How Do I Apply?

Visit our website: <u>www.nekcap.org</u>, scroll down and click on the Homeless Housing Assistance link -





- This quick form pre-application will notify staff that you need to apply
- A staff member will contact you to gather information about your current situation. A Coordinated Entry screening may be completed as part of the process.
- Your name will be added to the waiting list; we have a limited number of slots for direct services.

For more information regarding the Coordinated Entry process contact our Community Development & Outreach Manager at 913-367-7114, ext. 303 (office) or 785-288-0117 (cell) or visit <u>https://www.kshomeless.com/ces.html</u> Haven for Families-for families with children who are literally homeless:

Literally Homeless

- Sleeping on the street or in doorways
- Sleeping in a vehicle
- Sleeping at a park, river, lake
- Sleeping in condemned or abandoned building that you do not have permission to be in

3rd party verification of your homeless situation will be requested at the time of intake.



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Haven for Families Initiative



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Community Change for Children

The Haven for Families Initiative is a 5-year community-level program funded by the Bezos Foundation Day One Families fund.

- NEK-CAP, Inc. will be engaging in community level work by seeking partnerships and collaborations with agencies, community members, stakeholders, coalitions, and government entities.
- Agency staff will be coordinating community conversations to review permanent housing stability for families with children with the purpose of supporting community response to childhood homelessness.
- If you have ideas on how your community can address local needs for change through long-term problemsolving, please join our community conversations!
- The Bezos Foundation's vision "no child sleeps outside" encourages community collaboration and solution-driven practices towards ending homelessness for children.
- Available in all 16 counties in our service area: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Leavenworth, Marshall, Mitchell, Nemaha, Osborne, Pottawatomie, Republic, Riley, Smith, Washington.





It takes a village, but how can the community help?

Community members and stakeholders.....

- Financial investment to help with future housing needs in the community or project investment.
- Gifts of 'in-kind': items that we can share with families in our program to help them make their new unit a home
- Gifts of time and talent: Attendance at community conversations, volunteering time for peer support, or offering expertise toward community changes.



Family-Level Services

Family-level services will also be provided to a small number of families with children who are experiencing literal homelessness. Our Family Initiative Coordinator will review referrals to assess for homeless status, review family needs, and coordinate with local programs and resources towards housing placement.

Because we use a Whole Family approach including wraparound services, our staff will check in with families about several areas of needs including finding employment or income, enrollment of children into available school programs, accessing medical health services as needed, accessing drug/alcohol counseling/support as needed, accessing domestic violence support as needed, etc.

What kind of Direct Services are Provided?

- Identify goals of finding housing and basic needs
- Housing review for safety and affordability
- Security Deposit
- Short-term rent assistance as outlined by the program
- Utility assistance as outlined by the program
- Supportive services and service coordination