



2025 Policy Priorities

1 Mental/Behavioral Health Workforce

Easing requirements to obtain behavioral science licenses

- a. Requiring the behavioral sciences regulatory board to process applications within a certain time, decreasing the years of practice required for reciprocity licensure of certain behavioral sciences professions, extending the license period for temporary licenses, establishing new license categories and decreasing continuing education requirements related to diagnosis and treatment.
- b. Increasing the membership of the behavioral sciences regulatory board, decreasing the years of practice required for reciprocity licensure of certain professions, extending the license period for temporary licenses, establishing new license categories, providing additional continuing education requirements and requiring that clinical social work supervisors be approved by the board.

Creating grants and tax credits to facilitate workforce development and industry-specific postsecondary education

- a. Enacting the Kansas adult learner grant act to facilitate workforce development by providing grants and workforce retention incentive tax credits to adults who pursue baccalaureate degrees from eligible postsecondary educational institutions in certain fields of study.
- b. Enacting the Behavioral Health Tax Credit Model developed from the aviation industry tax credit to create new income tax credits for graduates of mental health programs and their employers for tax years 2025 through 2030.

Expansion of peer mentor certification

- a. Supporting the adjustment of KDADS policies to change the peer mentor certification to expand the services able to be provided under the supervision of licensed counselors.

2 Resource Access

Codifying mental health services in school districts administered by KDADS

- a. Establishing the school district mental health intervention team program in statute to provide ongoing coordinated mental health services for students among school districts and community mental health centers.

3 Continued Partnership

- a. Working together, local and state government have taken steps to build successful partnerships in recent years. The MHSAC wants to recognize the efforts and encourage a continued spirit of collaboration.
 - South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital
 - Wichita Biomedical Campus