

# THE JOHNSON COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE ON HOMELESSNESS

*Organizations addressing poverty and housing needs  
in Johnson County, Kansas*

The Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness is a collaboration of organizations and concerned individuals committed to improving the response to poverty and homelessness in Johnson County.

**Purpose:** To assist households who are either homeless or near-homeless, the Continuum seeks to:

- Serve as a forum for organizations and individuals to share ideas and resources.
- Increase the information and awareness about homelessness needs and programs within Johnson County.
- Monitor and make available high quality supportive services.
- Make available affordable permanent housing and housing assistance.
- Seek out and garner resources to provide housing and supportive services for low-income individuals and households



## **Catholic Charities**

913- 782-4077 – Olathe

913- 384-6608 – Overland Park

The Johnson County offices of Catholic Charities provide a range of services for individuals and families including Emergency Assistance, Case Management for Homeless, Transitional Housing and Mental Health Counseling.

## **Community Works, Inc.**

913-789-9900/1-866-429-6757 Overland Park • [www.communityworksinc.com](http://www.communityworksinc.com)

Community Works inc. assists individuals with disabilities to live, work and play in the community. Services provided for individuals and families include Employment Support, Overnight Support, Advocacy, Community Resources, Family Support Group, Independent Living Training and Counseling, and Personal Care Attendants. Funding and payment alternatives are available via several options. Office locations: Overland Park, Topeka and Lawrence, Kansas.

## **Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center**

913-682-2000 ext. 53049 Leavenworth Kansas

The Veteran's Affairs Medical Center offers comprehensive rehabilitation services in a residential setting to homeless veterans, as well as medical, psychiatric, long-term care, substance abuse treatment and long-term supportive housing to eligible veterans.

**El Centro, Inc.**

913- 722-1000 • [www.elcentroinc.com](http://www.elcentroinc.com)

El Centro operates of Family Service Center in Johnson County with a range of services, including interpreting services, emergency assistance, domestic violence counselor, job development and free income tax preparation during the spring.

**The Family Conservancy**

913-342-1110 • [www.thefamilyconservancy.org](http://www.thefamilyconservancy.org)

The Family Conservancy is dedicated to strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of young children by: improving quality early learning, supporting families in crisis and helping families overcome poverty through Family Asset Building and Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Se habla español.

**Head Start of Shawnee Mission**

913- 649-9714 • [www.smks-headstart.org](http://www.smks-headstart.org)

Head Start of Shawnee Mission, Inc. provides comprehensive early childhood education, childcare for working parents, and social services, as well as nutrition, health, mental health, and developmental screenings to children from Johnson County families.

**Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County**

Medical: 913-648-2266 Dental: 913-393-9918

Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County is a volunteer based organization that provides primary medical, dental and pharmaceutical services free of charge to uninsured residents of Johnson County with limited financial means. There are two clinic sites: Overland Park, which provides medical services only and Olathe, which provides medical and dental services. Overland Park Clinic: 7171 W. 95th Street, Suite 100. Olathe Clinic: 807 S. Clairborne.

**Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center (RADAC)**

913-789-0951 • [www.hradac.com](http://www.hradac.com)

Heartland RADAC is committed to serving individuals, families and communities affected by the impact of substance abuse by conducting impartial and objective assessments, facilitating access, engagement and retention through the continuum of care, providing outreach and education and fostering professional partnerships to improve services. Se habla espanol.

**The Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries**

913-577-5910 • [www.mokangoodwill.org](http://www.mokangoodwill.org)

Goodwill's mission is to help people with disabilities or disadvantages achieve their potential through work. In conjunction with the Johnson County Workforce Partnership, Goodwill offers a Job Hunters' Program for those who are homeless, on probation/parole, or receiving public assistance. For information regarding disability job placement services, please contact Nick Payne at 913-927-3563 or [npayne@mokangoodwill.org](mailto:npayne@mokangoodwill.org).

**Housing Information Center**

913-829-4584

GKC Housing Information Center (HIC) provides numerous housing counseling services such as: landlord/tenant complaints, dispute or fair housing resolution, pre-rental and pre-purchase counseling, eviction and foreclosure prevention, housing search and budget/credit report counseling sessions.

### **Johnson County Housing Coalition**

913-390-0413

The Johnson County Housing Coalition is a private nonprofit housing developer that maintains an inventory of affordable rental housing and provides housing counseling to “at risk” households.

### **Johnson County Housing Services**

913- 715-6600 • [www.hsa.jocogov.org](http://www.hsa.jocogov.org)

The Housing Authority administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, a federally funded program designed to provide rental subsidies to very low and extremely low income families. Jo Co Housing Services also provides minor and major home rehabilitation and weatherization to homeowners who are residents of the County and incomes qualify.

### **Johnson County Human Services - Multi-Service Centers**

<http://hsa.jocogov.org>

Gardner-913-856-7405, Linda Rogers

De Soto-913-583-1152, Jodi Hitchcock

Blue Valley-913-897-3991, Julie Marshall

Spring Hill-913-592-2304, Stevie Morris

North Central Branch-913-715-6650, Cindy Muehleberger

Multi-Service Centers exist across the County to offer a range of emergency services including food, clothing and utility assistance. CATCH-A-RIDE 913-715-8900

### **Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network**

913-345-2121 • [www.jocoihn.org](http://www.jocoihn.org)

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), an interfaith effort in Johnson County, provides homeless families with temporary housing and meals at host congregations with the assistance of support congregations.

### **Johnson County Mental Health Center**

913-962-9955 • [www.jocogov.org/mentalhealth](http://www.jocogov.org/mentalhealth)

Johnson County Mental Health Center provides a broad array of mental health and substance abuse services to the residents of Johnson County.

### **Kansas Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)**

913-826-7300 • [www.srskansas.org](http://www.srskansas.org)

SRS is a state agency that provides human services to children, adults and families. Services include food assistance, medical benefits, child care subsidy, cash assistance, rehabilitation services, child support enforcement, child and adult protection. An online application and eligibility pre-screening can be found at [www.srskansas.org](http://www.srskansas.org) click on Apply for Services or contact the local office.

### **Mid America Assistance Coalition**

816-561-2727 • [www.maaclink.org](http://www.maaclink.org)

Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC) seeks to strengthen social services through such activities as the Strengths Based Case Management Program, which provides training and support to case managers throughout the metropolitan area who work with the homeless.

### **Olathe Head Start**

Olathe Head Start is a federally funded preschool and family development program at no cost for income-eligible families. Services include education, social services, health, nutrition, parent involvement, mental health, special services, etc. To be eligible for the program, children must be least 3 years of age by August 31 of the

current school year, parents' income must meet current income guidelines, and parents must live within the boundaries of Johnson County and within Olathe, Gardner-Edgerton, DeSoto, Spring Hill, or Blue Valley school districts. For more information, please call 913-780-7418 or 913-780-8172.

### **Olathe Housing Authority**

913-971-6260

The Olathe Housing Authority offers low-income households Public Housing and Section 8 vouchers and the Taxi Cab Coupon program -- discounted cab fares for low-income working families, the elderly and the disabled.

### **Oxford Houses/ Friends of Recovery**

913-722-0367 • [www.friendsofrecovery.com](http://www.friendsofrecovery.com)

Oxford Houses in Kansas offer self-help, self-supporting transitional living environments for individuals in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Friends of Recovery (FOA) is the advocacy agency for Oxford Houses in Kansas and offers mediation, landlord negotiation, resource acquisition and education. Additionally, it administers the start-up funding for new Oxford Houses in Kansas. For more information, call Kathleen Wright at 913-722-0367.

### **SAFEHOME, Inc.**

913-262-2868 (24 hour hotline) 913-432-9300 (Administration) • [www.safehome-ks.org](http://www.safehome-ks.org)

SAFEHOME provides support to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence and their children including emergency shelter, transitional housing, community outreach counseling and other services that can be accessed through the 24 hour crisis hotline.

### **Salvation Army - Olathe**

913-829-0578 • [www.usc.salvationarmy.org](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org)

The Olathe Salvation Army offers a range of programs to those in need including the Family Lodge an emergency shelter for homeless families with children, a transitional housing program and emergency services.

### **SAVE, Inc.**

(816) 531-8378 • [www.saveinckc.org](http://www.saveinckc.org)

Through comprehensive housing solutions, SAVE Inc empowers those living with, or at risk for HIV/AIDS to lead healthy, stable lives with personal dignity. Housing vouchers are available, as funding allows, for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Johnson County. Any prospective client must have a Ryan White Case Manager to make a referral to this program. Contact: Ellen Channels, Intake Coordinator, 816 531-8378 ext. 26.

### **Shawnee Community Services**

913-268-7746

Shawnee Community Services offers a range of emergency services to families and individuals in need, including such items as food, clothing and utility assistance.

### **TLC For Children & Families**

913-764-2887 • [www.kidstlc.org](http://www.kidstlc.org)

TLC for Children and Families provides emergency shelter and social services to children and youth who are experiencing abuse, neglect or family disruption, including a street outreach program for homeless youth.



*The Continuum of Care is facilitated by United Community Services of Johnson County, a nonprofit community planning organization. For more information, contact Valorie Carson, UCS planning director.*



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