23rd from 8am-4:30pm at the Holiday Inn in Overland Park, Kansas. The conference will feature a number of speakers on topics such as social cues, work, sexuality, differentiated instruction, positive behavior supports, family support systems, and many more. The cost is approximately \$40. Go to www.familiestogetherinc.org to register today!

The Kansas Accessibility Modification Program (KAMP) assists eligible persons with disabilities in making modifications to their residence, allowing the individual to attain greater mobility and remain safely in their home. KAMP focuses on the person's most immediate needs as they relate to improving safety and accessibility." This includes installation of grab-bars, roll-in showers, raised toilet fixtures, wheelchair ramps, widening doorways, and more. For more information and eligibility requirements, please call (785) 296-4814 or go to the website at www.kshousingcorp.org/programs/kamp.shtml

In the spring of 2002, the legislature put **Parental Fees** into effect requiring parents to pay for a portion of the services provided to their children. The parental fee program includes parents of children participating in the DD waiver, TA waiver, and SED waiver. These waivers determine eligibility without considering parents' resources or income, but the parental fee is assessed based on the parent's income. This information is obtained through the Information Disclosure Form. This fee was created to increase fairness and shared responsibility. Parental Fees are based on a sliding fee scale that recognizes the many circumstances that create additional expenses for families with a child with a disability. Families living below 200% of the federal poverty level do not have to pay parental fees. SRS bills parents until the child's 18th birthday or until services end. For more information on parental fees, please visit www.srskansas.org/hcp/mo/moparentalfeeinfo.htm.

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