



Department of Public Services

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Division Services

Division on Aging

Mission is to provide services to seniors in Sedgwick County in an effort to assist them in maintaining independence.

Community Based Services

- Services assist seniors to maintain health, community living and avoid more costly levels of service. and assist individuals to remain in their homes and community. Some funding is provided to Senior Centers located throughout Sedgwick County that are designed to provide assistance in fulfilling the social, educational, recreational, physical, emotional, and nutritional needs of participants through programs that meet their various needs.

In-Home Services

- Services assist seniors at risk who need help to maintain health, avoid deterioration in health, and delay/prevent out of home placement.

Physical Disabilities

- Provides services to enable individuals with disabilities of all ages to remain in the community and maintain health and independence.

Transportation

- Assures accessibility of transportation services through collaborative partnerships to help individuals remain in their homes and community.

COMCARE of Sedgwick County

Mission is to help people with mental health and substance use needs to improve the quality of their lives.

Homeless Programs

- Center City: Co-located at United Methodist Open Door for one stop homeless services. Provides outreach and treatment to mentally ill persons who are homeless.

- Shelter Plus Care: Combines housing voucher with supportive services to special population of homeless individuals experiencing severe and persistent mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and/or HIV/AIDS-related illness and their families.
- Housing First: COMCARE partners with the City of Wichita to move single, chronically homeless individuals experiencing a disability from homelessness into housing.

Addiction Treatment Services (ATS)

- Treatment for individuals struggling with alcohol or other drug use, includes group individual counseling and therapy.

Crisis Services

- Emergency mental health services on a 24-hour basis, to all residents in Sedgwick County.

Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program (SCOAP)

- Serves Sedgwick County residents who suffer from a diagnosable mental illness and who come into contact with the criminal justice system; most crimes are misdemeanor offenses. Through treatment, SCOAP addresses the causes of the arresting behavior to reduce recidivism among mentally ill persons.

Community Support Services (CSS)

- Provides rehabilitative behavioral health services to those with a severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who need support to function in the community.

Children's Services

- Serves children through medical and therapy services and case management, up to age 21, who have a serious emotional disturbance (SED) and are at risk of hospitalization.

Outpatient Services (OPS)

- Individual and group therapy for adults 18 and older for a variety of mental health concerns.



Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO)

Mission is to assist people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) to receive quality services and achieve greater independence.

- SCDDO is the single point of entry for IDD individuals.
- Timely access to residential and day supports to individuals experiencing a crisis or in need of immediate access based upon State contract.
- Some services include transportation,, children's services, non-Medicaid eligible case management, and flex funds.
- Quality Assurance through site visits, record reviews, contract monitoring, and quality improvement efforts, division staff ensure individuals receive quality services.
- Two special projects focused on enhancing employment options for individuals with IDD:
 - Project Search: Primary objective is to secure competitive employment for people with disabilities. Sedgwick County has various internship sites.
 - Business leadership Network of Sedgwick County: Employer led nonprofit organization offering education and training programs and other benefits to enhance a company's performance through tapping into the talent of workers with disabilities.

Sedgwick County Division of Health

Mission is to improve the health of Sedgwick County residents by preventing disease, promoting wellness and protecting the public from health threats.

- Provides funding to Project Access, a partnership program administered by Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation. Provides access to

donated medical care, prescription medications, and durable medical equipment for uninsured low-income Sedgwick County residents.

Preventive Health

- Family Planning: Services and education to uninsured and underinsured women. Prevents low birth weight, premature births, and infant death through healthy birth spacing and well-women examinations.
- Maternal and Child Health Care Coordination (MCHCC): Provides health counseling to Family Planning and STI clients under the age of 22 and pregnant to reduce low birth weight and premature births.
- Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic: Prevents spread of infectious diseases through testing, diagnosis, treatment and counseling.
- Immunizations: Protects community against vaccine preventable/contagious diseases. Adult and children and travel vaccines provided, as well as Tuberculosis testing, blood pressure checks, and other health screenings.
- Provides lab services, call center and medical records assistance.

Children & Family Health

- Women, Infant, & Children (WIC): Public health education and nutrition program. Reduction of low birth weight babies and nutritional support for low income families with children under the age of five.
- Healthy Babies: Provides services to increase healthy pregnancy and baby through child's 2nd birthday.
- Children's Dental Clinic: Provides dental care to qualifying children between the ages of five and 16.



Health Protection

- Sexually Transmitted Infection Control: Intervenes in the spread of disease by providing education, testing and treatment for people infected at risk for sexually transmitted infections and HIV.
- Tuberculosis (TB) Control: Services for the treatment of TB.
- Public Health Performance: Monitors and accesses the community's health, and data monitoring for the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Epidemiology: Monitors and investigates diseases to protect the health of the community.
- Animal Control: Promotes and provides health and safety for both citizens and animals.
- Health Planning: Fetal Infant Mortality Review, which provides case review and community action teams to examine infant demise cases with goal to identify and reduce risk factors for infant mortality. Health Planning also includes the Community Health Advocates program which is responsible for recruiting and training volunteers to be advocates and educators about access to community health clinics and other health resources. This section also works with community partners on data collection for the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.

Sedgwick County Parks

Mission is to provide a recreational experience that is attractive, safe, and efficient by providing facilities and events for the public to enjoy.

- Lake Afton Park (LAP): Park contains a 258 acre lake and 720 acre site. LAP also operates a bait shop. Activities available are fishing, swimming, boating, and camping.
- Sedgwick County Park (SCP): 400 acre park with four small lakes. The Northeast part of the park contains 656 acres of park land. Hiking and bike trails, as well as fishing are available.

Sedgwick County Zoo

- Sedgwick County Zoo is ranked Kansas' number one outdoor family attraction.
- Sedgwick County Zoo is home to more than 3,000 individual animals of nearly 400 species.
- Exhibits at Sedgwick County Zoo are designed to be naturalistic and allow guests to be immersed in the animal's natural world for an empathetic learning experience that inspires and teaches.
- Sedgwick County Zoo's South America and Australia habitats are among the largest walk-through aviaries in the United States.
- Sedgwick County Zoo's 5.4-acre elephant habitat recently received top honors for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' annual exhibit award.

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