**Organization of Community Agencies**

* Social Security Office- Student’s may be eligible for SSI, SSDI, and Medicaid.
  + Individuals with SSI and SSDI may be eligible for employment placement and living support.
* SEK-CAP-Southeast Kansas Community Action Program
  + Purpose to help individuals living in poverty, with disabilities, and elderly
    - Transportation services, Weatherization, Help pay rent, construction of affordable housing
* Vocational Rehabilitation-Contact: Terry Bryant
  + Currently there is not a waiting list for this service
  + Students should only be referred if they are within 18 months of graduation.
  + This service is for students that will need help in gaining employment or participating in a post secondary learning institution.
  + After we make the referral to Voc. Rehab., Voc. Rehab. sends a letter to the student and parents inviting the student to apply and attend an orientation meeting. It is the parent’s responsibility to complete and follow through with the application process- I see this as an area we can improve by calling and following up with the parent to ensure and/or offer assistance in completing the application.
* CDDO- Contact: Carol Sperry-877-449-8999
  + CDDO is the single entry point for individuals diagnosed with MR or a developmental disability (ex. Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy).
  + Currently there is a 5-year waiting list for services. Students should be referred as soon as possible.
  + If student’s have a job through Voc. Rehab. they may be able to access CDDO services earlier.
* Community Service Providers
  + May only be accessed through: CDDO, Voc. Rehab., or Social Security Office
  + Service providers include:
    - Class LTD, Kansas Works (Kansas Workforce Investment Act), Bridges Community Care, TFI, Connections Res Care, New Hope, KVC behavioral Sevices