

LOCAL SCHOOL



The Smith family attends the local school in your community. Mr. & Mrs. Smith live with their aging parents and have two children. Mr. Smith was recently laid off and Mrs. Smith's income is not enough to support the family. Stress and transition in the home has created some worries for the family. The family needs help caring for their parents, affording groceries and child care, and in identifying supports for their children. **How can the school or community connect the Smiths with a warm hand-off to key helping organizations in the most efficient and direct way?**

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC SERVICES



A school social worker can help the Smiths apply online for programs through Economic and Employment Services (EES) such as food assistance, cash assistance or child care assistance. EES may be able to help Mr. Smith gain employment and help Mrs. Smith get more hours or a better job through short term training, or offer supports like transportation assistance.

IN-HOME SENIOR SERVICES



The school can also connect the Smith's to their local Area Agency on Aging to help with their senior parents. The Area Agency on Aging will align the family to services and resources and determine eligibility for the Senior Care Act, Older American's Act, Home and Community Based Services, Meals on Wheels and more.

OTHER RESOURCES & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Each community is different and linking the Smiths directly to their local community mental health centers, food pantries, parent/youth facilitation programs, Parents as Teachers, Birth to Three, Child Care Aware, KCSL prevention services, and others is a way to support the Smiths without DCF agency involvement.

LOCAL SERVICE CENTER



Every school can use the local DCF Service Center as an access point for information to help the Smiths find programs and services in the area. Call your local service center if you have questions about what is available in the surrounding area.

COMMUNITIES HELPING FAMILIES

Additional Resources



To apply for benefits, go to:

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/pages/application-for-benefits.aspx>

or call: 888-369-4777.



Locate your nearest office by consulting this website:

<https://k4ad.org/area-agencies-on-aging>.

United Way 211: Just call 211 to find out information on services for food, clothing, and shelter, as well as for more complex needs like health care, mental health, education, housing and employment.



KCSL Parent Helpline: 1-800-CHILDREN — free, statewide, anonymous information and referral service. It provides a trained person on the other end who will listen, empathize with your situation and offer support.

Available by email at: 1800children@kcsl.org.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or visit the website at:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>.

Find your nearest Kansas DCF service center by calling 1-833-765-2003 or visiting <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/DCFContacts/Pages/default.aspx>.

COVID-19 Resources for Kansans: <https://covid.ks.gov/>.

Kansas Quality Network (KQN): <http://ksqualitynetwork.org/> — an invaluable tool for parents, child care providers and community members ensuring resource information is available to children and families.

