



strong families make
a strong Kansas

Governor's Task Force
on Reducing
Childhood Poverty

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Mission



Protect Children



Promote Healthy Families



**Encourage Personal
Responsibility**

Strategic Objectives



Strengthen Families



**Safely Reduce the Number of
Children in Care**



Promote Employment

Strategic Objectives



**Responsible Stewardship
of Public Resources**



**Build Public & Private
Partnerships**

Employment

Competitive employment is highly valued in our society.

It provides meaningful activity, personal resources and social interaction.

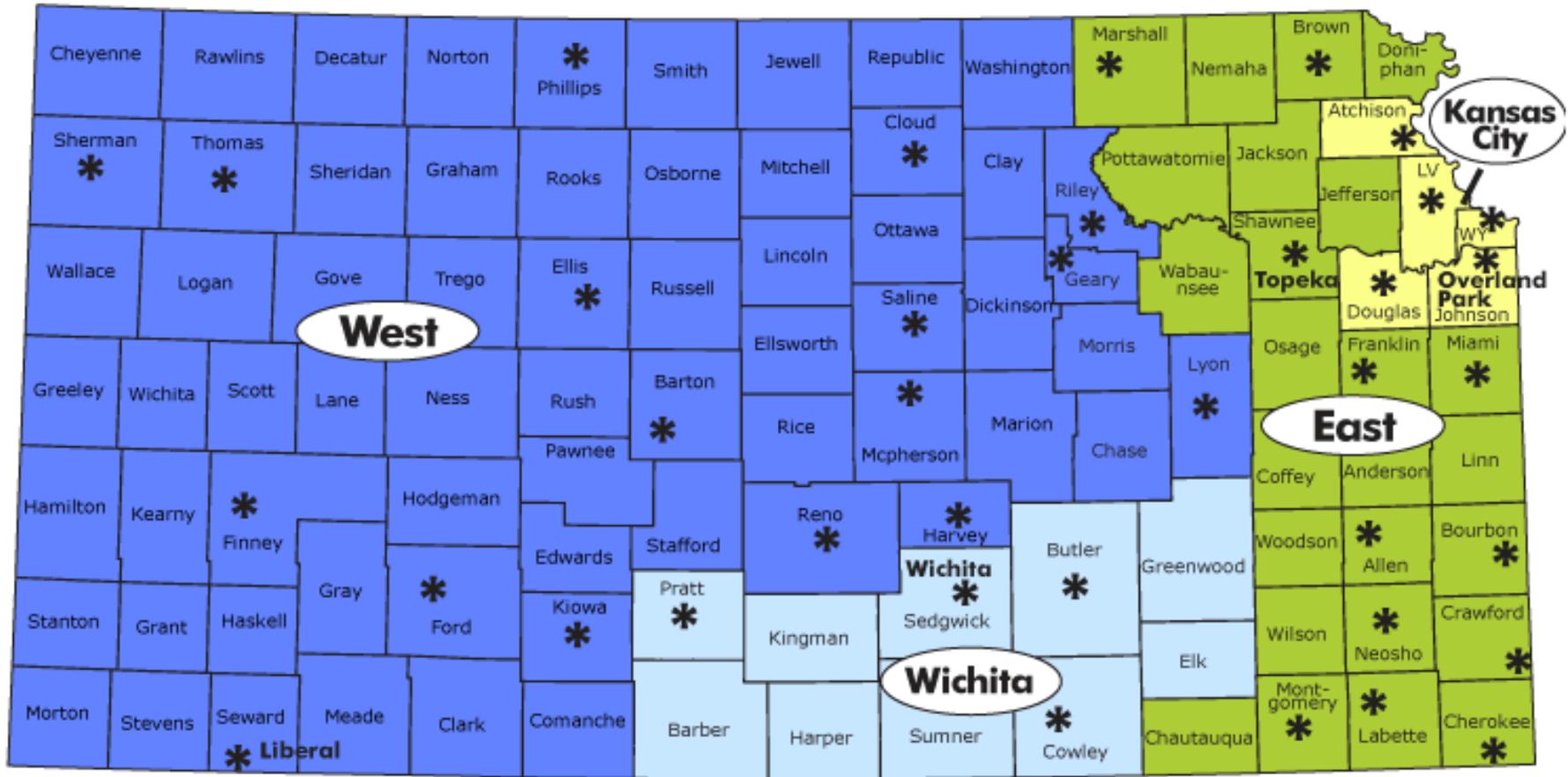
For many, it is fundamental to quality of life and self-worth.

It is also key for a strong, stable family.

Identification of Employment Barriers

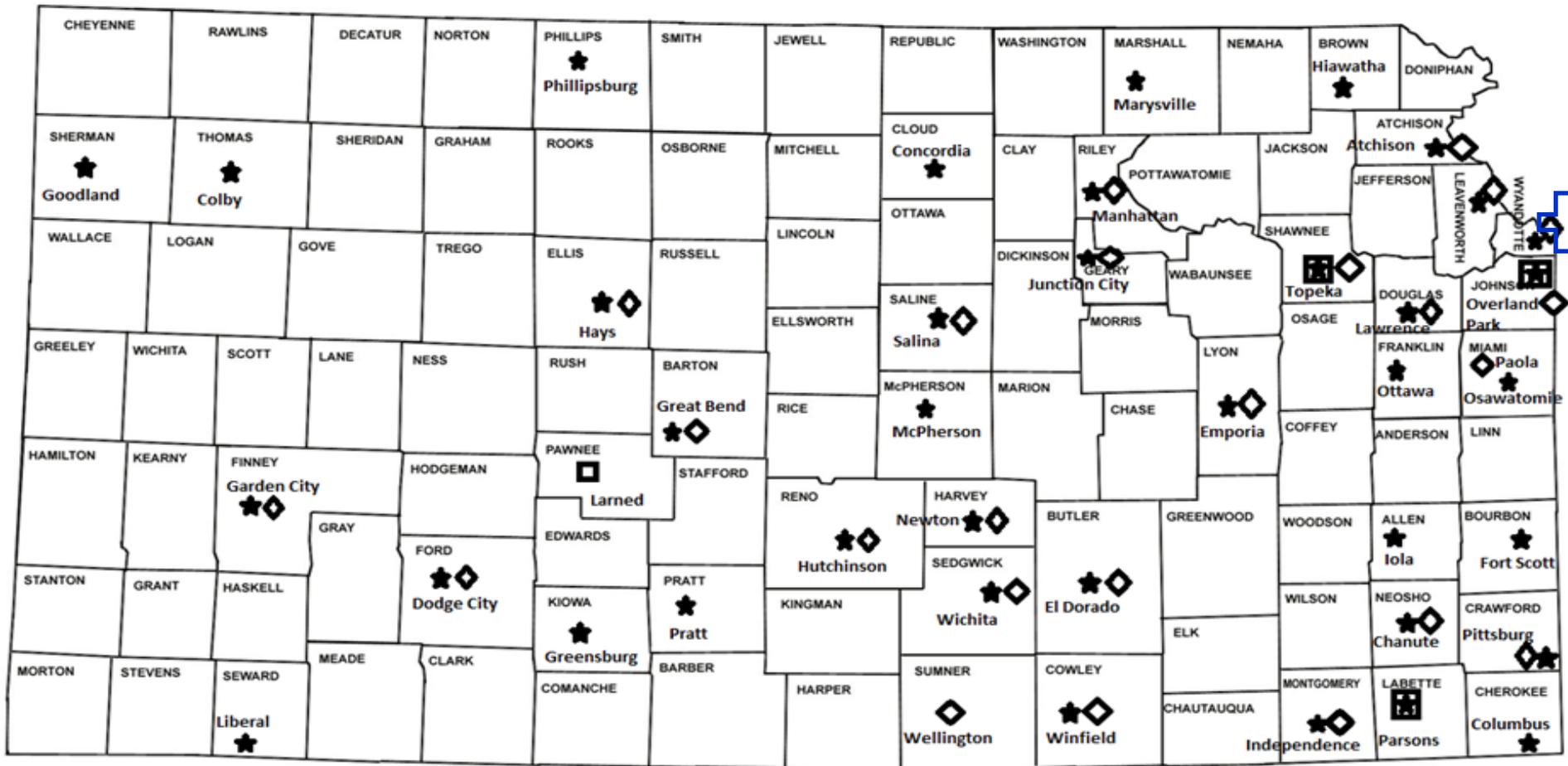
- *Attitudes of un-employability*
- *Lack of Transportation*
- *Cost of Child Care*
- *Generational Poverty*
- *Criminal Background*

DCF Regions



* DCF Service Center

Kansas Department for Children and Families and Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Center Map



- ★ DCF Service Center
- State Hospital
- ◇ Kansas Workforce Centers



Our Focus on DCF Strategic Objectives

To Promote Employment

**Build Public and Private
Partnerships**

Strengthen Families



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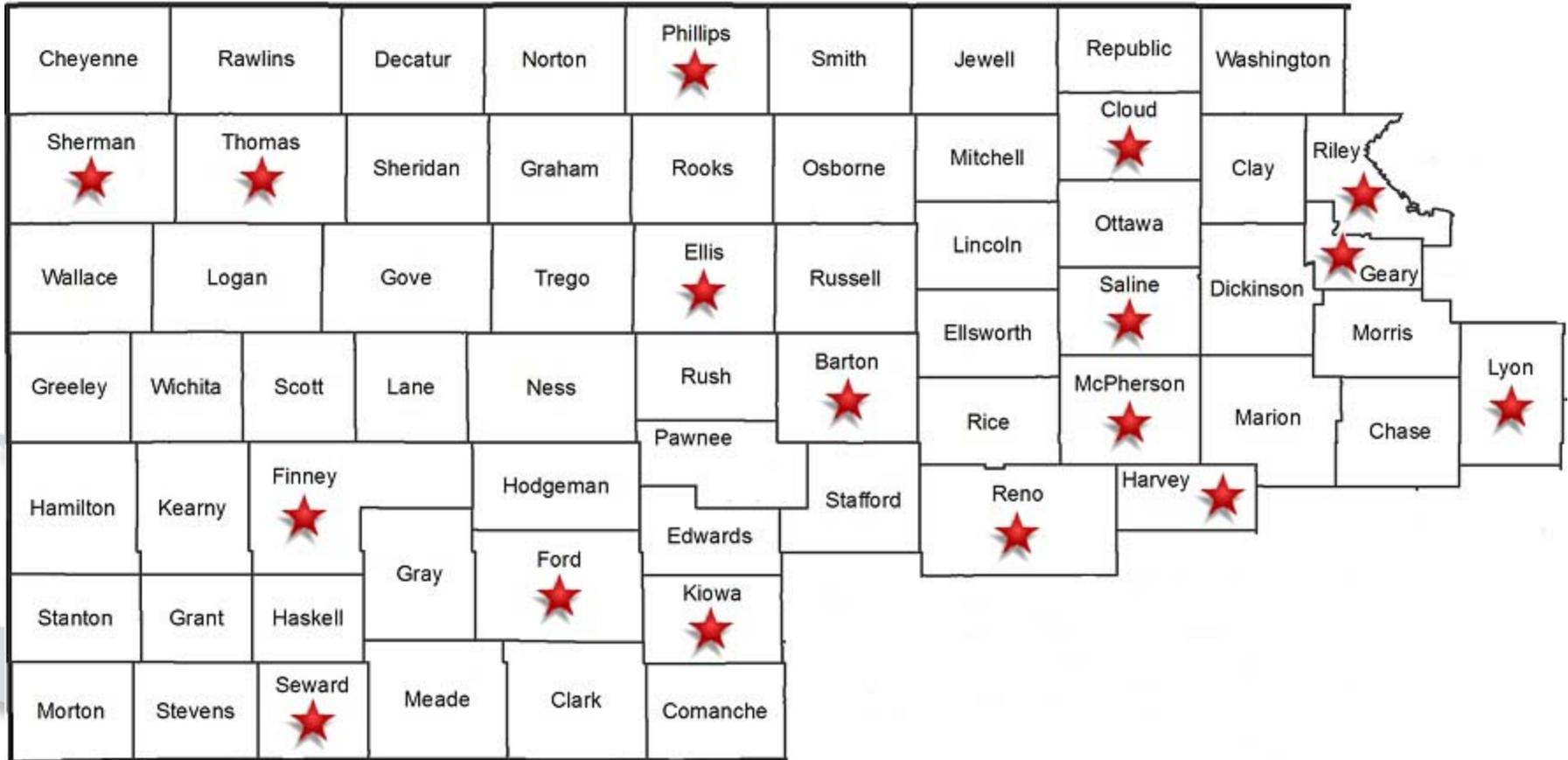


Employment Services Activities

- KHPOP discussions with the Department of Commerce on their impact study
- AO-K discussions with Kansas Board of Regents/Department of Commerce
- Jobs for Americas Graduates (JAG) implementation (Judy Kennedy)
- Policy review and revisions
- Working with the Department of Commerce to standardize WorkKeys testing and certification statewide

- Have one staff member per region take the Kansas Department of Corrections Basic Skills Training course
- Partnering with Commerce, Regents and Labor on re-applying for a Workforce Initiative Grant
- At the table regarding KanCare employment pilots with KDHE, RS
- Workforce training for EES staff and cross-agency systems sharing
- Partnering with SOAR advocates to provide timely SS benefits to those who qualify

West Region





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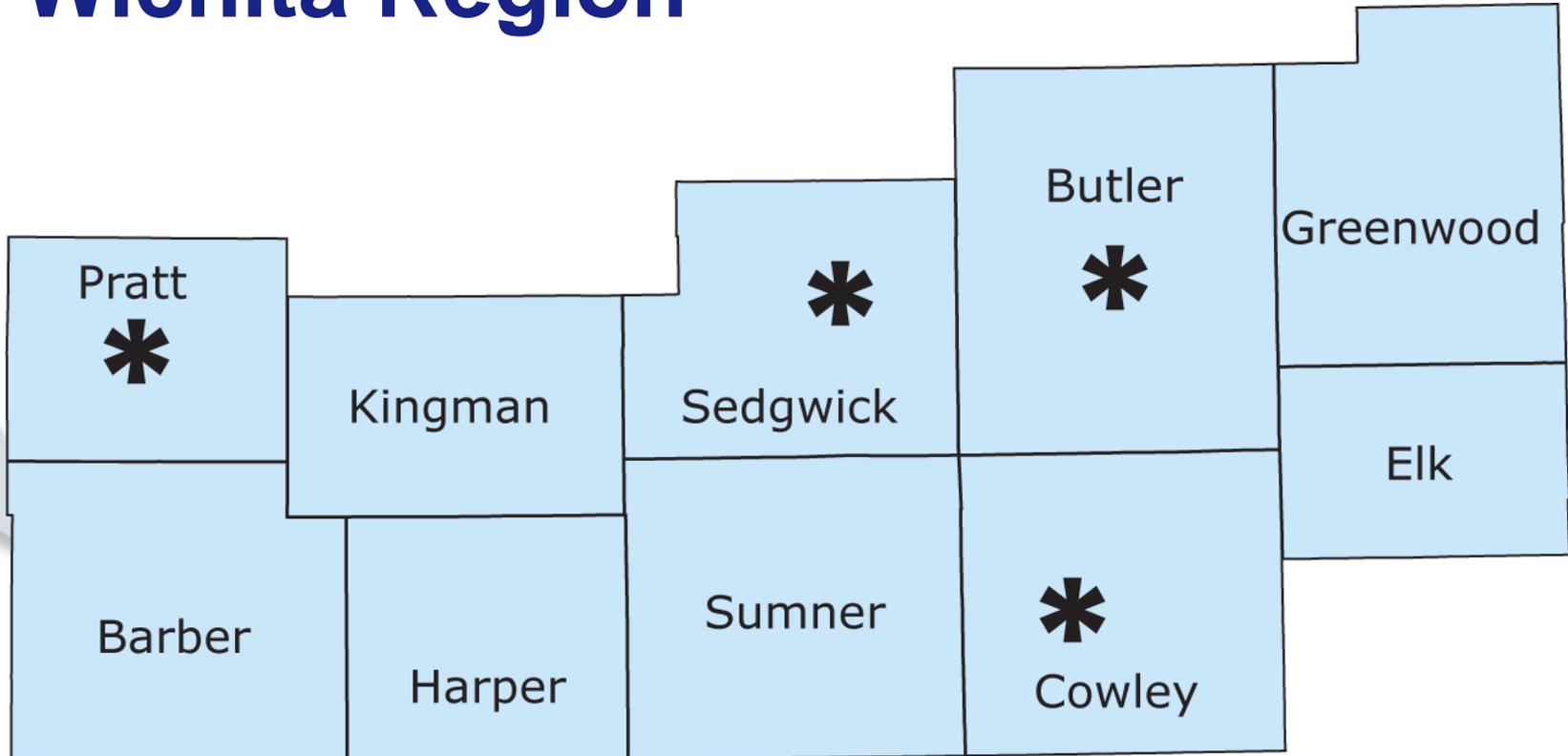
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West Region

- Organized a community partner roundtable with DCF (EES and RS), Department of Corrections, Department of Commerce, and Workforce Center Area I
- Developing a “buddy program” between EES work program staff and workforce center staff
- Has worked with K-State Extension in the past, utilizing their financial workshops on budgeting, home and family resources, etc.

Wichita Region





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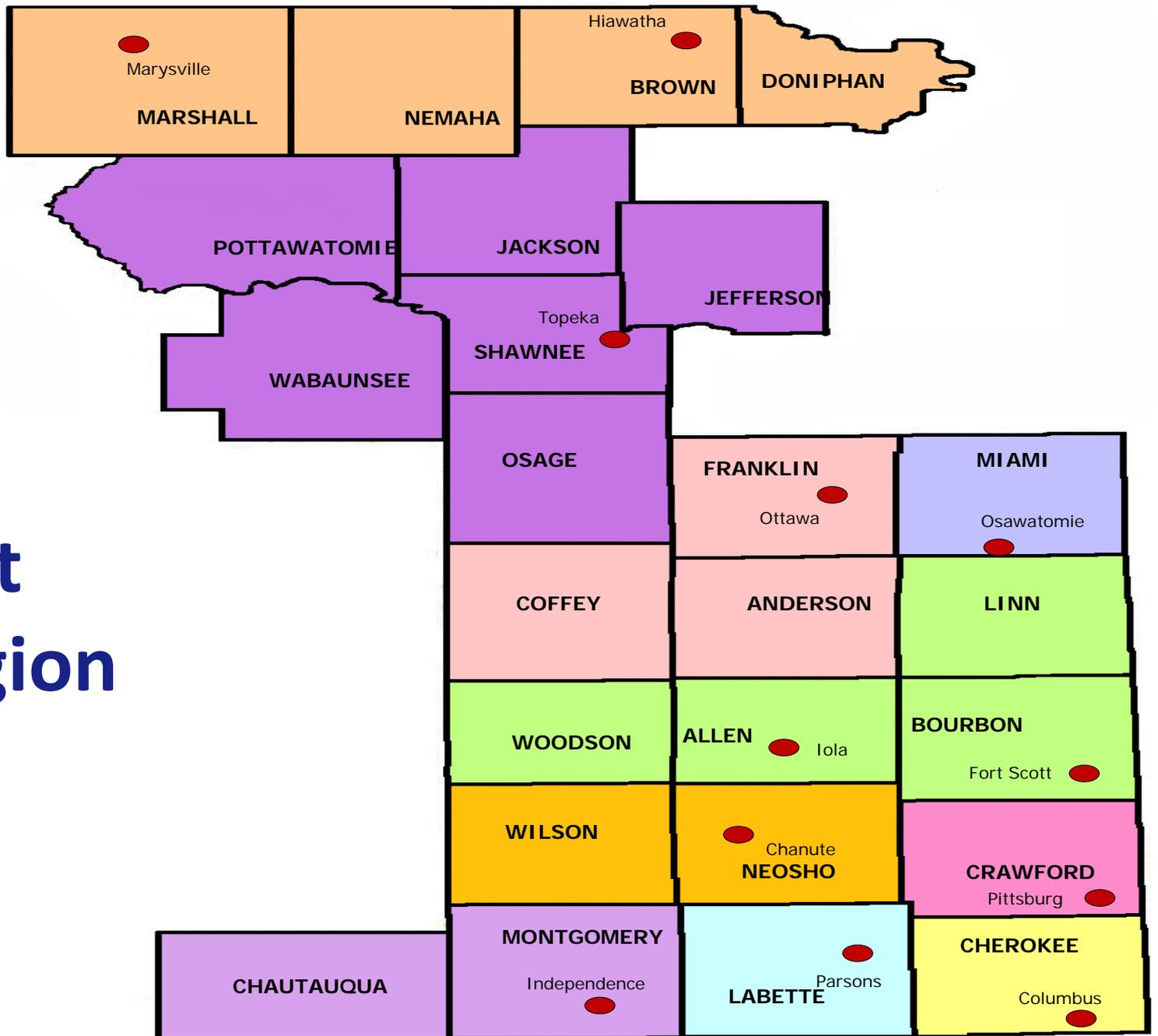
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Wichita Region

- Local contact to work with United Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation on computer training courses they offer in Wichita
- Arranged for a trainer from the Department of Corrections to come present to EES work specialist staff on motivational interviewing
- Connected El Dorado work program staff with the Butler County Taskforce for Children and Families

East Region



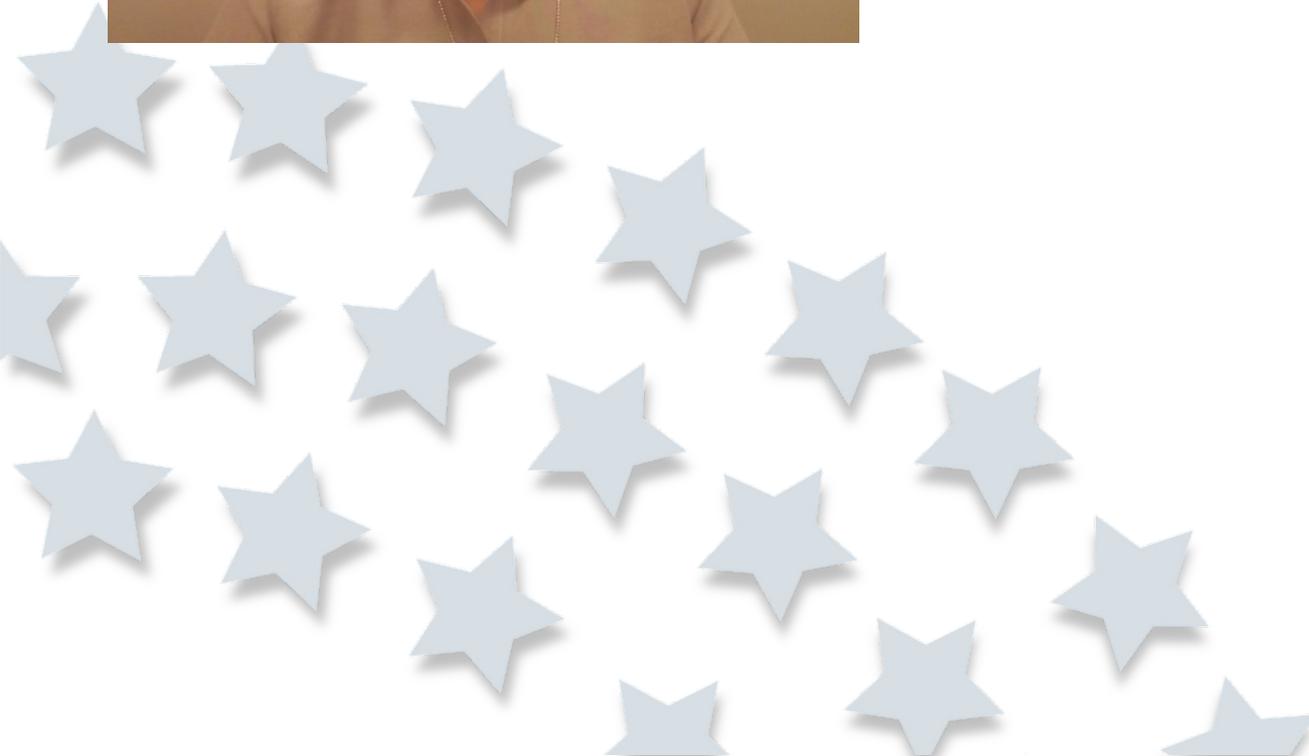


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East Region

- Re-engaging with the Partners in Change program through Neosho County Community College
- Met with Washburn Technical School and toured their facility at Forbes Field, regarding their certification programs for production workers. Expanding group to include Let's Help and the Kansas Workforce Center
- Moving forward with Foley-Caterpillar

Kansas City Region





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Kansas City Region

- Developing a closer working relationship with Connections to Success
- Met with Director of Facilities at Sprint campus about our exposure to Aramark Food Services, Woodley Building Maintenance, Securitas Security Services, & Pitney Bowes
- Spoke with Donnelly College in Wyandotte County about a new curriculum “Intro to Engineering”, based on feedback from Burns McDonald about shortage of engineers

Building Blocks to a Successful Employment Program



- ASSESS

- BUILD

- COMMUNICATE



- DELIVER



- EVALUATE

QUESTIONS?

