



***Human Service Fund: A Collaborative City/County Partnership***  
**2025 Year-End Report**

Since 1990, United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) has worked in partnership with cities\* and Johnson County Government to support programs that improve the quality of life through human service strategies. This report provides an overview of programs supported by the Human Service Fund (HSF) during 2025. The HSF grant process saw funding requests exceed funding availability by over \$100,000. For 2025, twenty nonprofits, including two applicants in the Small Grants Program, were awarded \$444,640.

This report provides an overview of the programs supported by the Human Service Fund (HSF) during 2025. Based upon grantees’ final reports, over 243,000 units of service were provided and nearly 65,000 Johnson County residents benefited from these programs. These “units of service” included a full spectrum of programmatic interventions designed to offer support and build self-sufficiency and well-being such as medical, dental and mental health appointments, nights of safe housing, counseling programs, emergency rental and utility assistance, food pantries, hours of case management, and employment training, to name a few.

**Human Service Fund (HSF) Priorities:**

Programs funded by the HSF must deliver measurable outcomes which benefit Johnson County residents and, in the long-term, benefit local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government. Programs funded by the HSF must fit the definition of “Safety Net or Work Supports.”

Priority is given to programs that:

- address emergency aid and shelter, adequate housing, child/adult abuse, child welfare, health and mental health, work support services such as transportation, childcare and early childhood development, and job training.
- serve individuals and/or families with income below or near the federal poverty level.
- demonstrate innovation and/or collaboration in program delivery.
- are consistent with an evidence-based program, best practices, or promising practices, or replicate a successful model.
- build the capacity of neighborhoods and local jurisdictions to support equity in the social determinants of health.

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<b>2025 Funding</b>	
Johnson County Government	\$162,500
14 Cities	\$310,640
Total Dollars	\$473,140
UCS Administration	-\$28,500
<b>Grant Awards</b>	<b>\$444,640</b>

\*Participating cities include De Soto, Edgerton, Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Spring Hill, and Westwood.

^This figure represents unduplicated client counts for each grantee, combined.

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### HSF Small Grants Recipients: \$9,900 in grants

HSF Small Grants were developed and launched in 2022, after consultation with and agreement of contributing jurisdictions. HSF Small Grants are for amounts less than \$5,000 for agencies that are new, growing, or grassroots and working to build their footprint and grant capacity in Johnson County. Like regular HSF applicants, these nonprofits must meet Human Service Fund guidelines, including funding priorities, eligibility criteria, and reporting requirements.

<b>Community Center of Shawnee</b>	Community Center of Shawnee provides year-round transportation assistance and food pantry services to decrease food insecurity and increase self-sufficiency of Johnson County residents. Their emergency assistance program includes food, clothing, holiday meals, school supplies, transportation assistance, and shelter supports. Community Center of Shawnee serves low-income clients. Transportation is a recognized barrier to employment and healthcare access in Johnson County.
Johnson County Residents Served: <b>1,295</b> <b>with 623 food services</b>	<b>Outcomes achieved during 2025:</b> Community Center of Shawnee served a total of 5,160 individuals, including 1,295 Johnson County residents. To address transportation needs, the Center provided 496 fuel gift cards, an average of 40 cards per month. Other transportation supports provided included: one car battery, two flat tire repairs, five car parts and two tows. Transportation assistance supported households in maintaining employment, accessing healthcare, and securing shelter. Pantry services provided 623 twenty-pound boxes of non-perishable food.
Award: <b>\$4,950</b>	
<b>Fountain of Life</b>	Fountain of Life provides affordable mental health counseling, free psychosocial education groups, and family bonding experiences for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) families in Johnson County. The program serves low- to moderate-income individuals and families who are English language learners and often face linguistic and cultural barriers to accessing traditional mental health care. Services are designed to be linguistically and culturally responsive, ensuring participants receive care that respects and reflects their cultural values and experiences. Participants benefit from counseling services tailored to their unique needs, educational sessions focused on emotional wellness and family dynamics, and opportunities for meaningful family connection and support.
Johnson County Residents Served: <b>21 with 43 service encounters</b>	<b>Outcomes achieved during 2025:</b> Fountain of Life served a total of 23 individuals, including 21 Johnson County residents. Among participants, 100% of clients who received individual therapy experienced improved mental health and wellness, as shown through increased use of healthy coping skills and decreases in maladaptive behaviors. Additionally, 100% of clients who participated in psychosocial education sessions and completed post-seminar surveys reported increased knowledge of psychosocial and social-emotional skills. These outcomes demonstrated growth in clients' overall mental wellness and resilience.
Award: <b>\$4,950</b>	

## **HSF Regular Grants Recipients: \$434,740 in grants**

### **CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties**

Johnson County Residents Served: **322 children through 15,291 hours of support and advocacy**

CASA's (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) Child Advocacy program is a court-ordered program that serves children involved in cases where conflicting case information has been presented to the judge, there is extreme neglect or abuse, or there are concerns about implementation of services. A trained CASA volunteer advocate focuses on the child's needs. The volunteer gathers information from significant adults in the child's life, and with a CASA supervisor, submits a report to the judge, who is then able to make a more informed decision regarding the child's future. Trained CASA advocates provide an average of 1,700 hours of advocacy per month on behalf of children in need of care. Their court reports support judges' critical decisions about where children should live and what services should be court-ordered.

Award: **\$45,000**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** The presence of a stable adult is a key factor in building resilience from a history of trauma. 98% of children served by CASA had the same volunteer advocate throughout their court involvement. While assigned to a CASA advocate, 100% of children were safe from additional victimization, as defined by a subsequent affirmed/substantiated report of additional abuse or neglect. Of the youth served who were eligible for graduation or working towards obtaining a GED, 100% were successful (graduated or earned a GED). This percentage for academic milestones far exceeds the state average for children in foster care.

### **Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas**

Johnson County Residents Served: **17,729 through 61,533 service encounters**

Through two centers in Johnson County, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' emergency assistance and supportive housing program provides direct assistance and strengths-based case management, without regard to religious affiliation, to families living at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Emergency assistance services include those that meet residents' basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance with prescription medication, medical supplies, utilities, childcare, and transportation. The case management delivery model emphasizes practices to achieve self-sufficiency, including asset development/financial literacy, workforce development and job-seeking assistance, life skills, and referrals to other available community resources.

Award: **\$67,000**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** Catholic Charities served a total of 19,708 individuals, including 17,729 Johnson County residents. 82% of households receiving direct financial assistance showed an increase in financial knowledge. 68% of households receiving direct financial assistance were referred to other services, internal or external, through the case management process. 76% of households receiving financial assistance were helped with access to other public benefits, including Department for Children and Families programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, or Child Care Assistance. Households who qualified were also helped with access to Social Security Administration programs, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). 100% of households receiving direct financial assistance maintained stable housing for 30 days.

**Center of Grace** Johnson County Residents Served: **64 through 16,384 service encounters**

Center of Grace’s English Language Learner Preschool provides free classes to children while their caregiver(s) attend Johnson County Community College (JCCC) English and workforce classes at the Center of Grace campus. All participants, caregivers and children are English language learners. 85% of families are at or below 130% of the federal poverty level. This is the only JCCC location that offers an English language learner preschool. Center of Grace also serves as a community hub supporting low-income Johnson County families through emergency assistance, food, clothing, hygiene items, dental care, childcare and connection to employment.

Award: **\$7,500**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** Center of Grace served 64 residents of Johnson County through its educational program. Program results included increased parental engagement in children’s education and development. Other notable improvements included students’ academic performance and significant progress in language acquisition. In 2025, 95% of parents demonstrated enhanced engagement with their children's academic performance and language development. Additionally, adult learners participating in the JCCC’s English language program achieved educational gains of 65% in reading, writing, and math skills. 100% of children enrolled in the English Language Learner preschool showed measurable improvement in English language acquisition and development.

**El Centro, Inc.** Johnson County Residents Served: **2,749 through 3,542 service encounters**

El Centro’s Johnson County Family Services Program provides a set of safety-net services to low-income, underinsured and uninsured Johnson County residents. Services include emergency assistance, assistance with filing taxes, financial literacy classes, individual financial counseling, and access to healthcare (health navigation and promotion). Tax filing assistance is delivered through El Centro’s Overland Park Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.

Award: **\$25,000**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** El Centro’s programming continues to adjust to meet the needs of its community. Clients’ immediate basic needs were met: 69 households received utility assistance, 63 households received rent assistance, and 345 individuals completed financial coaching to support long-term financial stability. 1,968 people were assisted in filing their taxes. 148 individuals were assisted with applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and received benefits. With El Centro’s support, 539 individuals enrolled in Medicaid. 611 individuals were referred to a community healthcare resource. 238 individuals completed a class about eating healthy on a budget.

**FosterAdopt Connect** Johnson County Residents Served:

FosterAdopt Connect’s Community Connections YouThrive (CCYT) program provides intensive, individualized case management and mentorship to youth transitioning out of the foster care system. The program is designed to address the unique challenges these young adults face. CCYT offers consistent, reliable adult guidance through dedicated specialists who help participants build stability and independence across multiple areas of life. Services include securing and maintaining safe housing, finding and keeping employment, and completing educational milestones, such as a high school

**28 through 328  
service hours**

Award: **\$9,740**

diploma or trade certification. Other supports include financial literacy learning through budgeting and savings plans. Youth also receive support with legal concerns, transportation needs, and connections to vital community resources, such as food pantries, utility assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). CCYT emphasizes well-being through access to physical and mental health care, therapy, and relationship-building supports.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** 100% of youth who identified a need for financial education completed all eight Keys to Your Financial Future (KTYFF) classes or remain actively engaged. 83% of youth participating in CCYT completed their high school degree or obtained their GED. 86% of youth enrolled in CCYT were attending college, a trade program, or employed. In 2025, no referrals were made, as none of the CCYT youth identified a need for additional social support or a desire to be introduced to a volunteer mentor.

**Growing Futures  
Early Education  
Center**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**44 through 4,079  
hours of care**

Award: **\$20,000**

Growing Futures Wrap Around Care program complements the Head Start program, providing full-day care and education from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Families served by Growing Futures are living at or below federal poverty guidelines. The majority of Growing Futures families speak English as a second language, and half of the families are single-parent households. Through the HSF grant, childcare scholarships help low-income families experiencing financial hardships, such as those unable to pay their share of childcare fees, and who are working or attending school for at least 30 hours per week. Scholarships allow for continuity of early childhood care and education while parents are working or attending school. Growing Futures also provides resources and support for families to obtain self-sufficiency, including connection to health, nutrition, social services, mental health services, parental education and parenting events.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** The average attendance for Wrap Around Care was 84% in 2025. Due to a loss of childcare subsidy benefits or inability to pay out-of-pocket costs, four children left the program. 52% of the assisted families achieved steps toward the completion of a large family goal, such as maintaining employment, learning English, purchasing a first home, or working toward a GED. Some of the goals set by families take longer to accomplish, or family situations change, and goals have to be reestablished.

**Health  
Partnership  
Clinic (HPC)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**8,715 with**

Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) provides primary and preventative medical care at their Olathe office, a pediatric clinic in Shawnee Mission, and a school-based clinic at Shawnee Mission West High School. HSF funding supported a nurse practitioner who provided care to uninsured patients at the Olathe Clinic. HPC's patients are primarily low-income, and the majority are uninsured or publicly insured. HPC is Johnson County's largest safety-net clinic and only Federally Qualified Health Center. HPC utilizes a medical home model, which emphasizes prevention and health maintenance while offering a broad scope of services, including care for patients with chronic diseases. HPC

**20,325 patient visits**

also provides dental and behavioral health services and delivers onsite health care and case management services in partnership with homeless shelters. Specialty care is provided through a network of providers.

**Award: \$49,500**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** HPC served 10,902 patients through 25,475 patient visits in and outside of Johnson County. HPC quality indicators include 64% of diabetic patients have an A1c level of 9.0 or below, and 56% of patients diagnosed with hypertension have blood pressure readings less than 140/90. HPC participates with the American Heart Association on a National Hypertension Collaborative and is planning to utilize self-monitoring blood pressure devices to assist patients in improving results. HPC's dental outreach program also provided a significant service to the community through screening services to 5,352 students during the 2025 school year. 94% of patients surveyed indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the overall care they received as a patient.

**Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica**

Hillcrest's Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth and Families program provides transitional housing for homeless youth, up to age 24, families with children, and single adults in seven apartments located in Overland Park. Hillcrest uses either the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or McKinney-Vento definition of homeless, and clients are at or below federal poverty guidelines. The program provides housing, food, case management, budget counseling and connection to community services to address immediate and ongoing needs. These include medical, dental, vision and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, employment training, tutoring, and mentoring.

Johnson County Residents Served: **21 with 1,693 nights of transitional housing**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** 21 Johnson County residents were served through 1,693 nights of transitional housing. Five youths and eight adults experiencing homelessness received an individual assessment and achieved at least one goal from their assessment plan. Six adult households completed the program and moved on to permanent housing. Five youth worked toward their educational goals. Eight adults maintained employment over the course of the year. Over 1,000 volunteer hours were recorded, and \$25,000 in-kind donations were received in 2025.

**Award: \$10,000**

**HopeBUILDERS**

HopeBUILDERS' home repair/home accessibility program provides free home repair, modification, and home accessibility projects for low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities. Projects include critical home repairs, as well as home modifications that make it possible for individuals to remain in their homes safely. A recommendation in the Johnson County Community Housing Study reflected that home modification and repair are important components for maintaining existing housing stock in our region.

Johnson County Residents Served: **17 with 34 service encounters**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** HopeBUILDERS provided, at no cost, 34 accessibility modifications and home repair projects to 17 Johnson County residents. Projects included wheelchair ramp installations, handrails, and bathroom grab bars which allowed for increased mobility in the home and safe egress. Accessibility and home

**Award: \$5,000**

repair projects allowed household members and their extended families greater ability to care for themselves with less dependence on outside services.

**Inclusion Connections**

Johnson County Residents Served: **256 individuals with 51,567 service encounters**

Award: **\$10,000**

Inclusion Connections' PawsAbilities Employment program provides individualized employment support to adults with developmental disabilities, focusing on developing job readiness, securing competitive integrated employment, and ensuring long-term job retention. The program offers intensive job coaching, workplace skill development, and transportation assistance to remove barriers to sustained employment. Participants receive one-on-one support from employment specialists who work closely with local employers to create inclusive job opportunities and provide on-the-job coaching to ensure success and independence in the workplace.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** Inclusion Connections' PawsAbilities supported 267 students to gain work experience and strengthen their employment skills. 95% of students and guardians reported an improved quality of life due to gaining or maintaining employment, and 97% felt more included in their community. Additionally, 95% of students reported feeling more independent, and 76% reported their confidence improved. 95% of jobholders in the program retained their positions during the year.

**Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL)**

Johnson County Residents Served: **142 individuals with 725 client visits**

Award: **\$20,000**

Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) Healthy Families program is a child abuse prevention program that provides intensive home-based parent education, support, and case management to first and second-time parents who have been identified as being high risk for child abuse and neglect. Eligibility is based upon risk factors, not income. However, most families are low-income. Participants receive routine at-home visits, case management, referrals to community resources and services, child development and parent education, and linkage to health care services. Parent engagement includes Parent Cafés, parent support groups, and a parent advisory group.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** 100% of families served by the program remained free from substantiated abuse and neglect while in the program. Of the children enrolled in the program for at least six months, 100% of children had health insurance. Additionally, 88% of enrolled children had a recent developmental screening (within the past six months), supporting immediate and long-term health and educational attainment of the children and families.

**Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA)**

Johnson County Residents Served:

Kansas Parents as Teachers Association's (KPATA) Bright Futures program is an intensive in-home program providing developmental, social-emotional and health screenings for children, and connection to resources for at-risk families referred by the Department of Children and Families. Regular home visits provide over 105 hours of in-home support per year per family. The program supports family health, helps alleviate poverty, and reduces child abuse and family displacement. Additionally, it decreases the burden on the foster care system by reducing costs to the legal system of increased Child in Need of Care cases and resulting in better outcomes for families and children.

**33 individuals with 395 hours of client visits**

**Award: \$5,000**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** 100% of children enrolled in Bright Futures were screened on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ3) within 90 days of enrollment. 90% of families connected with one resource given by their Bright Futures parent educator within 60 days of enrollment. 84% of families set and achieved a goal within 120 days of program enrollment.

**KidsTLC**

Johnson County Residents Served: **25 through 233 service encounters**

**Award: \$25,000**

KidsTLC's Thriving Communities program provides resource referrals, parent support groups, and health care navigation to families facing behavioral and mental health issues with their children. This program serves both families in the community and those with children in one of KidsTLC's programs. The majority of the families served are low-income, with 75% of KidsTLC's clients enrolled in Medicaid. As the agency's navigation arm, the program helps families find mental health and health care, housing, and community resources and support. Thriving Communities acts as a health navigation resource for schools and collaborates with Olathe School District's IMPACT Olathe and Shawnee Mission School District's Project HOME program, which support youth and families at risk of homelessness. The overall goal of Thriving Communities is to educate families about health issues, trauma, and raising healthy children, as well as to provide health navigation resources that help parents raise healthy children.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** KidsTLC continued to strengthen its role within the continuum of care by supporting families and youth in transition between services. 85% of families reported that youth in the program experienced no need for crisis law enforcement officer response or acute hospitalization in the 30 days leading up to or following a service change or discharge. 87% of families indicated they had better access to community resources to assist their child, but follow-up data on resource utilization remains unavailable. 100% of families reported satisfaction with services, underscoring continued confidence in KidsTLC's supportive and responsive approach to family-centered care.

**NCircle**

Johnson County Residents Served: **51 through 1,118 hours of case management and training**

**Award: \$30,000**

NCircle's Reentry programs provide soft skills training, certification instruction, financial education, job placement, and mentorship for individuals in the Johnson County Department of Corrections' Adult Residential Center (ARC) and Therapeutic Community, as well as adults on probation upon release from ARC. In an expansion of this program, NCircle collaborates with partners and Johnson County Community College (JCCC) to connect clients to a JCCC Transition Coach dedicated to working with NCircle clients. Life skills, employment training, and case management resources are provided to clients through the program. Program participants demonstrate an increased rate of employment/income and decreased recidivism/new charges.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** NCircle clients who participated in the College of Trades showed improvement in Employment Readiness as indicated by a pre/post-Employment Readiness Scale assessment (ERS). In 2025, 100% of clients eligible for employment were employed upon leaving the ARC. Assessments indicated a 29%

improvement in client career decision-making, and a 29% increase in their ability to do a job search. Pre/post ERS assessments indicated 21% improvement over the clients' pretest in self-efficacy, 14% improvement in understanding social networks and supports, and 6% improvement in understanding what it takes to keep and maintain employment.

**Pathway to Hope** Pathway to Hope is the local chapter of Reclamation Clubhouse (RC), an international program that provides a day program, free education and employment training, as well as work tools, clothing, and transportation for adults with a diagnosis of serious mental illness to support stable employment and self-sufficiency. Pathway to Hope supports club members in obtaining employment skills, and obtaining and maintaining employment through job identification assistance, work tools and attire, transportation assistance, and more.

**Award: \$10,000**

Pathway to Hope did not comply with the required reporting obligations as outlined in the Letter of Agreement (LOA). After careful consideration and as stipulated in the fully executed LOA, the Human Service Fund Grant Review Committee voted to withhold the funds.

**Safehome** Safehome provides shelter, case management, and other assistance to survivors of domestic violence living in its emergency shelter. Safehome clients are provided case management, as well as therapy, legal services, hospital advocacy, and a hotline.

Johnson County Residents Served: **178 with 6,516 service encounters**

**Award: \$24,000**

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** Of the 39 households who stayed at least four weeks, 43% made a plan to pay off past due bills. 66% of adult clients in therapy for four or more sessions showed an average decrease in symptoms by 5% on the Patient Health Questionnaire screener (PHQ-SADS). 73% of clients who resided at Safehome for at least 90 days transitioned from the shelter into permanent housing, with 71% of those clients remaining housed three to six months later.

**The Salvation Army, Family Lodge – Olathe** The Salvation Army Johnson County Family Lodge assists individuals experiencing homelessness, and families at risk of becoming homeless, with shelter and food at their Olathe campus. In most cases, the Lodge provides up to 90 days of shelter (with a maximum stay of 180 days in some circumstances). Residents meet weekly with a case manager who utilizes the strengths-based case management model. Classes and/or skill-building opportunities include parenting, financial literacy, maintaining employment, housing searches, daily living/life skills, developing a support system, and navigating mainstream resources. During 2023, in response to the shortage of affordable, qualified childcare facilities, the Family Lodge became licensed and provides

Johnson County Residents Served: **89 with 26,696 nights of shelter, meals, and hygiene kits**

Award: **\$25,000** before/after-school, and summer care for families participating in Salvation Army programs.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** Over 90% of families who exited the program exited into permanent housing. 100% of families increased their income or decreased their housing debt to support living in permanent housing, and 10 families received financial assistance towards housing debt, including utility or eviction debt, rent or deposit assistance, or transportation and employment-related costs. Additionally, 17 children were served through childcare tuition supports.

**Sunflower House**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**32,550 through  
32,550 various  
education  
programs**

Award: **\$47,000**

Sunflower House's Personal Safety Educational program focuses on preventing child abuse. Sunflower House provides child-based education and mandated reporter training free of charge; without grant support, these programs are not sustainable. The program includes: 1) Happy Bear, an interactive drama in Spanish and English for children ages four to seven who are enrolled in public and private early childhood centers and elementary schools; 2) Think First and Stay Safe, a curriculum for grades PreK-5 that reinforces personal and digital boundaries and emphasizes that bullying and sexual abuse are against the law; 3) E-Safety, provides middle school students with information about how to protect themselves from online predators, and includes safety topics such as sexting, bullying, child exploitation, and social networking; 4) Keeping Kids Safe Online, a workshop for parents and caregivers provided in partnership with the FBI Cyber Crimes Unit; 5) Stewards of Children, a child sexual abuse prevention and education training for adults; 6) Mandated Reporter Training, which teaches attendees to recognize signs of sexual abuse, correct procedures/laws for reporting, and how to handle a child's disclosure; and 7) Child Protection Project, a presentation designed to raise the awareness of child sexual abuse among parents and caregivers, and give them tools needed to be proactive in protecting children.

**Outcomes achieved during 2025:** Through established MOUs with several school districts and a new partnership with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Kansas/Northwest Missouri, Sunflower was able to expand its reach in 2025. Throughout the year, 40,619 children received personal safety information. A total of 7,890 adults, including 1,216 within the special needs community, received child abuse prevention education. 100% of adults who attended Keeping Kids Safe Online indicated they will more closely monitor the electronic communications of children in their care.