



**Purpose of the Care Services Family Assistance initiative:**

Family Assistance funds support the Northeast Community Center's mission to foster the growth and development of children and families in our community. We recognize that without access to basic essentials, children and families cannot thrive.

**Goals of the Family Assistance initiative:**

The goal of Care Services programming at the Northeast Community Center is to connect families to partner organizations with missions, existing resources, and programs to address the family's specific needs.

However, we recognize that there are urgent, time sensitive issues and barriers to access. The Family Assistance initiative helps close the gap until more permanent support can be identified and the family can be connected to existing resources.

**Who is eligible:**

Families enrolled in Harmony Project KC have primary eligibility; Families residing in the Historic Northeast are also eligible under special circumstances.

Income eligibility: child must qualify for free/reduced lunch, and/or family income must be 125% of the Federal Poverty Line.

**What can be covered through the Family Assistance initiative?**

Examples of allowable expenses include housing, utilities, food, medical care/supplies, mental health support, dental, vision, clothing, travel, hygiene, legal/immigration, and burial expenses.

**How much can a family apply for?**

We recognize that this is a very limited funding source, and there are many important needs in the community. Funding allotment will be based on need (family size and income), availability of resources in the community, and availability of funds.

**How often can a family apply?:**

Although there are no formal limitations, applicants are encouraged to only apply once per year.