

# Project ECHO

Care Coordination



# About us

Marty Vinson is a dedicated social worker with over 24 years of experience in child welfare and nearly three years in public health at Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. Marty currently serves as a community health social worker bringing compassionate community-centered approach to working with families. Marty is also a certified child passenger seat technician advocating for child safety and family well-being through hands-on education and support.

Outside of work, Marty enjoys dancing at the Y and spending time with her husband and their two beloved and delightfully feral cats in Olathe, KS.

Mandi LaRue was born and raised in north central Kansas. She graduated from the University of Kansas with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work. Mandi spent approximately 15 years in the foster care system working for a foster care contractor. For the last 9 years, Mandi has had the honor of working as a social worker in public health where she been able to use her knowledge of resources and community connections to connect those in need to the resources they require. In 2018, she began work developing the IRIS community in Johnson County and have expanded that work to the entire KC Metro area in 2022. Mandi currently live in Lenexa with her husband, 2 sons and fur babies. Mandi is also proud mom of a KU graduate with a degree in teaching! Rock Chalk!



# Health and Environment

The Department of Health and Environment's vision is to be a trusted partner working to develop more equitable conditions across Johnson County, Kansas so all can lead healthier lives. Our mission is to promote and protect the health and environment for all who live, work and play in our community. We embrace the values of equity, resilience, empathy and exemplary customer service.

Department includes: Environmental Services, Health Services, Epidemiology, Community Health, Child Care licensing, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Emergency Management Services and Medical Examiner's Office



# Community Health Assessment (CHA)/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)



## Low Income Population vs. Arrowhead Stadium



The number of  
low income residents  
in Johnson County  
exceeds  
Arrowhead Stadium's  
seating capacity.




Source: US Census Bureau ACS 5-year 2019-2023 Estimates, Table S1701

- The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment collaborates with residents, partners, and community leaders to conduct a **Community Health Assessment** every five years. This helps us to understand key data and information about how residents live, learn, work and play, which supports the community in fostering a healthier, more equitable Johnson County. Ultimately, the job of public health is to **improve how long *all* residents live and the quality of life they experience** throughout their lives.
- JCDHE is committed to advancing health equity in Johnson County so that all residents have a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Engaging community members, especially those experiencing health disparities and inequities, in the CHA process is a critical component to advancing health equity. Community engagement ensures that local voices inform the identification of priority health issues and the development of effective strategies to improve health.
- <https://dashboards.mysidewalk.com/healthhappenshere/our-story-2024>

# Community Connections

## Resource Sheets

Like most organizations JCDHE, provides clients with a resource sheet listing commonly referred to resources. This sheet is offered in English and Spanish and must be reviewed frequently for accuracy.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
KANSAS

**Health & Environment**

**Johnson County Department of Health and Environment**  
Clínica de Mission: 913.826.1200  
WIC: 913.826.1302  
6000 Lamar, Suite 140  
Mission, KS 66202

**Johnson County Department of Health and Environment**  
Clínica de Olathe: 913.826.1200  
WIC: 913.477.8330  
11875 S. Sunset, Suite 300  
Olathe, KS 66061

**Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)** 913.826.7300 <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Pages/default.aspx>  
Beneficios de comida (SNAP), Asistencia en efectivo (TANF), Asistencia de cuidado de niños  
8915 Lenexa Drive  
Overland Park, KS 66214  
Abuso y Negligencia de niños: 1.800.922.5330  
Beneficios de mantenimiento de niños: 1.888.757.2445

**KanCare**  
1.800.792.4884  
[www.kancare.ks.gov](http://www.kancare.ks.gov)

**Refugio de gobierno, Sección 8, y Recursos de desamparados**  
Johnson County Housing Authority  
12425 W. 87th St. Parkway, Suite 200  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
913.715.6600

**Olathe Housing Authority**  
200 W. Santa Fe St.  
Olathe, KS 66061  
913.971.6260

**Habitat for Humanity** 816.231.6889  
Línea directa para desamparados 816.474.4599  
The Family Lodge(refugio familiar)913.829.0578  
Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network  
913.345.2121

**Asistencia general del condado de Johnson\*** (Llame para horas, servicios y elegibilidad)  
Johnson County Multi-Service Centers (ubicaciones en Lenexa, Olathe, Gardner, y Mission) 913.715.6653  
United Way Resource Line (línea de recursos) **Marque 211**  
My Resource Connection (pagina de recursos): <http://ims.jocogov.org/rc>  
<https://kansasfoodsource.org/category/help-agency/johnson-county/>

**Catholic Charities**  
9720 West 87th St.  
Overland Park, KS  
913.433.2100

**333 E. Poplar**  
Olathe, KS 66061  
913.782.4077

**Salvation Army**  
420 E. Santa Fe  
Olathe, KS  
913.782.3640

**Center of Grace**  
520 S. Harrison  
Olathe, KS  
913.764.1353

**Resurrection Pantry**  
8412 W. 95th St.  
Overland Park, KS  
913.897.0120

**Shawnee Comm. Services**  
11110 W. 67th St.  
Shawnee, KS  
913.268.7746

**El Centro**  
201 E. Loula St. #110  
Olathe, KS  
913.829.7800

**College Church of the Nazarene**  
2020 E. Sheridan  
Olathe, KS  
913.764.4575

**Educación Para La Niñez / Programas para el Desarrollo / Programas para los Padres**  
Parents as Teachers:  
Shawnee Mission: 913.993.9380  
Olathe: 913.780.8106  
Gardner/Edgerton: 913.856.3035  
Blue Valley: 913.624.2800  
Springhill: 1.800.554.3412  
Desoto: 913.667.1820

**Growing Futures(Shawnee Mission Head Start)** 913.649.9714  
**Headstart Olathe** 913.780.7416  
**Infant Toddler Services (edades 0-3)** 913.432.2900  
**Healthy Families** 913.371.2220  
**JOCO Maternal Child Health Outreach Program** 913.826.1228  
**Empowering Futures (edades 15-21)** 913.477.8367  
**KCSL Parent Helpline** 1.800.244.5373

**Información sobre Guardería**  
DCF Asistencia de Guardería  
913.826.7300

**Daycare Connection**  
913.529.1200

**Family Conservancy**  
913.342.1110

**Educación / Empleo**  
Johnson County Adult Education GED (Clases de Desarrollo de Educación General) 913.469.7621  
Olathe Public Schools - Step Up (Programa de Finalización de Diploma) 913.780.7880  
Shawnee Mission Schools-Project Finish (Programa de Finalización de Diploma) 913.993.9505  
Workforce Partnership (Empleo) 913.577.5900  
Women's Employment Network 816.822.8083

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# Community Connections

## My Resource Connection

The purpose of My Resource Connection is to connect individuals needing assistance with resources that can help meet their needs. The assistance that individuals may need are many and varied: groceries, clothing, housing, health care, counseling, transportation, veteran services, employment and emotional support. Many organizations in the greater Kansas City area are able to address these needs.

<https://ims.jocogov.org/myrc/default.aspx>





# Community Connections

## Johnson County Health Guide

Public health plays a vital role in the well-being of the Johnson County community. The County's Health Guide is a resource to connect you with local health services and guidance.

<https://www.jocogov.org/health-guide>

## Johnson County District Court Help Center

Additional resources are available on the District Court website.

<https://courts.jocogov.org/forms/Community%20Resources%20Guide%202024.pdf>



# Community Connections



## Community Health Workers

- The Johnson County Department of Health & Environment Community Health Worker (CHW) program is a free resource that helps clients learn to navigate applications for Kansas Medicaid, Presumptive Eligibility and SNAP, as well as connect to various community resources.
- Clients who participate in the CHW program will meet regularly with a certified CHW to identify goals, work toward goal attainment and gain the knowledge and confidence to navigate resources and systems independently.
- Community Health Workers are trusted members of the communities they serve who have a deep understanding of health systems, barriers to health and healthcare access and community resources.



# IRIS

## Integrated Referral and Intake System

IRIS (Integrated Referral & Intake System) is a web-based community referral system developed by the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (KU-CPPR). IRIS is a communication tool to support best practices in social service referral and coordination among community partners. Its primary purpose is to enable service providers in a community to make, receive, track, and respond to referrals.



Want to learn more  
about IRIS?



# IRIS

Helping you  
build healthy  
communities



# IRIS Successes



- **Creation:** The KC Metro IRIS community was formed by merging three local IRIS communities in March of 2022.
- **Geographic Area:** The Kansas City Metro IRIS Community represents 10 counties in the KC Metro area: Johnson, Wyandotte, Franklin, Miami and Leavenworth on the Kansas side and Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette and Platte on the Missouri side.
- **Cost:** The annual cost of \$10,000 is paid equally by Jackson County Public Health, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment and Health Coalition of Wyandotte County. IRIS is free to join for all partners.
- **Impact:** Since March 2022, approximately 5,600 families have been served with 9,500 referrals. Of those referrals, nearly 60 percent had their needs met.
- **Engagement:** There are currently 223 active IRIS partners.
- **Accountability:** Each organization commits to following our Community Standards regarding expectations, engagement and coordination of services.



# IRIS Solutions

- Unique
- Engaging
- Adaptable
- Authentic

- The capacity bar helps organizations share with the community their ability to serve as well as notify the community of waitlists or other barriers to services.
- Regular community check-ins, resources lunch and learns, and monthly newsletters keep our community connected and in touch with each other!
- IRIS can adapt to changing situations and needs. This flexibility allows for creativity in using IRIS to meet the needs of the community no matter the situation.
- IRIS leadership are community members who are dedicated to the communities where we live work and play. Having local leadership means having valuable knowledge of the needs of the community and resources available. Community connection is key!



# Thank you

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