Boards & Coalitions

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)

CPPC is a community-based shared decision making approach to child abuse prevention that promotes positive community and home environments to encourage safe, healthy and successful children and families. Meets monthly.

Decategorization

Decat redirects state child welfare and juvenile justice funding to services that are preventative, family-centered, and community-based in order to reduce use of restrictive approaches that rely on institutional, out-of-home and out-of-community services. Meets monthly.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

The DMC Committee meets monthly to address community-wide DMC issues in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Boards & Coalitions

Empowerment/ Early Childhood Iowa

In collaboration with area partner agencies, supports family support services and early childhood education programming for families with children age pre-natal - 5 years. Information—www.jcempowerment.org

Juvenile Justice Youth Development

Promotes positive system changes, identifies gaps and initiates local solutions that promote positive youth development and prevent juvenile delinquency. Meets quarterly.

Johnson County Livable Community for Successful Aging

Serves as a unifying advisory group that brings together common interests and resources to foster efforts to build and sustain a livable community for successful aging. More at www.livablecommunity.org

Johnson County Social Services offers a variety of services and supports in the community including:

Boards & Commissions

Direct Services and Support

Funded Programs and Grant/Funding Opportunities

Hours: Monday—Friday

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Information about all programs available at www.johnson-county.com/ss

Facebook.com/JCSocialServices

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Direct Services & Supports

Aging Services

Assists older adults and caregivers in accessing supportive services and care coordination through resource and referrals. Provide caregiver support. Assistance with completion of applications and paperwork.

Online directory of services—www.livablecommunity.org

Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa

Empowerment/ECI services include School Ready Preschool Scholarships car seat safety, and safe sleep supports. Provides coordinated intake and referral services for families with children age 0-5 years.

Focus on Youth Fund

Financial help for youth to address emotional and behavioral health challenges. Provides limited assistance for expenses not covered by insurance or for those who are uninsured. Eligible expenses include evaluations, prescriptions, therapy, Behavioral Intervention Services, and third party insurance co-pays.

Direct Services & Supports

General Assistance

One-time and short-term financial help for Johnson County residents experiencing extreme financial crisis. May assist with rent, utilities, prescriptions, funeral, and other limited expenses.

Mental Health Advocate

A court appointed advocate who acts as the support person for individuals involved in involuntary hospitalization proceedings and follow up treatment.

Mobility Coordination

Provides transportation referrals, education, and community outreach to improve overall mobility for elderly, low-income persons, and persons with disabilities. Trip planning and how to ride training available on an individual or group basis. Information at—*www.johnson-county.com/mobility*

Direct Services & Supports

Resources

The Johnson County Social Services webpage also includes links to:

* Directory of Local Resources
* Johnson County Food Assistance Guide
* Weekly Jobs List
* Transportation Information
* Community Events
* Free Summer Activities for Children
* Professional Development Opportunities

Social Services Navigation

Assists residents in accessing various local support services. Short-term case management and follow up assistance.

VITA Tax Clinics

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a joint collaboration with the Tippie College of Business to provide free tax preparation services for households earning less than $55,000 annually. Clinics available January—April.

VITA
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Grant Funding

Johnson County Social Services enriches the community by awarding grant funding through the following programs:

- ***Community Partnership for Protecting Children***—Mini-grants available for community-based child abuse prevention programming
- ***Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa*** – family support services, early childhood programming, education and training for families and providers of children age 0-5 years
- ***Johnson County Decategorization***—family-centered, and community-based programs to prevent/reduce youth out-of-home placement
- ***Juvenile Justice Youth Development***—positive youth development programs targeted to reduce juvenile delinquency
- ***Social Services Block Grants***—enriches quality of life by addressing basic human needs, health, and child and family well-being

Grant funding opportunities posted at

www.johnson-county.com

under *Bids, Proposals, RFPs*