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Jeanette Collier has served as the Executive Director of NEK-CAP, Inc. (Northeast Kansas Community Action Program) based in Hiawatha for fourteen years. She has primary responsibility for the administration of the organization's key federally and state funded programs focused on improving the economic mobility of low-income

Kansans across the agency's service area through direct services and education, building collaborative partnerships, promoting equity, and providing informed advocacy at the local, state and federal levels. Key programs include the Weatherization Assistance Program, Community Services, Early Head Start/Head Start and Housing.

Prior to joining NEK-CAP, Inc., she served as the Douglas County Coordinator for 7 years at ECKAN (East Central Kansas Economic Development Corporation Community Action Program), where she was the Co-founder of the Douglas County Just Food Bank, a member of the City of Lawrence Homeless Commission, a representative to the City of Lawrence Neighborhood Advisory Committee, a mentor for University of Kansas School of Social Welfare practicum students, and served on multiple social services task forces.

Jeanette has dedicated over 40 years as an educator, social worker and environmental activist to social and environmental justice. She holds a BS in Biology from Northeast Missouri State University and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Washburn University. She lives in Topeka and is a devoted nature lover, morel hunter, bird watcher, want to be gardener, and KPR fan!! She loves being with family, especially her three adult sons, and friends!

