



making elder care better every day

WEDNESDAY IS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY NEW REPORT SAYS KANSAS LACKING IN KEY AREAS OF ELDER CARE

(Lawrence, KS) – Kansas Advocates for Better Care today pointed to the just released 2022 United Health Foundation national rankings on Senior Care as evidence that Kansas continues to rank poorly in key areas of elder care.

The most glaring statistic is that Kansas is 47th worst in the nation when it comes to the number of low care nursing home residents. Low care residents are those residents who require no physical assistance in bed mobility, transferring, toileting or eating. Most of them would not need to be in nursing homes if there were other options available.

“This statistic shines a bright light on why the state of Kansas needs to invest more into home and community-based care now,” said Dan Goodman, KABC Executive Director. “Many Kansans who do not require 24-hour care are forced into nursing homes because they have no other choice. In this election year, we urge all Kansans to ask all statewide and legislative candidates to discuss investing more in home and community care and less in the nursing home industry. Let’s increase the options that our elderly Kansans have in how they live their lives,” Goodman said.

Another statistic in the United Health Foundation report says that Kansas is now the 40th worst state in the nation when it comes to food insecurity for Kansans 60 years of age and older. Goodman points out that this is another contributing factor to low-care residents as many Kansans may choose a nursing home in order to have access to three meals a day.

“Wednesday is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and we hope all Kansans take a moment to reflect on how our state can do so much better than we are when it comes to providing high quality care for our elderly residents,” said Goodman.

Here is the link to the United Health Reports:

<https://assets.americashealthrankings.org/app/uploads/2022-senior-report-state-summaries.pdf>

A second attachment to the email tells the story of the Schmidt family of Caldwell, Kansas which illustrates the clear need for more investment in home and community-based care.

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