



# United Community Services of Johnson County

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## Testimony to House General Government Budget Committee March 7, 2013

### House Bill 2371

United Community Services (UCS) of Johnson County opposes HB 2371. UCS is a small nonprofit human service planning organization that works in partnership with nonprofit organizations, local government and United Way to enhance the availability and delivery of health and human services.

**A community’s workforce provides the foundation for a competitive economy. KIDS Higher Education Savings Match Program can strengthen our state’s future workforce by helping families plan and save for their children’s higher education.**

Four-year college graduates make almost twice as much as those who have not attended college. Four-year college graduates are more likely to be employed than non-graduates, and when unemployed are likely to find new jobs faster. The community also benefits from more college graduates – with greater incomes four year graduates buy more goods and services and rely less on government supports such as social service programs like Medicaid and Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF). (Data source: Educational Policy Institute)

KIDS Higher Education Savings Match Program encourages and removes barriers to enrollment in college, which reduces future generations’ likelihood of living in poverty. In the long-run, this program is a win-win for families, local communities and the state.

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