



**PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

**WHAT WE DO:** UCS helps build a community where everyone can fulfill their potential and contribute to the economy. We do this primarily by working with human service organizations. These organizations not only make repairs when well-being starts to break down, but also build a strong foundation, and maintain strength over time.

UCS' specific role is planning. UCS analyzes data that can inform human service planning, leads collaborative planning with human service organizations, mobilizes resources to support human service organizations, and advocates for policy improvements that support people reaching their full potential.

**Budget Summary**

<i>Revenue</i>	
United Way	\$165,000
Govt. Contributions	190,000
Indiv. Contributions	35,000
Grants	76,000
Other	79,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$545,000</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Personnel	\$392,500
Office Rent	32,620
Contract Services	42,000
Accounting/audit	17,500
All other	60,380
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$545,000</b>

**Staff**

- Executive Director  
Karen Wulfkuhle
- Community Planning Director  
Valorie Carson
- Community Initiatives Director  
Marya Schott
- Poverty Project Manager  
Kathryn Evans Madden
- Administrative Coordinator  
Christie Corbin

**Inform and Educate:** Provide information, trend analysis, and documentation to inform human service planning, and the policies and funding which affect them.

- Analyze census data and administrative records to monitor trends and document current and emerging human service issues. Share findings through "fact sheets," reports and presentations.
- Educate about and advocate for public policy decisions to preserve and strengthen the safety net.
- Provide contractual services to United Way of Greater Kansas City to document regional trends and assist with Community Impact implementation.

**Lead Collaborations:** Facilitate planning activities that lead to improvements in human services availability and delivery.

- **Reduce Poverty and Create Opportunity:** Work in partnership with Johnson County Government to implement action strategies focused on employment, early learning, and the human service safety net.
- **Children's Coordinating Council:** Engage more than 30 public school and human service personnel in dialogue and action to improve outcomes for children and their families.
- **Continuum of Care on Homelessness:** Engage more than 50 representatives from human service organizations, local government, schools, and faith community to respond to homelessness and poverty. Conduct annual homeless point-in-time count. Work to advance metropolitan area's plan to address homelessness.
- **Drug and Alcoholism Council:** Facilitate 25-member community council to support an array of services to respond to substance abuse.
- **Human Service Summit:** Annually, convene 180 service providers, advocates and policy makers to consider collective actions to build a community where everyone can fulfill their potential and contribute fully to the economy.
- **Trauma Informed Care Task Force:** Convene human service organizations and County departments for collective learning and support to build a trauma informed community.
- **Cross-over Youth:** Examine strategies to improve response to youth engaged in both child-in-need of care and juvenile justice systems.

**Mobilize Resources:** Secure funding for this community's human service organizations by applying for competitive grants and partnering with local governments.

- **Homelessness:** Submit this community's annual grant application to HUD for homelessness and supportive services (approximately \$700,000).
- **Alcohol Tax Fund:** For 2016, oversee allocations of \$1.7 from cities and County Government to 24 programs which provide substance abuse education, prevention, intervention, treatment or recovery services.
- **Human Service Fund:** For 2016, award \$302,000 from cities and County Government to 13 programs for safety net programs that meet the needs of low-income residents.

