



- ❖ 1965 ~ The Homemakers Assistance Program
- ❖ 1966-1968 ~ William Watkins Jr. served as the first Executive Director
- ❖ 1966 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. opened its offices on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse in Atchison, Kansas serving six counties
- ❖ 1966 ~ Head Start was incorporated into Title II of EOA
- ❖ 1966-1968 ~ Head Start was a summer program only
- ❖ 1968-1969 ~ George Allen served as the second Executive Director
- ❖ 1968 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. moved their office to Horton, Kansas
- ❖ 1970 ~ Hugh Eberle served as the third Executive Director
- ❖ 1970 ~ Partnered with CETA
- ❖ 1970 ~ Head Start went to a nine-month program serving 100 children in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson and Nemaha counties
- ❖ 1970's ~ The VITA Program, Summer Youth Recreation Program, Preventive Health Clinic Program, GED Tutoring Program, Rent-A-Kid Program, Senior Program, RSVP, Community Food and Nutrition Program, Rural Water and Sewer Assistance Program, Housing Counseling, Alcoholism Program, and Emergency Food & Food Pantry Program.
- ❖ 1974-1976 ~ William Metcalf served as the fourth Executive Director
- ❖ 1974 ~ The Child & Adult Food Program began
- ❖ 1974 ~ The Community Services Act began in December
- ❖ 1977 ~ The Weatherization Program began
- ❖ 1977 ~ Ms. Annie Johnson was hired as the fifth Executive Director on May 1, 1977
- ❖ 1986 ~ The Administrative Offices of NEK-CAP, Inc. moved to its current location in rural Hiawatha
- ❖ 1988 ~ Federal Head Start Grant expanded into Leavenworth County
- ❖ 1989 ~ The Section 8 housing program began
- ❖ 1991 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. was expanded to include Jefferson, Marshall, and Pottawatomie Counties
- ❖ 1992 ~ Head Start Family Services Demonstration Project was funded
- ❖ 1992 ~ The Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) grant began
- ❖ 1994 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. purchased and renovated nine older homes for affordable rental property for income eligible tenants
- ❖ 1997 ~ Construction began for Jefferson Village apartments located in Winchester, Kansas
- ❖ 1997 ~ The TBRA program began
- ❖ 1997 ~ Received Early Head Start federal and state funding
- ❖ 2000 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. was expanded to Riley County

- ☞ 2000 ~ The Annie L. Johnson Child and Development Center opened in August, in Holton, Kansas.
- ☞ 2001 ~ Construction began for the Sabetha Hillcrest apartments located in Sabetha, KS.
- ☞ 2001 ~ Mr. Larry Pickman was hired as the sixth Executive Director on August 24, 2001.
- ☞ 2004 ~ Ms. Lu Hangley was hired as the seventh Executive Director on November 8, 2004.
- ☞ 2005 ~ In November, NEK-CAP, Inc. celebrated 40 years of serving low-income people in Northeast Kansas.
- ☞ 2006 ~ Implemented S.M.I.L.E. Self-Sufficiency Program in Atchison, Brown and Marshall Counties
- ☞ 2008 ~ Received Homeless Grant from HUD for Atchison, Brown and Marshall Counties
- ☞ 2008 ~ Started offering Poverty Simulations
- ☞ 2009 ~ Expanded S.M.I.L.E. Program to nine counties.
- ☞ 2009 ~ Received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Weatherization and Head Start
- ☞ 2010 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. celebrated 45 years of serving low-income people in Northeast Kansas
- ☞ 2010 ~ Ms. Jeanette Collier hired as the eighth Executive Director in June
- ☞ 2012 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. moved towards integrated services braiding funding sources to cover all ten counties. The S.M.I.L.E. program ended and the move was made to Family Development Advocacy
- ☞ 2012 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. was one out of two organizations chosen to partner with the KU Toxic Stress Program in the State of Kansas.
- ☞ 2013 ~ The Weatherization Program ended due to lack of funds
- ☞ 2013 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. received a national award for the Community Economic Development National Entrepreneurship and Innovation working together with the Brown County Healthy Food Collation
- ☞ 2013 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. expanded services to 16 counties – new counties include Jewell, Mitchell, Osborne, Republic, Smith and Washington
- ☞ 2013 ~ Love and Logic Training
- ☞ 2014 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. participated with the Brown County Health Foods Collation in a community garden
- ☞ 2014 ~ KONZA United Way First Award
- ☞ 2015 ~ Kansas Department of Commerce Business Excellence Award
- ☞ 2015 ~ Celebrated 50-year anniversary
- ☞ 2016 ~ Ended Kansas Early Head Start Grant
- ☞ 2018 ~ Expanded Continuum of Care to Leavenworth County
- ☞ 2018 ~ Started Offering REALL (Reality Enrichment and Life Lessons) Simulations
- ☞ 2019 ~ Early Head Start/Head Start DRS Award Granted
- ☞ 2019 ~ Established Doniphan County Community Foundation Fund
- ☞ 2020 ~ March COVID-19 Pandemic Disrupted Operations Closed Head Start Centers and Home Visiting
- ☞ 2020 ~ Received and disbursed COVID-19 CARES funds
- ☞ 2020 ~ Customer services were applied for online/Head Start provided hybrid learning (virtual & in person)
- ☞ 2020 ~ Telework/remote work became the primary mode of operations
- ☞ 2020 ~ Opened HS Center in Sabetha
- ☞ 2020 ~ Became a Charitable Organization

- 🍷 2021 ~ Partnered with Kansas Housing Resources Corporation's Kansas Emergency and Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- 🍷 2021 ~ Partnered with Thrive Allen County on Navigator Project
- 🍷 2022 ~ In partnership with Kansas Department of Health and Environment through a CDC funded grant the University of Kansas Medical Center, Departments of Family Medicine and Population Health will help build LHEATS to implement the COPE initiative across 20 Kansas counties selected by KDHE. NEK-CAP, Inc. will be a key partner and will serve as the LHEAT Lead.