



NEK-CAP, Inc.'s vision: "One by one all families and communities become self-reliant".

NEK-CAP, Inc.'s mission: "To provide comprehensive education and social services to low-income community members through collaborative partnerships focused on promoting family development, empowerment and economic security".

- ☛ 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
- ☛ 1969 ~ Leavenworth County left organization because of funding misuse. George Allen was fired for funding misappropriation.
- ☛ 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
- ☛ 1991 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. was expanded to include Jefferson, Marshall, and Pottawatomie Counties
- ☛ 1992 ~ Head Start Family Services Demonstration Project was funded
- ☛ 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 ~ 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 Hanglely 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
- ☛ 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
- ☛ 2014 ~ NEK-CAP, Inc. participated with the Brown County Health Foods Collation in a community garden
- ☛ 2015 ~ Kansas Department of Commerce Business Excellence Award