

# LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Sedgwick County  
**2019**

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## REGIONAL PARTNERS' KEY INTERESTS:

- Sedgwick County supports the City of Wichita, the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Wichita Partnership, the Regional Economic Area Partnership and other South Central Kansas partners' legislative efforts in essential community areas including **1)** Behavioral Health, **2)** Transportation/Infrastructure, and **3)** Workforce Development.

## SEDGWICK COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES:

- Address needs of the uninsured/underinsured - restoring the promise of mental health reform.
- Support for regionalized state mental health facilities, including in Sedgwick County.
- Enhance Medicaid rates for behavioral health.
- Oppose efforts that could destabilize the public mental health system.
- Maintain and enhance school pilot program funding for youth mental health services.
- Support Community Crisis Center funding.

## OTHER SEDGWICK COUNTY KEY INITIATIVES:

- Permit counties to publish any statutorily required legal notices on the Internet with appropriate measures to ensure archival records are available to the public.
- Support legislation that provides that vacant properties shall not be used as comparable properties to value occupied properties under appeal.
- Support juvenile reform legislation that increases accountability and offers more local control by the 18th Judicial District for responding to moderate risk/non-violent offenders.
- Support legislation that allows a voter to vote at any polling place within the county if the machines are technologically capable. This includes having locations available as "vote centers" or other locations where a voter could avoid having to cast a provisional ballot.
- Support legislation allowing Sedgwick County, as an urban area, the power to abate nuisance properties in a manner consistent with constitutional due process.

## SEDGWICK COUNTY SECONDARY INITIATIVES:

- Support resolution(s) to be issued to Congress that:
  - Lessens restrictions on employers to hire 14- and 15-year-old workers.
  - Abolishes Daylight Saving Time or phases out Daylight Saving Time.



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