

The Human Service Safety Net benefits everyone and is an important part of a healthy, thriving community. It helps ensure that individuals and families in Johnson County can contribute to society, regardless of their challenges or circumstances. These programs and services provide a pathway out of poverty and create opportunity for our community's most vulnerable residents.

## WORK AND INCOME

- Child Care
- Job Training
- Social Security
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Tax Credits
- Unemployment Insurance
- Vocational Rehabilitation

There are **8** Early Head Start slots available per 100 children 0-3 years of age living in poverty, and **29** Head Start slots available per 100 children 3-4 years of age living in poverty.<sup>2</sup>

**1,338** children's parents on average each month received help with the cost of child care through DCF child care assistance in 2017, making it possible for these low-income parents to work.<sup>3</sup>

**8,462** workers received unemployment benefits at the end of December 2017, allowing them to meet their basic household needs and obligations.<sup>4</sup>

**706** Johnson County residents entered employment through the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs in 2017. Average earnings were **\$16.71 per hour**.<sup>5</sup>

**26,000** tax filers, more than 9% of all tax filers in Johnson County, benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).<sup>6</sup>

*More than 1 in 20 residents lives in poverty, representing 32,400 people.<sup>1</sup>*

## BASIC NEEDS

- Housing
- Nutrition
- Utility Assistance

In 2017, **15,546** residents on average each month received Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.<sup>7</sup>

**8,832** women, infants and children received food, nutrition education and health screenings through the WIC Supplemental Food Program in 2017.<sup>8</sup>

**6,653** people on average each month were provided assistance through LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) in 2017, preventing the shut off of utilities.<sup>9</sup>

In 2017, **2,136** households received housing assistance through Johnson County Housing Services and the Olathe Housing Authority, with an average of \$1.13 million paid each month to local landlords – approximately **\$527 per household**.<sup>10</sup>

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## HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY

- Child/Adult Abuse
- Child Welfare
- Disabilities
- Health Care
- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Substance Abuse

Providers within the Johnson County Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) served **1,385** adults and **317** children with developmental disabilities in 2017.<sup>11</sup>

**9,201** individuals received behavioral health services at Johnson County Mental Health Center in 2017.<sup>12</sup>

In 2017, **7,181** children were enrolled in the Children's Healthcare Insurance Program (CHIP), **42,884** residents were enrolled in KanCare (Medicaid), and **74,519** adults 65 years or older were enrolled in Medicare coverage.<sup>13, 14</sup>

**603** children, on average each month, were in foster care or some other out-of-home placement in 2017.<sup>15</sup>

**Sources:**1 – American Community Survey, 2016; 2 – Kids Count 2017; 3 – DCF, FY 2017; 4 – KS Dept. of Labor Dec. 2017; 5 – Workforce Partnership, PY 2016-2017; 6 – IRS SOS Tax Stats 2014; 7 – DCF, FY 2017; 8 – JoCo Health Dept. 2017; 9 – DCF, FY 2017; 10 – Johnson County Housing Services and Olathe Housing Authority, 2017; 11 – Johnson County Developmental Supports, 2017; 12 – Johnson County Mental Health Center, 2017; 13 – KS Dept. of Health and Environment, 2017; 14 – American Community Survey, 2016; 15 – DCF, FY 2017

