

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.<sup>2</sup>

**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.<sup>3</sup>

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

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

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

*More than 1 in 20 residents lives in poverty, representing 30,400 people.<sup>1</sup>*

## 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.<sup>8</sup>

**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.<sup>9</sup>

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.<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 **1,396** adults and **275** children with developmental disabilities in 2016.<sup>11</sup>

**9,666** individuals received behavioral health services at Johnson County Mental Health Center in 2016.<sup>12</sup>

In 2015, **10,265** children were enrolled in the Children's Healthcare Insurance Program (CHIP), **52,775** residents were enrolled in KanCare (Medicaid), and **70,221** adults 65 years or older received coverage (Medicare).<sup>13, 14</sup>

**605** children, on average each month, were living in foster care in 2016.<sup>15</sup>

**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

