

# *Southeast Kansas Community Action Program, Inc.*

*Recipient of the 2006 Award for Excellence in Community Action*

*Uniting People – Creating Opportunity*

**SEK-CAP, Inc.**



## 2006

# ANNUAL REPORT

## **PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION**

“Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.”



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## Visions

**Customers:** Individuals and families see themselves as vital components of their community and participate in the on-going agency planning. As individuals and groups, they have the power and ability to make and affect change in their lives, their families and communities. All individuals and families have the same opportunities to meet their basic needs and have the knowledge through education to access available resources.

**Community:** All communities share the vision that promotes broad-based leadership having diverse representation, focused on the well being of every individual and family.

**Agency:** SEK-CAP, as a community partner and innovative leader, provides the urgency to facilitate seamless, effective delivery of services. We work collaboratively as a trusted, committed partner in assisting individuals, families and children to identify their strengths and achieve their goals. We provide the same quality, comprehensive services to all communities. We support the professional development of our employees and serve as a model agency, committed to retaining and recruiting qualified professionals. We ensure the success of our employees by working in teams and exhibit mutual respect and compassion for each other.

## History and Purpose

The Southeast Kansas Community Action Partnership is one of more than 1,000 “Community Action Agencies” nationwide. In response to the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964, several organizations were formed in southeast Kansas to answer Lyndon Johnson’s call to begin the war on poverty. ABL, Incorporated, serving the counties of Allen, Bourbon and Linn, was created on March 25, 1966. SEK-CAP incorporated on April 29, 1966, and was designated to serve the counties of Cherokee and Crawford. SOCAP was organized to serve the counties of Montgomery and Labette. These three organizations then combined forces and the Southeast Kansas Community Action Program was formed. Expansion into Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson counties in 1996 and Chautauqua and Elk in 2001 formed our existing twelve-county service area. SEK-CAP is a private nonprofit designed to promote the participation of the entire community in the reduction or elimination of poverty. We seek to involve the community, including elected public officials, community representatives, and especially low-income residents, in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty. We carry out our mission through community-wide assessments of needs and strengths, comprehensive anti-poverty plans and strategies, provision of a broad range of direct services, mobilization of financial and non-financial resources, advocacy on behalf of low-income people and development of community partnerships. Many community-based organizations focus on a specific area of need, such as job training, health care, housing, or economic development. SEK-CAP reached out to people with low-income in their communities, address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develop partnerships with other community organizations, involve low-income customers in our operations, and administer a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact. The programs and services we delivered in 2006 to over 7,133 individuals living in 2,938 households were responsive to our comprehensive needs assessment and allowed us to help people and change lives while meeting our mission.

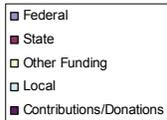
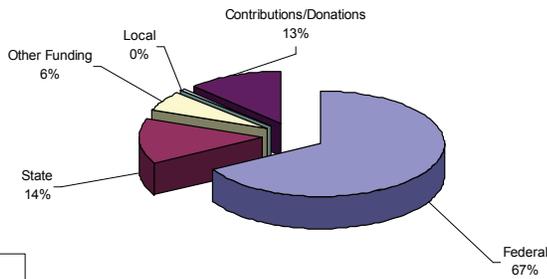
## Identified Community Needs

(1) Lack of safe affordable housing for rent and ownership (2) Resources to address the High Cost of Utilities (3) Transportation (4) Employment - Jobs that pay a livable wage (5) Medical (health insurance/prescription drugs) (6) Child Care (7) Education (8) Nutrition (9) Community Resource Awareness

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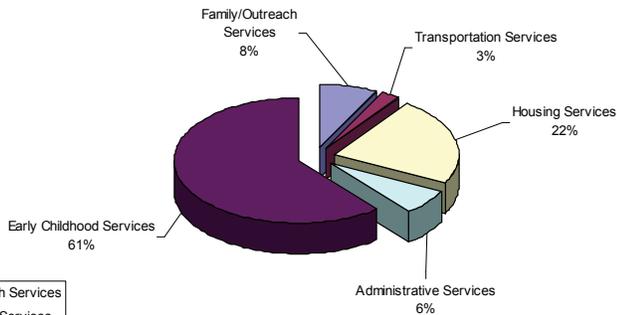
**2006 Financial Resources**

**Funding by Source**



Federal	\$ 7,613,011
State	\$ 1,585,689
Other Funding	\$ 689,565
Local	\$ 50,416
Contributions/Donations	<u>\$ 1,430,469</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,369,150</b>

**Use of Funds by Department**



Family/Outreach Services	\$ 880,645
Transportation Services	\$ 290,406
Housing Services	\$ 2,602,984
Administrative Services	\$ 749,957
Early Childhood Services	<u>\$ 7,056,744</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,580,736</b>

**Funding By Source**

Community Services Block Grant	\$ 838,448	Department of Energy	\$ 271,670
Older American Nutrition Program	\$ 7,108	Low Income Energy Assistance Program	\$ 239,763
Commodities	\$ 269,560		
Outreach ER Funds	\$ 0	Kansas Accessibility Modification Program	\$ 15,848
Community Housing Development Organization	\$ 13,947	Repair Shop	\$ 64,539
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	\$ 416,475	Early Head Start	\$ 1,123,955
HUD – New Building	\$ 44,483	Head Start	\$ 4,303,351
HUD – Vouchers	\$ 1,237,591	Child Adult Care Food Program	\$ 199,455
HUD – Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 1	Kansas Department of Transportation	\$ 283,354
	\$ 253,714	Administration	\$ 2,028,513
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,369,150</b>
			<b>\$ 0</b>

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**2006 Goals and Outcomes**

**Who We Served**

Between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006, SEK-CAP provided an array of services to 7,133 individuals living in 2,938 households.

A majority of our customers share these characteristics (Composite):

White	§ Rent their home
Female	§ Age 24-44 or below
High School Graduate/GED	§ At or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
Household size of 2	

**National Goals & Local Results**

**Low-Income People Become More Self-Sufficient (Family)**

- 12 unemployed individuals obtained a job.
- 198 families obtained child/dependent care.
- 8 individuals obtained transportation/driver's license.
- 11 individuals obtained health services.
- 330 families obtained housing.
- 240 individuals obtained food assistance.

# Communities In Which Low-Income People Live Are Improved (Community)

203 homes improved and/or made energy efficient.

46,664 General Public Transportation rides delivered.

**Low Income People Own a Stake In Their Community (Community)**

- 100,000 hours of volunteer services received from community residents to fight poverty.
- 38 of the low-income individuals served are involved in Decision Making/Policy Groups.

**Partnerships Among Supporters & Providers of Service to Low-Income People Are Achieved (Agency)**

- 383 providers and seven (7) faith-based organizations partner with SEK-CAP to provide services to customers in the twelve county service area.

**Agencies Increase Their Capacity to Achieve Results (Agency)**

- \$12.66 in other resources leveraged for each \$1 dollar in Community Services Block Grant funding received.

**Assisted Low-Income People Achieve Their Potential By Strengthening Supportive Systems (Family)**

- 1,315 elderly and disabled individuals maintained independent living.
- 34 households received emergency food assistance.
- 200 households received emergency service payments.
- 69 households (120 adults & 130 children) received emergency shelter. Five families received protection from violence.
- 2 individuals obtained legal assistance.
- 9 families were provided emergency transportation.
- 1 family received disaster relief.
- 848 children received necessary immunizations.
- 914 children realized improved health and physical development.
- 949 children and families participated in preschool activities.
- 345 children became developmentally ready for public school.
- 628 parents were provided the opportunity to improve their parenting skills.
- 650 parents were provided the opportunity to improve their family functioning.

# 2006 Highlights and Accomplishments

- ◆ SEK-CAP has been involved in a multi-faceted collaborative project that was completed in 2006. We acquired property from another private non-profit and partnered with the City of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh State University, and private citizens to secure nearly \$3 million dollars and revitalize a blighted area of the community of Pittsburgh. The **Creative Housing Opportunities—Innovative Childhood Education Services (CHOICES)** development included renovation of old store front buildings and construction of new facilities to serve hundreds of families with



children at one central location. The project includes: An Early Childhood Learning Center serving 68 children; Family Emergency Shelters with the capacity to serve 60 people; Lifetime Learning Center; Private Childcare Center serving 32 children; Office space occupied by a disabilities service organization; Six apartments for rent to moderate and low-income individuals or families; offices for our Family & Community Services and Family Emergency Shelter staff; and a city park (Immigrant Park), including a playground and community pavilion.

- ◆ The SEK-CAP Head Start program is one of only six in the country recognized and participating in a research project as a **Program in Excellence (PIE)**. This initiative is focused on Positive Behavior Support and is in partnership with the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) at the University of South Florida. We were nominated by Region VII and recognized by the Head Start Bureau as a **Quality Program**. There are only 57 programs nominated for that recognition throughout the nation. Information on our **Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support** model for supporting young children's social-emotional development and addressing challenging behaviors was just recently published. Our Early Head Start program participates in a national research project with the **Manpower Demonstration Research Center (MDRC)** that focuses on the hard to employ.



Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support: Supporting Young Children's Social-Emotional Development and Addressing Challenging Behavior

- ◆ SEK-CAP was recognized with the national **2006 Award for Excellence in Community Action** and is the 8th CAA to win the award since its inception in 2003. The Standards of Excellence are based on the quality principles of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. They include seven categories and 34 standards which encompass leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, human resources, process management, information management systems, and results. Our journey toward achievement of the Award was a two-year process that included documentation of our best practices and cutting edge management philosophies. An on-site review by the Awards Commission followed and the award was presented at the 2006 Community Action Partnership Convention in Orlando on September 6th.



## Programs & Services

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES

**LINDA BROYLES**, Director

**Head Start and Early Head Start:** Provides early childhood education and development services for income eligible children pre-natal to age five and their families. 516 children (3-5) in center-based and 120 children (3-5) in home-based settings in 12 counties. 138 children (0-4) in home-based and 24 children (0-4) in center-based settings in 4 counties. 16 childcare partnerships.

### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CHRIS OZBUN**, Coordinator

**Resource & Referral:** Initial intake for SEK-CAP programs and services. **STAR Project:** Intensive case-management for 120 families. **Emergency Shelter Services:** Housing and support services for up to 12 families.

### HOUSING SERVICES

**CRAIG CHRONISTER**, Director

**HUD Section 8:** Rental assistance for 400 families. **Tenant Based Rental Assistance:** Rental assistance subsidies for 125 homeless families. **Community Housing Development:** Construction and rental of 38 single-family and duplex houses and apartments. **Weir and Cherokee Housing:** Multi-family housing for the elderly and/or disabled. **Weatherization:** Energy conservation services to over 180 families in 10 counties.

### TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

**General Public:** Over 52,000 rides each year in 7 counties. **Head Start:** 142 children transported daily or 19,300 rides. **Vehicle Maintenance:** Service agency fleet of 150 vehicles.



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- ★ Head Start Centers
- ★ Head Start Home-Based Services
- ★ Early Head Start Services
- ★ Family and Community Services
  - \* Sector 1 Office - Ft. Scott
  - \* Sector 2 Office - Pittsburg
  - \* Emergency Shelter - Pittsburg
  - \* Sector 3 Office - Coffeyville
- ★ Housing Services
- ★ Transportation Services

Stars indicate services offered in each County. For services in specific locations, please contact the nearest sector office or visit our website:  
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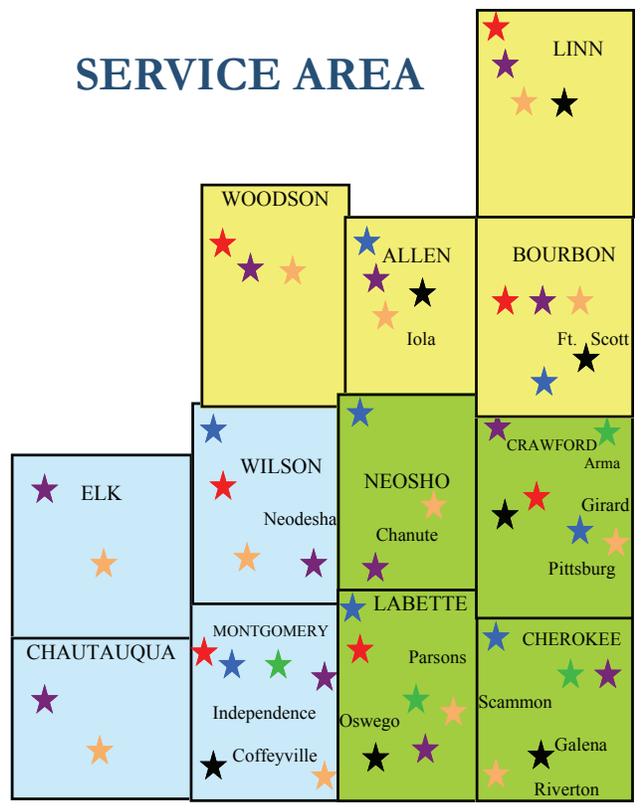
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**Governing Board of Directors**

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## SERVICE AREA



- MISSION**
- Uniting staff, individuals, families, and community partners to provide quality comprehensive services through compassionate respectful relationships
- CORE VALUES**
- ☑ **TEAMWORK** - Working together and communicating effectively to achieve common outcomes.
  - ☑ **INTEGRITY** - Honest, professional behavior that conforms to high ethical and moral standards.
  - ☑ **COMPASSION** - Conscious caring for others with a willingness to enter into respectful working relationships.
  - ☑ **QUALITY** - Innovative, visionary services provided with a high degree of professional excellence.
  - ☑ **COMMITMENT** - Promise or pledge to uphold the mission, visions, and values of Community Action.
  - ☑ **FUN** - Creating a positive environment through enthusiasm, teamwork, and encouragement of others.