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17th Kansas Disability Caucus
August 12-14, 2026
Hotel Topeka at City Center, Topeka, KS

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2026 KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS

The 17th Kansas Disability Caucus will be held in **Topeka, KS on August 12-14, 2026**. People with all types of disabilities, of all ages, representing every county of the State, are invited to attend. ***The purpose of the Kansas Disability Caucus is to provide opportunities for Kansans with disabilities to learn, share, and provide solutions to issues faced by the disability community.***

In 1988 ninety people attended the first Kansas Disability Caucus in Salina, KS. The outcome of these individuals coming together was a united charge to pass the first consumer directed personal care assistance program in Kansas. It has been common to have leaders in the disability rights movement, such as Ed Roberts, Andy Imparato, and Kelly Buckland, speak at the Caucus in the past.

One of the vital pieces of the KS Disability Caucus has always been to have participants divide into three regions where we gather their concerns on issues or barriers to their independence and potential solutions that they may have. Another important part is the opportunity for participants to gain information about topics and issues occurring that affect Kansans with disabilities and our rights to live independently in our communities and make choices in our lives.

This year's Caucus theme is **“Empowerment in Action- Shaping Our Future!”** Every Caucus event strives to celebrate the strength of our Kansas disability community and encourage advocacy to improve independent living for people with all disabilities, including all intersections with marginalized populations. The Disability Caucus offers the opportunity for the Kansas disability community to come together and unite voices for change. This year's theme takes this a step further by encouraging action and providing attendees the toolbox to make that change. Kansans with disabilities continue to face various challenges. There are many advocacy issues that are at the forefront of people's everyday lives, therefore, should be at the forefront of the legislative agenda. At the Caucus, participants will get to express challenges AND potential solutions. They will also get the chance to attend sessions that will educate, empower, and ultimately provide the resources to help shape the future. What we do now affects the future. What we do now affects the lives of so many Kansans. Let's gather as a community to become empowered to take action! Let's gain the tools to really make change and address barriers that get in the way of living independently. This will be a Caucus like you've never seen before as we address how to really put action behind words. It's time to truly shape our future- attend the Caucus to find out how YOU can be part of the solution!

Join us on August 12-14 in Topeka as we come together as a community to advocate for change and empower each other as a united, powerful force in our state!



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Empowerment in Action- Shaping Our Future!

Tentative Schedule

● Wednesday, August 12, 2026 ●

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	WELCOME & OPENING PLENARY / KEYNOTE SPEAKER
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS BREAK OUT (3)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dance!!

● Thursday, August 13, 2026 ●

Exhibitors Open – 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions (4)
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (4)
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS BREAK OUT (3)
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (4)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	AWARDS BANQUET – includes Dinner
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Voices on the Rise- A Session for Youth and Young Adults

● Friday, August 14, 2026 ●

Exhibitors Open – 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions (4)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	REGIONAL CAUCUS SOLUTIONS REPORT OUT
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CLOSING CEREMONY / KEYNOTE- Whit Downing and Kirstianna Guerrero

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General Information

Fragrance and chemicals can be access barriers for some participants.

The Caucus requests that you come fragrance free. Please refrain from using scented products.

Use designated smoking areas outside.

REGISTRATION

Complete and return the hotel/conference registration form online or included in this booklet, along with your payment. **The Disability Caucus will make all hotel reservations.** Confirmation of your registration will be sent directly to you. If you have questions, please call Rosie Cooper at 785-817-3047.

SUPPORT SERVICES or ACCOMMODATIONS

Adaptive Equipment: Arrangements for shower chairs and any other adaptive equipment must be filled out on the registration form. Please be sure to check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Personal Assistant Services: The Disability Caucus will provide PA services during the scheduled conference activities. Anyone requiring additional personal assistant services **MUST** make a request on the registration form.

ASL Interpreters: The Disability Caucus will provide ASL interpreters during scheduled conference activities. You **MUST** request interpreter services on your registration form to ensure appropriate interpreter service is available for you.

Accessible Formats: Anyone wishing to have Caucus materials in alternate format **MUST** request it on your registration form. These accessible formats include large print, electronic text only/flash drive, Braille, and Real Time Caption/CART.

REMEMBER TO:

- Print clearly so we can read it correctly.
- Provide us with a phone number and area code if we need to contact you.
- Let us know when you plan to arrive and depart the hotel.
- Decide which registration you would like to take advantage of.
- Mark any adaptive or accessible needs you require to attend the Caucus.
- Let us know any special diet needs.

If you need to explain, please comment here: _____

Don't forget to **send your registration and payment back by July 17, 2026!!!**

Due to a high volume of participants, the deadline date will be strictly enforced!

Register Online! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/2026KDCregistration>.

Or you can send this registration form to:

Kansas Disability Caucus, 5847 SW 22nd Terr. #1, Topeka, KS 66614,

topekarose0817@gmail.com

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HOTEL/CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM -- PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Email _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Registration Type: (Registration includes hotel stay on Aug. 12 and 13, registration fee, and meals during Caucus sessions unless otherwise noted)

= Single room- \$400

= Registration only (no hotel room)- \$200

= Double/Share a room- \$300

= Personal Assistant attending with paid attendee- \$0

Roommate Name _____

What is your gender? _____ Male _____ Female _____ Nonbinary

Who do you feel comfortable having as a roommate? _____ Male _____ Female _____ Nonbinary

***Scholarship** Assistance is available for people with disabilities who require financial aid in order to attend. Partial and full scholarships are available. A \$70 registration fee is required so as many participants as possible may attend.

For grant reporting purposes only, please tell us your disability? (check all that apply)

Intellectual/developmental

Physical

Hearing

Visual

Mental health

Traumatic brain injury

Learning

Chronic health

Other _____

Prefer not to answer

Do not have a disability

Adaptive Equipment/Room Requests:

For the purpose of lodging, are you a wheelchair user? _____ YES _____ NO

Shower chair

Roll in shower (*limited amount available*)

Bathroom door removed

Bed lowered

Assistive Listening Device

Other _____

Alternate Format:

Large Print

Electronic Text Only/Flash Drive

Braille

Real Time Caption/CART

Personal Assistant (PA) Services:

I will need a PA during scheduled events. (*If yes, we will be in contact to try to best meet your needs.*)

Will you bring your own PA? _____ YES _____ NO *PA Name _____

**PA must complete their own registration form so that meals, etc. can be provided to them.*

ASL Interpreter Service:

Will you need ASL interpreter service during scheduled events? _____ YES _____ NO

Special Diet: Diabetic Vegetarian Gluten Free Food Allergies _____

Check this box if you DO NOT want the Kansas Disability Caucus, Inc. to use photos of you for public promotional, educational, and/or fundraising purposes.

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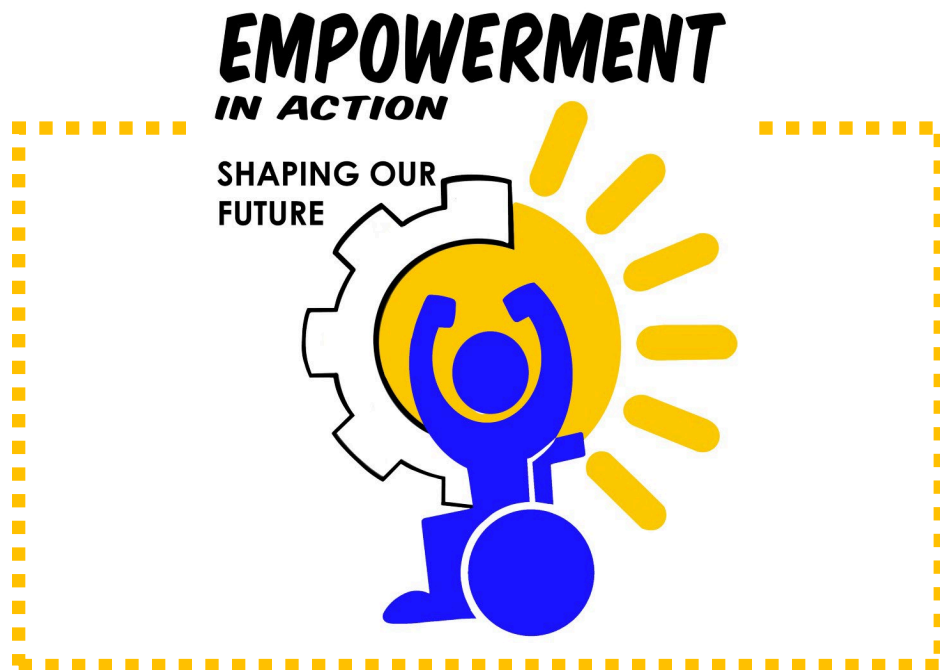
**Checks should be made payable to Kansas Disability Caucus.*

(Alternate formats available upon request)



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To:



2026 Kansas Disability Caucus Registration Form!!!