

## Central Entry Point for Senior Services in Lyon County

In meeting needs of an increasingly aging population, a wide array of senior service programs are available from federal, state and local community organizations. Many require means testing for qualification. The Lyon County Department on Aging helps seniors sort through this myriad of programs and agencies to connect with needed resources. Available programs and services in Lyon County include:

**EMPLOYMENT:** Training, counseling, support groups and job placement service for senior citizens.

**UTILITIES:** Assistance programs for home gas and electric bills.

**HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES:** Area firms providing in-home health and chore services such as housekeeping, laundry, meals, medication management, bathing, grooming and other personal care activities.

**HOME REPAIRS and ACCESSIBILITY:** Assistance for home repair or modification of existing homes to make them handicap accessible (i.e. ramps, bathrooms, etc.)

**HOUSING ALTERNATIVES:** General information for housing facilities including independent living, assisted living, rehabilitation, and long term care.

**LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN:** Advocate, problem solver and mediator for seniors in long term care facilities.

**LEGAL SERVICES:** Free legal advice and reduced legal fees through Elder Law Hotline and Kansas Legal Services for wills, power of attorney, division of assets and other civil legal issues.

**HOME CARE ASSESSMENTS:** Care plans and financial program assistance evaluations for individuals.

**DISABILITY EQUIPMENT:** Sources for home equipment for both short and long term disabilities.

**FOOD/NUTRITION:** Sources for meals, commodities, food pantries and other nutrition assistance.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Depression counseling and other services.

**ADVOCACY:** Silver Haired Legislature and other agencies promote senior issues to all levels of government.

**GRANDPARENT ASSISTANCE:** Financial assistance for grandparents of other qualifying relative with custody of children.

Information, Assistance, Connections  
**Senior Citizen Services**  
Lyon County Kansas

## **Lyon County**

### **Department on Aging**

**Aging Service & Resources**

**L-Cat Public Transportation**

**Retired and Senior Volunteer  
Program (RSVP)**

### **CONNECTIONS**

**NEEDS to Resources**

**ISSUES to SOLUTIONS**

**ANSWERS to QUESTIONS**

**WE CAN HELP**

402 Commercial Street  
Emporia, Kansas 66801  
620-342-6119

## Lyon County

### Department on Aging

The Department on Aging is a department of Lyon County Kansas, Its primary purpose is to provide services and administer programs for senior citizens of Lyon County. In fulfilling this mission, the Department operates through three main divisions.

#### Aging Services:

Aging Services provides a wide range of direct and indirect advisory services for individuals. It serves as a central point for information and assistance in sorting through the myriad of agencies and programs available in Lyon County. It seeks to connect the individual's needs with the community agency who has resources to help.

#### Lyon County Area Transit:

L-Cat provides general public transportation throughout Emporia and surrounding towns. Both Demand Response and Deviated Fixed Route Service is available.

#### Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

RSVP connects the skills and interests of senior citizens with community needs through volunteering activities. Seniors remain connected to the community while providing valuable contributions to its infrastructure.

## Community Services and Programs

**INFORMATION SERVICES:** Central entry point to aging services in Lyon County through phone or in-person contacts.

#### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT**

**CARD:** Lyon County sponsors a drug discount card available to all residents regardless of age.

**MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM:** Direct assistance in comparing, selecting and enrolling in plans.

**INSURANCE COUNSELING:** Advisory help with Medicare, Medicare Supplements and other senior insurance issues from SHICK trained personnel.

**APPLICATION ASSISTANCE:** Direct help in completing forms and applications for assistance programs.

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGH RSVP:**

- Kansas Yellow Dot
- Vial of L.I.F.E.
- Cell Phones for Seniors

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** through RSVP volunteering activities

**TRANSPORTATION:** through L-Cat

#### Cooperative Services

**In cooperation with other community organizations, the Department helps sponsor educational and social events for seniors.**

#### **FLINT HILLS SENIOR LIFE FAIR:**

Annual event connecting area service providers with senior citizens in one location. Education, awareness, and fun highlight this day.

#### **LYON COUNTY SENIOR SPELLING BEE:**

Old fashion spelling bee among Lyon County Seniors. Winners represent Lyon County at regional and state competitions.

**SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM:** Group friendship meals and home delivered meals are available through County Senior Centers and the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Inc.

#### Lyon County Senior Centers

Americus Senior Center

620-443-5352

Emporia Senior Center

620-343-3160

Hartford Senior Center

620-392-5570

Neosho Rapids Senior Center

620-342-8232

North Lyon County Senior Center

620-528-3414

Olpe Senior Center

620-475-3384