Community Resources Council History

1930: Topeka Council of Social Agencies was formed.
1945: CRC established Topeka Youth Centers, Inc.
1945: CRC began offering free maternal health classes for new mothers.
1945: CRC initiated a study called "Limited Survey of Facilities for Social Work Education." The first season documented: 1,133 families registered, 423 families cared for, 710 families registered, not cared for.
1949: Name changed to Topeka Welfare Planning Council.
1952: CRC became intrinsically intertwined with the formation and the advising council of the Topeka Recreation Commission.
1958: The Charity Tax was terminated.
1963: CRC led a Mental Health Comprehensive Community Survey.
1963: CRC played an integral role in the formation of the Topeka Human Relations Commission.
1964: CRC designed and implemented a Six-Month Study of Social Services in Topeka.
1965: CRC hired its first executive director for Community Action, Dr. Robert Harder.
1965: CRC established and opened Pine Ridge Manor.
1967: Mobile Meals of Topeka opens.
1972: Mobile Meals of Topeka (Meals on Wheels) was started at the basement of Women's Club, Melody Mill & DownBeat.
1975: United Fund merged with the Community Chest and former United Fund was operating as an "arm" of CRC.
1978: CRC and Interfaith of Topeka collaborated to study the needs of the Topeka community.
1980: CRC forecast a serious human service funding shortfall.
1981: CRC began publication of the "Community Trends and Indicators," and now "Community Progress Report." This resulted in donations of 60,000 cans and $11,000.
1984: CRC began working with the Topeka Recreation Commission.
1988: CRC began publishing the "Community Profile".
1990: CRC began publication of the "Community Profile".
2009: Name changed to Community Resources Council of Shawnee County.
2015: CRC celebrated 90 year anniversary.

Community Resources Council of Shawnee County

Established in 1930, Community Resources Council of Shawnee County is a 501 (c) (3) organization that is the longest standing community planning and development agency in the state of Kansas.

CRC was formed by community leaders who realized the need for a center dedicated to the establishment of staff and a permanent location for junior high students to age 23.

In collaboration with the City of Topeka, CRC has been involved in the development and management of social services in the Topeka and Shawnee County community.

CRC has been a leader in the field of community resource management and planning, endorsement of social legislation, promotion of general public education and to conduct studies on Housing, Care of the Transient workforce, and recreation.

Representatives from all organizations receiving CRC endorsements were made in the 1930s: CRC advocated for Women's Health Care, Crippled Children, & Penal Institutions.

In the 1940s: CRC coordinated with the University of Kansas to develop the curriculum for junior high students to age 23.

In the 1950s: CRC managed and nominated community members to the Citizens Relocation Advisory Committee.

In the 1960s: CRC managed and facilitated a seminar to educate commission and city staff about the upcoming displacement of urban population.

In the 1970s: CRC and the Shawnee County Association for Health prepared and facilitated a seminar to educate commission and city staff about the upcoming displacement of urban population.

In the 1980s: CRC led a study on the establishment of a comprehensive social services plan.

In the 1990s: CRC forecast a serious human service funding shortfall.

In the 2000s: CRC began working with the Topeka Human Relations Commission.

In the 2010s: CRC began working with the Shawnee County Health Agency.

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CRC's work is guided by the values of respect, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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