

# Human Service Safety Net

## How Johnson County, Kansas Residents Benefit

*The Human Service Safety Net cares for and protects the vulnerable, and provides pathways and opportunities for the disadvantaged to become contributing members of society.*

This document highlights some of the local programs that rely on state/federal funding administered by the State of Kansas.

### WORK AND INCOME

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

*Nearly 1 in 15 residents lives in poverty, representing 37,000 people*

### BASIC NEEDS

Housing  
 Nutrition  
 Utility Assistance

### HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY

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

**1,624** children’s parents, on average each month, received help with the cost of child care through DCF child care assistance, making it possible for these low-income parents to work. <sup>1</sup>

**1,997** workers received unemployment benefits December 2015, allowing them to meet their basic household needs and obligations (Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte counties). <sup>2</sup>

**661** Johnson County residents were hired at an average wage of \$17.75 through the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs last program year. <sup>3</sup>

**Sources:**

1 - DCF, FY 2015; 2 – KS Dept. of Labor Dec. 2015; 3 – Workforce Partnership, 2015; 4 - DCF, FY 2015; 5 – JoCo Health Dept. 2015; 6 - DCF, FY 2015; 7 - Johnson County Housing Services and Olathe Housing Authority, 2015; 8 – Johnson County Developmental Supports, 2014; 9– Johnson County Mental Health Center, 2015; 10 – American Community Survey, 2014; 11 – DCF, FY 2015

**19,624** residents received Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits each month, on average. <sup>4</sup>

**10,879** women, infants and children, on average each month, received food, nutrition education and health screenings through the WIC Supplemental Food Program. <sup>5</sup>

**7,387** people were provided assistance through LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program), preventing the shut off of utilities. <sup>6</sup>

**2086** households received housing assistance through Johnson County Housing Services and the Olathe Housing Authority, paying slightly more than \$1 million each month to local landlords. <sup>7</sup>

**1,296** adults and **265** children with developmental disabilities were served by Johnson County Developmental Supports. <sup>8</sup>

**9,414** individuals received behavioral health services at Johnson County Mental Health Center. <sup>9</sup>

**42,494** residents received public health insurance coverage (Medicaid) at some time during 2014; **73,551** adults 65 years or older received coverage (Medicare) at some time during 2014. <sup>10</sup>

**600** children, on average each month, were living in foster care. <sup>11</sup>

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