

Community Resource Guide



A quick guide to basic services available in **Thomas County, Kansas**

Information is provided as a community service and does not necessarily constitute endorsement. This is not a complete list of resources; information is updated annually.

Medical Local Health Services/Clinics

Thomas County Health Department, Colby	(785) 460-4596
Citizens Medical Center, Colby Hospital	(785) 462-7511
Ellis County Hospital, Hays Medical Center	(855) 429-7633
Area Mental Health Center, Hays (substance abuse, mental health)	(785) 625-2400
FHSU Kelly Center, Hays (substance abuse, mental health)	(785) 628-4401
Salvation Army, Hays (health services and prescription costs)	(785) 621-2794
St. Francis Community & Family Services, Hays (substance abuse, mental health)	(785) 625-6651

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

High Plains Area Mental Health Center, Hays (substance abuse, mental health)	(785) 628-2871
KVC Wheatland Hospital, Hays (mental health)	(785) 624-6000
St. Francis Community & Family Services, Hays (substance abuse, mental health)	(785) 625-6651
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	(800) 539-2660
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Helpline	(866) 645-8216
Substance Abuse Helpline (SAMHSA)	(800) 662-4357

Dental Services

Colby Family Dentistry	(785) 460-3922
Kansas Donated Dental Services	(785) 273-1900 or (888) 870-2066
Kansas Donated Dental Services Online Application	https://dentallifeline.org/kansas/
FreeClinics	www.freeclinics.com
Smiles Change Lives (discounted braces)	https://www.smileschangelives.org/
Smiles for Success	https://smilesforsuccess.org/

Eye Care

Vision Source of Colby	(785) 462-8231
Hattan and Taylor Family Eye, Hays (Accepts KanCare)	(785) 625-2226
Kansas Dept. for Aging and Disability Services (Blind and Visually Impaired)	(866) 213-9079
Vision USA	(620) 231-4230
EyeCare America	(877) 887-6327
See To Learn (3 year-olds)	(800) 960-3937

Prescription Services

Salvation Army, Hays (health services and prescription costs)	(785) 621-4991
NWKAAA, Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging.....	(785) 628-8204
Prescription Assistance Program.....	www.KansasDrugCard.com
Needy Meds (helps with cost of medicine)	www.needymeds.org
Rx Assist.....	www.rxassist.org

Assistive Equipment

Assistive Technology for Kansans	(800) 526-3648
Assistive Technology for Kansans, Oakley	(785) 672-3125
Kansas Equipment Exchange (supply or exchange medical equipment for adults and children).....	(800) 526-3648
K-Loan	(620) 421-6554

Other Health Services

KanCare/Medicaid eligibility and renewal, KanCare Clearinghouse	(800) 792-4884
KanCare application, benefits and assistance.....	www.kancare.ks.gov
KanCare Ombudsman office.....	(855) 643-8180
.....	www.KanCareOmbudsman.ks.gov
Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), Hays	(785) 628-8204
NWKAAA (Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging)	(785) 628-8204
.....	www.nwkaaa.com
Senior Health Insurance for Kansans (help with Medicare)	(785) 628-8204
Medicare	(800) 633-4227
Early Detection Works (for breast and cervical cancer issues)	(877) 277-1368
Ryan White Outreach Program (HIV/STI help)	(785) 826-6614
Community Care Network of Kansas www.communitycareks.org	(785) 233-8483
Kansas Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) Program (infants to age 21).....	(785) 826-6600
Kansas State Farmworker Health Program, Topeka	(785) 296-2671

Information and Referral

Local Resources

NWKAAA	(785) 628-8204
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (serves developmental disabilities).....	(785) 621-5346
Link, Inc., CIL, Hays.....	(785) 625-6942
St. Francis Community & Family Service, Hays.....	(785) 625-6651
United Way, Hays	(785) 628-8281
Catholic Charities, Hays	(785) 625-2644
Prairie Independent Living Resource Center	(620) 663-3989
Department of Children and Family Services.....	(785) 776-4011
Salvation Army, Hays.....	(785) 621-9441

Regional/State Organizations

Link, Inc., Center for Independent Living (helps people with disabilities)	(785) 625-6942
Department for Children and Families	(785) 462-6760
Developmental Services of NW Kansas, (Community Developmental Disability Organization)	(785) 625-5678
Northwest Kansas Agency on Aging	(785) 628-8204
NW Aging and Disability Resource Center, Hays	(785) 628-8204
Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, Colby	(785) 462-3572
Long Term Care Ombudsman, Region 6	(785) 628-3121
Social Security, Hays	(888) 552-7176
Elder Hotline (legal assistance for elders).....	(888) 353-5337
Kansas Legal Services	(785) 625-4514
Disability Rights Center.....	(785) 273-9661
Families Together	(620) 276-6364

Food

Genesis, Colby	(785) 460-7930
Catholic Charities, Hays.....	(785) 625-2644
Bob box, WaKeeney	(785) 743-6348
St. Joseph Church, Hays	(785) 625-7356
NWKAAA, NW Kansas Agency on Aging (Meals on Wheels & HOMESTEAD)	(785) 628-8204
Harvest America, Hays	(785) 746-4321
Moms Meals Nourish Care (www.momsmeals.com)	(877) 508-6667
Salvation Army, Hays.....	(785) 621-9441

Transportation

Thomas County Transportation	(785) 443-9208
Salvation Army, Hays.....	(785) 621-4991

Shelter

Homeless Shelters/Transitional Housing/

United Way of Ellis County, Hays.....	(785) 628-8281
Community Assistance Center, Hays.....	(785) 625-9110
THE OPTIONS Domestic violence, Hays	(785) 625-4202
Salvation Army, Hays.....	(785) 621-4991
Homeless Veterans	(877) 223-8387
VASH Voucher Program for Veterans.....	(620) 624-0280 x23

Rent & Utilities

Rent Assistance, US	(641) 715-3900
Salvation Army, Hays.....	(785) 621-4991
VASH Voucher Program for Veterans.....	(620) 624-0280 x23

LIEAP – Low Income Energy Assistance Program;
<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx>
www.needhelppayingbills.com (888) 369-4777

Landlord Issues

Housing and Credit Counseling (Landlord and tenant issues) (www.hcci-ks.org) (800) 383-0217
Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (www.kshousingcorp.org) (785) 217-2001

Housing

Colby Housing Authority (785) 460-6763
Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (includes weatherization assistance) (785) 217-2001
..... www.kshousingcorp.org
Kansas Rural Development, Hays (785) 628-3081

Other Resources

Military/Veteran Employment <https://www.vetjobs.com>
[Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns \(KCDC\)](http://www.kcdc.org) Choose “Life Resources” or “Youth” at top of page.