

We can make a referral for you right now to get assistance for...



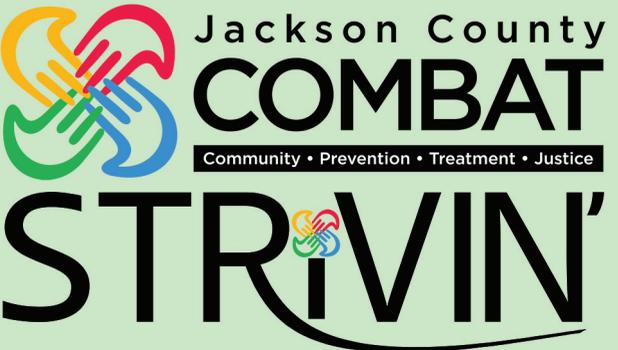
- Housing & Food
- Utility Assistance
- Employment & Income Assistance
- Mental Health Care
- Substance Use Treatment
- Parenting Skills & Child Care
- Clothing & Household Items
- Healthcare/Health Insurance
- Legal Assistance
- Education
- Transportation
- Family/Social Relations
- Safety and/or Trauma Counseling
- Support Groups
- Youth Services (mentoring, educational, etc.)

And More!



COMBAT has been supporting agencies offering prevention and treatment services in Jackson County for more than 30 years. Voters first approved the Community Backed Anti-crime Tax in 1989, making Jackson County the nation's first county with a sales tax dedicated to funding drug abuse prevention programs and substance use disorder treatment.

COMBAT's mission expanded in 2009 to also include violence prevention.



Striving Together to Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods

Because no one person or single agency has all the answers, in 2015 COMBAT launched what has since become the STRiVIN'—Striving Together to Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods—Initiative. STRiVIN' brings together various groups to work collaboratively to address the underlying causes of violence. These groups include school administrators, faith-based organization leaders, police officers, social workers, health care providers, elected officials and concerned citizens. The referral program was introduced in the summer of 2021. Through early 2025, more than 3,500 referrals had been made.



Let Us Point You In The Right Direction



Striving Together to Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods



What Is This Program?

COMBAT's STRiVIN' Referral Initiative helps you get connected to community resources available here in Jackson County.

Who Can Get Help?

Jackson County residents of all ages.

What Is The Purpose?

Assistance is available to you, and we want you to get the help that can improve your circumstances.

Things don't have to get worse before they get better.

How Does This Work?

You just have to give us permission to make the referral, which will be passed along to the primary STRiVIN' agency in your neighborhood. That agency will then connect you with other agencies that can offer the right assistance for you. **OR you can make a referral for yourself or someone you know.**



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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

More Than 3,500 Referrals (& Counting) Submitted



All personal information you may provide will remain strictly confidential.

“ If you want to transform a troubled neighborhood—make it some place anyone could proudly call ‘home’—you must begin addressing the troubles that the people who live there are experiencing. We are doing that through the social services referral program COMBAT created as part of STRiVIN’... About 80% of the people referred to us are unaware there is a whole slew of services available to assist them.

— Branden Mims, Greater Impact Executive Director



“ We can connect a person or family to all the resources out there so that they can get the help they need—mental health services, addiction treatment, maybe help just getting enough food in the house.

— Carolyn Whitney, Sisters In Christ Executive Director

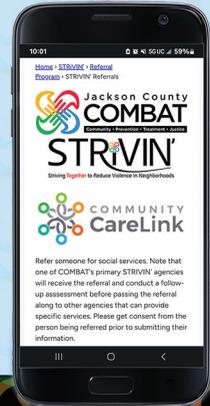
Good People Helping People

▲ Branden Mims (holding sign) with the Greater Impact staff and ► Carolyn Whitney of Sisters In Christ: Their organizations operate two of the five STRiVIN’ hubs that process referrals.



We Can Connect You To The Right Resource

Making a referral can easily and quickly be done on a phone (or computer). The STRiVIN’ hubs will follow up with an in-depth needs assessment, and can then connect the person or family being referred to literally thousands of community resources.



Online Right Now!

Make a referral for yourself or on behalf of someone you know or love online:

jacksoncountycombat.com/referrals

Call Today!

COMBAT has partnered with a non-profit organization in each of its STRiVIN’ neighborhoods to process referrals and connect with other community agencies that can provide the services you need.

Mid-Town KC 816-775-2525
Agency: Greater Impact

Northeast KC 816-581-5643
Agency: Mattie Rhodes Center

South Kansas City 816-589-9641
Agency: Hope Hangout

Independence 816-912-4502
Agency: Community Services League

Raytown 816-772-3398
Agency: Sisters In Christ

Just Scan The QR For Quick Access

Don't worry about picking the “right” hub. Any STRiVIN’ hub you submit an online referral to or call can provide assistance.

These are not crisis line numbers. Depending on when you call you may need to leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible to begin the referral process.

24/7 Crisis Line



Calls and texts to the national 988 Crisis Lifeline—for all mental health, substance use and suicide crises—are routed to crisis specialists. Other crisis lines are listed on our website:

jacksoncountycombat.com/crisislines

Life-Changing, Maybe Even Life-Saving, Assistance!