



City of
Wichita, Kansas

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2018 Overview

Housing and Community Services

- Wichita Sedgwick County Community Action Partnership
- Public Housing
- Housing Choice Voucher
- Housing First
- Community Investments
- HOME Investment Partnerships

Community Action Partnership

Community action changes people's lives, gives hope, improves neighborhoods, and makes America stronger.

- One in five children in Kansas suffers from poverty
- Kansas ranks **40th among all states** in meeting child hunger needs during the summer.
- Half of working mothers lose wages if they take off from work to care for sick children
- One of two adults experience poverty by the age of 65
- Nine of ten homeless mothers encounter domestic violence
- The majority of low-income families had at least one parent who was employed for at least six months each year

Community Services

Wichita Sedgwick County Community Action Partnership

- Poverty alleviation
- 125% Federal Poverty Level
 - Average households earning **\$30,000 or less**
- Individual Development Program
 - **271 individuals** assisted toward self-sufficiency.
- Employment and training
 - **260 individuals** referred for job training and placement services.
- Project Access
 - **602 medically uninsured** individuals received basic medical care.
- Youth Employment
 - **102 low-income** youth received job skills and placed into employment during the summer.
- Summer Activity Camps
 - **177 children** attended summer camps for enrichment activities.

CHAMPS

Cities Combating Child Hunger through After School and Summer Meal Programs

- CHAMPS reduces child hunger by increasing federal Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs.
- There are 29,800 children in the Wichita metro area considered “food insecure.” This number represents 22% of all children in the area.
- The City of Wichita was awarded a grant to launch efforts to provide afterschool and summer meals during 2017.
- In the summer of 2017 & 2018 CHAMPS was a part of the city’s Say YES! Campaign.
 - Youth ages 5-18 are eligible to receive a Say YES! Identification card.
 - Unlimited Wichita Transit Rides
 - Free entry Wichita Public Pools
 - Free golf at L.W. Clapp golf course
 - “Restart book borrowing for youth with outstanding fees on Library accounts
 - Back to school supply packs for youth who complete the Library’s “Check-in-Challenge”
 - Free weekday lunches at four participating locations in Wichita

CHAMPS

Sustainability and Growth

- Starting on June 19, 2017 H&CS began serving summer lunches at New Life Church located at 1156 N. Oliver.
 - 1,214 meals were served
- Gaining steam, the program expanded into afterschool programming for the 2017-2018 school year
 - Sites included: Holy Savior Catholic Academy, Tabernacle Bible Church and Progressive Missionary Baptist Church.
 - 3,908 meals were served
- H&CS again offered free summer meals in 2018.
 - Sites included: Restored Community Church, Mending Place at South City, Windridge Apartments and Grace Revolution Church.
 - 1480 meals were served
- Currently, H&CS provides support to 2 CHAMPS sites.
 - Sites include: Holy Savior Catholic Academy and Windridge Apartments.
- Since 2017 HCS has sponsored 9 different CHAMPS sites around Wichita and has served over 9500 meals to area youth.

WICHITA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Public Housing

- Four multifamily communities – 226 apartments

Developments	Units
Greenway Manor	86
McLean Manor	90
Rosa Gragg	32
Bernice Hutcherson	18

- Single-family scattered site properties – 352 houses

Housing Choice Voucher- **Regional**

- **3,119 vouchers**
- **208 vouchers for homeless veterans**

Housing and Community Services

Wichita-Sedgwick County Housing First Program:
Direct placement of chronically homeless into permanent housing.

- Supportive services are offered but not required
- All participants receive weekly in-home case management visits
- **348 chronically** homeless people have been housed since program inception (March 2009)
 - Of this number, 207 **people** remained housed for over 1 year
- As of 12/31/2018, 52 people currently housed

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Emergency Shelters: provides funding to 7 homeless shelters

Homeless Prevention: Provides short-term assistance to those at imminent risk of becoming homeless due to unpaid rent. Center of Hope and Salvation Army are the current sub-grantees and in Program Year 2017-2018, 80 families (211 people) avoided homelessness due to the Homeless Prevention program.

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Rapid Re-Housing: houses individuals and families that are literally homeless by providing short-term rental assistance.

Financial assistance for eligible participants may include:

- Two months rental assistance
- Security deposit
- Utility deposit(s)
- Up to 6 months toward utility arrears
- Moving

For the 2017-2018 Program year, the Rapid Re-Housing program ended homelessness for 19 families (39 people)

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- HOME Investment Partnerships
 - HOMEownership 80 down payment assistance program
 - Housing development subsidy programs
 - Boarded up House Program for community housing development organizations to remove blight
 - Construction, acquisition, site improvement loans

Housing and Community Services

- Community Investments
 - Community Development Block Grant
 - Streets, paving, water and sewer
 - Parks and recreation
 - Emergency Home Repair
 - Fair Housing
 - Community Engagement
 - Domestic Violence Shelter Services
 - Youth crime prevention and enrichment
 - Training and employment

Questions

