



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
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Tax Credits
- Unemployment Insurance
- Vocational Rehabilitation

2,168 children’s parents, on average each month, received help with the cost of child care through SRS’ child care assistance, making it possible for these low-income parents to work. 1

19,173 workers, on average, received unemployment benefits each month, allowing them to meet their basic household needs and obligations. 2

1,227 residents were hired at an average wage of \$12.40/hour due to participation in Workforce Partnership’s job search and training services. 3

Sources:

1 - SRS, FY 2011; 2 – U.S. Dept. of Labor, 2010; 3 – Workforce Partnership, 2010; 4 - SRS, FY 2011; 5 – KDHE, FY2010; 6 - SRS, FY 2010; 7 - Johnson County Housing Services and Olathe Housing Authority; 8 – Johnson County Developmental Supports, 2010; 9 - Johnson County Human Services, 2010; 10 – Johnson County Mental Health Center, 2010; 11 – American Community Survey, 2010

1 in 15 residents lives in poverty, representing 36,000 people

BASIC NEEDS

- Emergency Aid
- Housing
- Nutrition
- Utility Assistance

21,932 residents received Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits each month, on average. 4

13,079 women, infants and children received food, nutrition education and health screenings through the WIC Supplemental Food Program. 5

3,675 households were provided assistance in 2011 through LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program), preventing the shut off of utilities. This was 37% more households served than in 2010. 6

2,086 households received housing assistance through Johnson County Housing Services and the Olathe Housing Authority, disbursing over \$1 million each month to local landlords. 7

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY

- Child/Adult Abuse
- Child Welfare
- Healthcare
- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Physical/Developmental Disabilities
- Substance Abuse

1,083 adults and **310** children with developmental disabilities were served by Johnson County Developmental Supports. 8

4,201 assessments for older adults were conducted by the Area Agency on Aging, enabling them to remain living in their homes and forestalling nursing home care. 9

1,117 adults with severe and persistent mental illness received comprehensive services through the Johnson County Mental Health Center. 10

37,258 residents age 64 or younger received public health insurance coverage; **56,470** adults 65 years or older received coverage. 11

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