

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

In 2016, there were **6** Early Head Start slots available per 100 children 0-3 years of age living in poverty, and **23** Head Start slots available per 100 children 3-4 years of age living in poverty. ²

1,777 children's parents on average each month received help with the cost of child care through DCF child care assistance in 2016, making it possible for these low-income parents to work. ³

1,103 workers received unemployment benefits at the end of December 2016, allowing them to meet their basic household needs and obligations. ⁴

886 Johnson County residents entered employment through the Adults and Dislocated Workers program in 2016 at an average wage of \$18.70/hour. ⁵

26,000 tax filers, more than 9% of all tax filers in Johnson County, benefited from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in 2014. ⁶

More than 1 in 20 residents lives in poverty, representing 30,400 people.¹

BASIC NEEDS

- Housing
- Nutrition
- Utility Assistance

In 2016, **21,522** residents on average each month received Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

10,254 women, infants and children received food, nutrition education and health screenings through the WIC Supplemental Food Program in 2016. ⁸

8,475 people on average each month were provided assistance through LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) in 2016, preventing the shut off of utilities. ⁹

In 2016, **2,060** households received housing assistance through Johnson County Housing Services and the Olathe Housing Authority, with an average of \$1 million paid each month to local landlords –approximately \$485 per household. ¹⁰

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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 **1,396** adults and **275** children with developmental disabilities in 2016. ¹¹

9,666 individuals received behavioral health services at Johnson County Mental Health Center in 2016. ¹²

52,775 residents were enrolled in KanCare (Medicaid) in 2015; **70,221** adults 65 years or older received coverage (Medicare) at some time during 2015. ^{13, 14}

605 children, on average each month, were living in foster care in 2016. ¹⁵

Sources:

1 – American Community Survey, 2015; 2 – Kids Count 2016; 3 – DCF, FY 2016; 4 – KS Dept. of Labor Dec. 2016; 5 – Workforce Partnership, 2016; 6 – IRS SOS Tax Stats 2014; 7 - DCF, FY 2016; 8 – JoCo Health Dept. 2016; 9 - DCF, FY 2016; 10 - Johnson County Housing Services and Olathe Housing Authority, 2016; 11 – Johnson County Developmental Supports, 2016; 12 – Johnson County Mental Health Center, 2016; 13 – KS Dept. of Health and Environment, 2015; 14 - American Community Survey, 2015; 15 – DCF, FY 2016

