



## Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) & KanCare Oversight

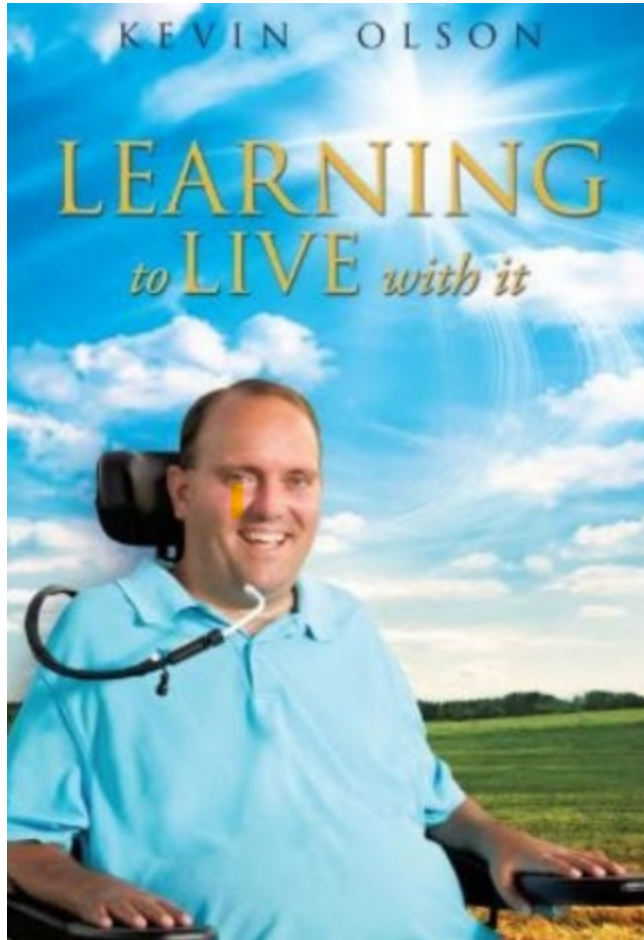
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# Meet Kevin: Author, Motivational Speaker & Sunflower Member



Kevin Olson is a motivational speaker and the author of “[Learning to Live With It](#),” a book about his journey through the aftermath of the accident that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down. The book describes a difference between passive acceptance and actively “living with it.” Sunflower is featuring him in a new video that celebrates his determination and all he does to uplift others.

“I’m married. I have kids and grandkids. I have a job,” Olson said. “And so, we’re able to do a lot of things in life that I’ve always wanted to do. And Sunflower has been a big part of that.”

Sunflower supports members like Olson through services tailored to their individual needs and may include things like personal care attendants at home or on the job. The goals are to give people with disabilities the support they need to be active, employed and more involved in their communities.

“Having Kevin as our member since 2013 has been our privilege,” said Stephanie Rasmussen, Sunflower vice president of long-term care and external relations. “We’re so happy to be a part of his support team and journey.”

# Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Social Media Campaign

In conjunction with **National Direct Support Professionals Week** (Sept. 10-16), Sunflower was pleased to kickoff a social media campaign to educate about the importance and value of the DSP career.

In partnership with InterHab, we produced a set of videos that highlight the importance and value of the DSP position. Topics include:

- A Great Foundation
- What's Your Passion
- I Know I've Made a Difference in Someone's Life
- I Couldn't See Myself Anywhere Else
- Discover Your Passion While Serving Others
- A Great Beginning
- A Profession that Grows with You







Distributed **21,000 bottles of water** in **22 counties** during the August heat wave.

In partnership with KU Medical Center, Department of Family Medicine, Communities Organizing to Promote Equity (COPE).

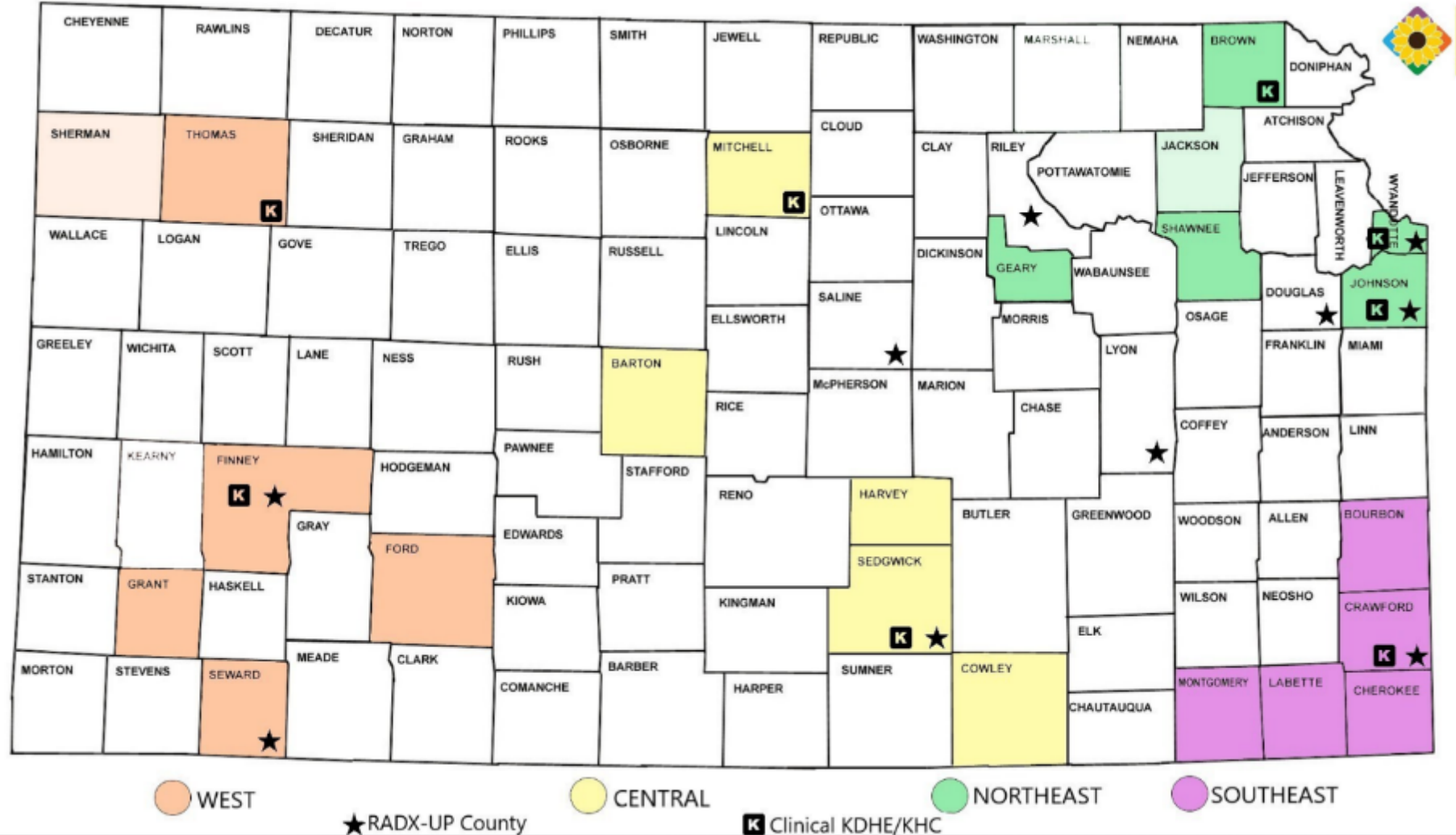


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## KCK Dental Event

Sunflower staff donated backpacks and supplies