

*Mission:*  
**To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of safety net services provided to Northern Kentuckians in need**

## What's a "safety net"?

A safety net service is a basic resource such as food, clothing, shelter, or healthcare. Many of Partner Agencies provide these services.

The "net" part reflects the network of care we have created by combining our forces and working together.

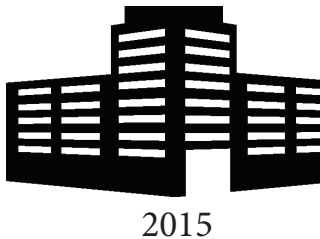
## Monthly Meetings

The Safety Net Alliance's monthly meetings are a time to **build meaningful connections** and recognize the accomplishments of Partner Agencies and Subcommittees. A presenter or panel discussion relevant to safety net work is also featured at each meeting.



3x increase in monthly meeting attendance over the past 5 years

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2x increase in active Safety Net Alliance Partner Agencies over the past 5 years

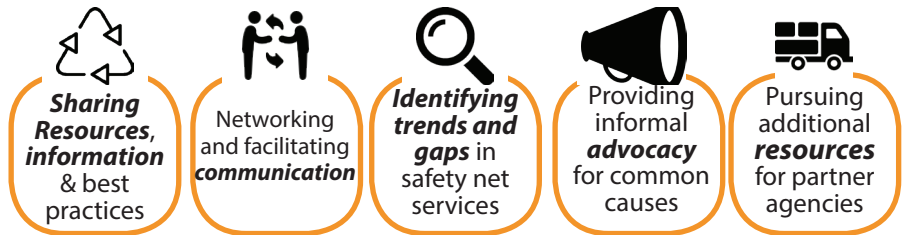
## History & About Us

In June 2007, a group of concerned safety net providers came together in response to diminishing resources and increasing demand. The Safety Net Alliance of Northern Kentucky is a ground-breaking collaborative composed of:

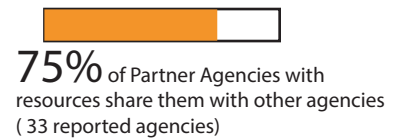
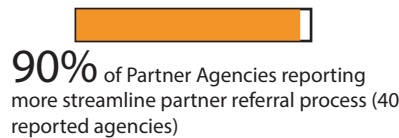
- social service agencies
- non-profits
- government entities
- educational institutions
- faith-based institutions
- funders

**that meet regularly to address issues that affect area low-income families**

## How We Accomplish Our Mission:



## Safety Net Alliance Impact:



2015 Postal Carriers Food Drive--Received and **shared** food equal to **30,000 meals** for NKY families



In 2014, more than 350 Alerts **Sharing Resources and information** were sent through the web portal



100% of partner agencies who **identified gaps in technology** as a barrier of screening for work supports received the necessary infrastructure



In 2015, the Safety Net Alliance Housing Task Force was created in order to **advocate** for and improve the accessibility to affordable housing in NKY



**Membership looks like:** *a place for my customers to sleep.*

*"This winter I posted a need for help on the Safety Net Alliance website. It was a long shot - shelter. Despite this hurdle, two churches contacted me and for seven days provided nights of shelter to a total of ten different men. A good experience was had by our guests and by both churches. A big thank you to the Safety Net Alliance - never could have reached out to so many so quickly!"*

—Rachael Winters, Former Director of Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky

**Membership looks like:** *more food for area families.*

*"Before I started my soup kitchen, I was a school teacher. I had no clue what kind of resources were available in Northern Kentucky. The connections I've made with the Safety Net Alliance allow me to tap into many more services for my guests than I could have found on my own!"*

—Karen Yates, Executive Director of Henry Hosea House Soup Kitchen Member since 2009

**Contact Us**

Are you interested in becoming a Safety Net Alliance Partner Agency? Would you like more information?

Email [nkysafetynet@gmail.com](mailto:nkysafetynet@gmail.com) or visit us at <http://nkysafetynet.org/>

## The Safety Net Web Portal

Launched in 2009 to provide quick communication to Partners. The site is a central location to share information.

partners. Agencies can share resources, send updates about services, request help, and more! Alerts are one innovative way that the Safety Net Alliance is changing the landscape of emergency assistance services in Northern Kentucky.

**Alerts**  
An impactful feature of the web portal is the Alert system. Alerts allow for immediate correspondence between

See what we're up to at <http://nkysafetynet.org>



### How the Work Gets Done:

Our Subcommittees are a crucial component of our collaborative. Much of our work is accomplished in these groups:



**Food Committee**  
Sharing resources among NKY food providers



**Web Committee**  
Streamlining the web portal for efficient communication



**Work Supports Committee**  
Connecting NKY individuals to supports (or benefits)



**Impact and Marketing Committee**  
Measuring & sharing our impact on the region



**Furniture Task Force**  
Addressing NKY affordable furniture needs



**Housing Task Force**  
Improve accessibility to affordable housing in NKY

### Safety Net Alliance Partner Tours

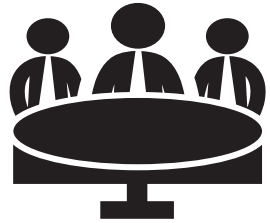
The tours were created as a way to showcase SNA Partner Agencies in action. The tours have strengthened relationships built at meetings, provided context of the work in our region, and increased the efficiency and effectiveness of safety net services in NKY

**85%** of surveyed SNA Partner tour attendees reported they will be able to refer **more effectively and efficiently** to the host agencies

### Coming in Fall 2015-2016

#### Area of Focus Roundtables

As we continue to grow as a collaborative, Area of Focus Roundtables will serve as a highly focused way at staying close to the relevant issues in the community to better inform our work



#### SNA Monthly Meeting 2014-15 Presenters:

- COV 200
- Children's Law Center
- NKY Council on Aging
- NKY Extension Offices Nutrition Edu.

**Over 200 First-time Attendees at Safety Net Alliance General Meetings from July 2014-2015**