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Power Conference

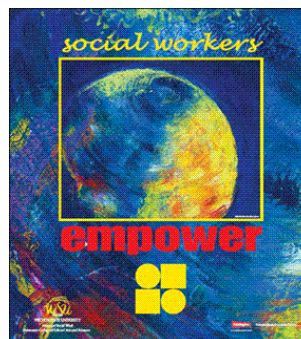
The Pride of Wichita Empowerment Rally (POWER) is a Wichita State University School of Social Work sponsored event hosting 200 participants. March 2, 2007, we will celebrate our 4th annual POWER conference during social work month. The planning committee felt it appropriate to integrate our themes of the MSW School of Social Work program into the themes of the conference. Last year we used our theme of cultural competency to promote *Social Work Practice in a Culturally Diverse Community*, which was the title of the event. This year's theme *Social Work Building Bridges to Promote Social Justice*, compliments our theme of social justice. This conference is a recognized community event which provides Kansans, the opportunity to reconnect with each other, meet new faces, and learn something new.

In addition to our 2 keynote speakers **Angela Braxton, Author, A Woman With An Issue "A Mother's Memoir Of Addiction, Loss, Redemption And Recovery"** and **Roger Werholtz, LMSW Secretary of Corrections**, we will provide workshop sessions. The following workshops/sessions topics will be provided: Social Work & Politics; Aging Polices; Grant writing; Testifying in Court; State and

State & Community Legislative Advocacy, Resume Writing; Employment Opportunities for Students, Family and Child Involvement in the Child Welfare System, and Domestic Violence. The conference begins at 9 am and will adjourn at 4:30. We will end the day with awards!

We have had over 15 community sponsors and hope to have these partners return for another successful year! To be a sponsor, please contact Courtney Boettcher at courtney.boettcher@wichita.edu.

Continuing Education Units are offered. The registration fee is \$70 with a discounted **student fee** offered to those eligible. Hot Breakfast and Lunch are included in the fee. Pre-registration is available at www.wichita.edu/conferences. For questions about POWER, call the conference office at 316.978.6493. We look forward to see you all there!



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Holiday Party



You are invited to:

The School of Social Work Holiday Party

Friday, December 8th
4:00 - 6:00 pm

School of Social Work Conference Room
539 Lindquist Hall

We welcome students, alumni, field faculty and other interested parties to help us celebrate the end of the Fall semester and the coming holidays. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!



SOSW — Student Organization of Social Work

Denise Mitchell, SOSW President

Hello to all of the SOSW members! This is just a word of encouragement to all of you that may or may not feel like they cannot go on. I feel that pressure too, and I want to be the first to say, “YES! WE CAN DO IT! SE SA PUEDE!” We need to look at the things that made us decide to go to school in the first place, then push and pull ourselves up, tell ourselves we will make it all the way to

the end of the goal (our degree). Do not forget. you must not keep it in. If you need help, ask. I’ll say it again ASK for help. No one knows you have a need unless you ask.

Lieutenant Queen from the Derby Police Department will be coming to speak on “Drugs on the Street.” He will be talking about the different drugs that are found on the street today, how they

are transported, he will show what they look like, what to look for, new drugs that are being found in the schools, and some of the effects that they have. This will be held in 101 Lindquist Hall on Tuesday December 5th from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. This workshop is free for SOSW members and \$5.00 for non-members. [“Drugs on the Street” Registration](#)

SWOGS — Social Work Organization of Graduate Students

Dru Heffron, SWOGS President

Wow, look how far we have made it. The first semester is well underway and almost completed! It will not be long until many of us will be presenting our integrative projects and taking the daunting licensing exam. SWOGS has had a busy fall so far and we are looking forward to a busy spring. To date we have held a PowerPoint, APA, and Psychopharmacology Workshop. All were well attended and quite beneficial to the attendees.

So far our plans for the spring are

falling right into place. Current events on the spring calendar are Licensing Exam Review (Jan. 12th), POWER Conference (March 2nd), Margarita Party (March 2nd), Integrative Presentation Dress Rehearsal (TBA), and rounding it all off with a luncheon held during the colloquium (May 7th).

Don’t forget, SWOGS meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the student lounge from 12:00 - 12:50. We hope to see all of you there!

Important information:

Please make sure that you have met with your advisor and completed your Plan of Study. Also, your Application for Degree needs to be completed by the 20th day of classes during the semester your graduation is anticipated. The Application for Degree can be pick-up in the folders outside of the Social Work Office or online — [Application for Degree](#). There is a \$15.00 application fee.

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Tim Lause

tim.lause@wichita.edu



The BETA DELTA chapter of PHI ALPHA invites eligible students to join our membership. Applications are due March 15 for the annual ceremony.

The national honor society provides a certificate of distinction for your aca-

demic accomplishments, and the WSU chapter engraves your name on the registry plaque located in the School of Social Work office (535 Lindquist Hall). Members also have access to honor society apparel, pins and special pendants for graduation.

Eligibility Requirements for BSW Students are:

- At least 12 credit hours of required social work courses

- Officially declared Social Work as your major
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- 3.5 GPA in Social Work Courses

Eligibility Requirements for MSW Students are:

- At least 12 credit hours of required social work courses
- 3.5 GPA or higher

[Application Form](#)

A Day in the Life of a WSU Grad Edwin Adams

Typical Day at SRS APS

I was asked to contribute a piece to the newsletter about a typical day working for the State of Kansas Adult Protective Services. There are certain aspects of this job which would be typical of an average day.

For example, I get to work a few minutes early each day. I am anxious to get started and I hate being late. That's just my personal preference. The first thing I do is sit down and turn on the computer. I usually ignore the telephone, whose light blinks insistently telling me I have messages to listen to and calls to make.

I open up my e-mail to see if there are any new intakes. Usually there are some and sometimes as many as five or six new ones. There are three criteria of these intakes; a five day, a three day and a 24 hour. The 24 hour ones usually involve some sort of eminent danger to a client.

I print off the new intakes and read the rest of my e-mail. Then I start a new file for each new intake. This entails some busy work of adding a case log form and a release of information form to the intakes. After I get all of the paperwork into the file and label it and do a little more form filling I read the case file and decide which needs the most attention soonest. After that I make a series of telephone calls to the reporter and other interested parties. I like to have all the information I can get before I visit the client.

When this is done I write up my case notes from the day before; if I haven't already done it out in the field. This entails what I did, who I called or visited,

what needs done, when it needs done, and who to call next. This way I don't forget things. Then I answer all of the messages on my machine and make more calls, send faxes, write letters, make more notes in the case files and fill out more forms until lunch.

Right now I'm filling in for another APS worker who is on maternity leave. So in addition to my three counties of Montgomery, Wilson, and Woodson, I also have Allen Anderson Bourbon and Linn counties. I try to do two day a week in my own counties and two days a week in the other APS worker's counties. I leave Fridays open to take care of the things I didn't get done earlier in the week.

Since I have so much area to cover and a limited amount of time to do it, I normally don't have a real lunch. I have a candy bar and a coke while I drive to see my clients. I drive a lot. Last month I put 1500 miles on my car. Driving through lunch saves me about an hour in the afternoon. I can either get off at 4:00 p.m. or work until 5:00 p.m. and take some comp time later. I like this flexibility. I may travel to Osawatomie, or Caney, Yates Center, or Fort Scott and all the places in between to see my clients. It's usually not the same every day. I like that part too.

Some of the things I've done recently were to get a new stove and some propane for a sick guy who lives out in the sticks. I've secured payees for people with dementia, and a couple for some people who are drug addicted. A couple of people have needed guardians. I took a bag of groceries to an old man who had a stroke

and was in a wheelchair, who couldn't get out. I helped an old woman who has 15 dogs, 12 cats, and several guinea pigs get a hearing aid fixed.

This last one earned me a hug from the old woman, when I took a hearing aid specialist to her house to fix and fit her hearing aid. When I first went to this lady's door and she found out I was from SRS, she glared at me like she wanted to kill me. That afternoon I spent a couple of hours just visiting with her and when I left she asked me to come back and visit again. This woman is a hoarder and she dumpster dives for food. I'm hoping she will let me get her some meals on wheels. She's pretty independent so she may not.

Many of these seniors feel that way; in spite of their needs and the fact I can help them with resources, they don't want any help. This is the hard part of the job. It's also somewhat frustrating at times. However, we have to let the client have self determination. We can't force them to accept help.

So as far as a typical day for me there isn't one. Each day brings new challenges; I meet new people; and go to different places. The one constant are the problems. Each day I encounter poverty, physical and mental pain, ignorance, drug addiction, dementia, hunger, sickness, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. I also get to meet some very nice as well as interesting people. These are the constants of our profession, and the challenges every social worker faces. That's just the job, and I wouldn't be happy doing anything else. I feel very lucky to have this job. I love it.

Student Highlight

On November 22nd - 24th, Leonor Loughridge, practicum student; Hollie Baker, former student; and Steve Cole will be attending the European Conference in Munich, Germany to present on TECHub. TECHub (training, education, communications, hub) is to strengthen the

network of Clubhouses, to enhance clubhouse leadership and to ensure the longevity of the clubhouse movement.

Leonor is doing her practicum at the Breakthrough Club, a nonprofit organization that has been in existence for over 19 years. The clubhouse model provides

mental health supports for people who are recovering from mental illness. A clubhouse is a place where people who have a mental illness come to rebuild their lives. Severe and persistent mental illness is one of the most disabling conditions in the world.



WSU School of Social Work and Project SEEK now providing online CEUs!

Project SEEK (Social Workers' Education and Empowerment in Kansas) is a web portal for social workers developed by a grant given to Dr. Joanne Levine by the Kansas Board of Regents and KanEd.

The Project SEEK web portal provides access to an online CEU course (see below), links to self care sites, chat rooms and discussion boards. Connect with other social workers on Project SEEK!

If you seek any CEUs for your social work license (BSW and MSW levels) check out Project SEEK. You can register for an online CEU course on "The DSM-IV Personality Disorders and Disorder Specific Interviewing." The cost is \$45.00 for 1.5 CEUs.

This CEU course is approved by the Kansas Behavioral Science Regulatory Board for CEU credits. This course also is approved by the National Association of Social Workers as an online CEU course and is featured on their main webpage (see below).

If you have any questions or need additional information contact Dr. Joanne Levine at: joanne.levine@wichita.edu

Volunteer Opportunities



The YWCA of Wichita is grounded firmly in our own community, with services and programs to meet the needs of women and families here at home.

All YWCAs share a common goal to work toward a community, country and world where women and children can live in safety, security and hope. You, as a member of our community, can be an integral part of helping women and families reach those hopes and dreams. Contribute to the financial resources we need to provide safety, security and hope

Give your skills and talents – we offer you a wide range of opportunities.

- Train to become a volunteer crisis counselor on our 24-hour hotline that provides a daily lifeline to victims of domestic violence, rape or child sexual abuse. Volunteer Crisis Counselors answer the crisis line, admit women and children into the shelter, assist in handling emergency situations and help the residents in a variety of ways. Our volunteers actually run the shelter when the staff is not on duty. We provide 27 hours of training in the dynamics of domestic violence, crisis counseling and shelter policies and procedures prior to their first shift as a volunteer. Volunteer crisis counselors must be at least 18 years of age, extremely dependable, easily reached by phone, have reliable transportation, and be able to handle many tasks simultaneously. We require references and a security check.
- Assist with children's programs and activities.

If you would benefit from this kind of volunteer work, you can call Heather Muth at 267-7233 for an information packet or an interview.



Every year at Catholic Charities, we have Christmas Sharing, and we could use volunteers with this project. We distributing items to up. The dates for this

- December 4-6, set-up.
- December 8 & 9, distribute items.
- December 11-13, help cleaning up.

If anyone wants to volunteer, they can call 264-8344, x207.

Communities In Schools at Cloud Elementary is in



need of volunteers students complete their id Thursday's from interested, please contact Bev Zuba, 973-5006. We are also needing volunteers to mentor one on one with students either at lunch or after school (T/Th 4:15-5:00).

Help make Christmas a joyous holiday for all by volunteering for The Salvation



Army's Ringing in Hope Christmas assistance program. This program helps deserving families in our community with food and Christmas gifts for their children. Volunteers will assist by sorting toys, taking applications, decorating, serving meals and/or ringing bells. Opportunities are available thru Christmas, Monday - Sunday. Contact Amanda Koch at 263-2769 ext. 113 for more information or to sign-up.



The Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center has scheduled a volunteer training that will begin at the end of November.

Volunteers commit to staff the crisis line two times per month and work out of their homes.

The training provided is 40 hours long. Anyone interested can contact WASAC at 263-0185.

If you know of a community offering that should be included in our newsletter, please contact Trisha at trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu or (316)



Employment Offerings

Faculty Position Openings

Wichita State University School of Social Work invites applications for two tenure eligible Assistant Professor positions to start in August 2007. Wichita State University (WSU) is located within a thriving urban community in south central Kansas. As the largest city in Kansas, Wichita is culturally diverse, affordable, and family oriented, and is ranked among the 100 best cities in the U.S.

For position description, go to www.wichita.edu/hr or contact Brien Bolin, 316.978.3087 or brien.bolin@wichita.edu. Review of completed applications will begin February 1, 2007, and will continue until position is filled.

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Senior Outreach Coordinator

Must possess the following:

- Excellent interpersonal skills and warm extroverted personality
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- High level of integrity
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record
- Liability, uninsured motorist and collision insurance
- Computer literacy including MS Word, Outlook and Excel

Duties include:

- Visiting Jewish residents of nursing homes and the homebound
- Phoning seniors to maintain a connection between them and the MKJF
- Recruiting volunteers to help with senior outreach
- Recruiting able seniors to attend events
- Planning monthly Café Chevre programs
- Driving seniors to events (some evenings/weekends required)
- Providing referrals to community resources
- Contacting family members of seniors, as needed
- Maintaining contact with the MKJF social worker as needed
- Keeping complete records

This is a 10 hour per week position

For job application contact the MKJF office at 686-4741 or sdiel@mkjf.org.



Family Consultation Service

In Home/Outpatient Clinicians

Part-time, contract therapist to provide in home family therapy. Must be licensed as an LSCSW or LCMFT.

Outpatient Therapist

LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
Family Consultation Service is searching for licensed, clinicians who have experience working with children & families. Qualified candidate will have his/her LMSW, LMLP, LMFT, or LSCSW, LCMFT, LCP. Bilingual in Spanish & English a plus.

Functional Family Therapy Therapist

Evidenced based brief therapy model for the youth involved with the juvenile justice programs.

Family Consultation Service is searching for licensed clinicians who are interested in providing outpatient and home based treatment to this population. Qualified candidate will have his/her LMSW, LMLP, LMFT, LSCSW, LCP, LCMFT. Bilingual in Spanish & English a plus.

Send resumes to:

resume@fcswichita.org

Family Consultation Service is a non-profit family & behavioral health care center serving children & families.



Salvation Army Foster Care Department

RESOURCE COORDINATOR OR FOSTER CARE SOCIAL WORKER

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferred licensed Bachelor in Social Work
- Or Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Sciences
- Flexible, self-starter
- Able to respond to evening, night and weekend calls
- Good communication skills, oral and written
- Team oriented
- Able to make independent decisions

Please contact Marie Dolce at 425-6110, email at marie.dolce@usc.salvationarmy.org or fax 425-6176.

Cowley County Mental Health/Transitions Foster Care has the following openings:

Program Director: Ad #203 —

This managerial position will perform administrative functions as well as provide support services to youth in the foster care system, subcontracting agencies and foster families. Master's degree in Social Work and a current license by the state of Kansas is req'd. Candidates must have a minimum of two years work experience in the child welfare field, and preference will be given to those with SED youth work exp. and/or previous supervisory exp.

Case Manager/LBSW: Ad #202 — Position provides support services to youth in the foster care system, subcontracting agencies and resource families. Applicant must have a bachelor's degree in Social Work and be currently licensed or eligible to become licensed by the state of Kansas.

These positions involve travel within Cowley County. Must have valid DL with good driving record, dependable transportation with insurance, and be flexible with your schedule. Apply in person or send resume referencing the Ad # to: Terah York, Cowley County Mental Health, 22214 D. St. (Strother Field) Winfield, KS 67156 or email to tyork.ccmh@onemain.com Ph: 620-442-4540

Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug Free Workplace



Juvenile Field Services (Sedgwick Co.)

Surveillance Officer

Assist ISOs providing supervision for juvenile offenders. Transport clients to and from placements. Conduct alcohol/drug screens and test urine specimens. Prepares reports and maintains records, communicates orally and in writing. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice or related field, or any equivalent combination of training or experience in probation, parole, social work, case management or counseling. Ability to use general office equipment, breathalyzer, drug screen kits, two-way radios, and cell phones. Hours are Tues-Sat or Weds-Sun; 2 pm - 10:30 pm. \$11.390/hour plus benefits.

Go to www.hrepartners.com for more information or to apply.

Employment Offerings



Children's Case Managers & Wraparound Facilitators with COMCARE's Family & Children Community Services

Job purpose: Provide goal-directed, medically necessary services and support to children with severe emotional disturbances and their families.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree or be equivalently qualified by work experience or a combination of work experience in the human services field and education, with one year of experience substituting for one year of education. Possess demonstrated interpersonal skills, ability to work with persons with severe and persistent mental illness and/or severe emotional disturbance, and the ability to react effectively in a wide variety of human service situations. Meet the specifications as outlined in the CMHC licensing standards and pass KBI, SRS child abuse check, adult abuse registry and motor vehicle screens. Must complete basic case manager training; intermediate case manager training within first 6 months of employment, may require overnight stay. Must have a valid Kansas Driver's license and current proof of automobile insurance.

Team Supervisor

Job purpose: Oversee the day-to-day activities of an assigned group of staff members including case managers and attendant care workers. Provide clinical supervision to staff. Conduct intake assessments and provides direct clinical services to SED youth as requested. Provide case management services for severely emotionally disturbed children and their families, as needed in the absence of an assigned case manager. Participate in program planning, development and operation.

Qualifications: Must be an individual who meets the criteria for an approved mental health service provider, licensed with Kansas BSRB at Master's Level (LMSW, LCSW, LMFT, LMLP, LCP). Possess demonstrated interpersonal skills, ability to work with persons with severe and persistent mental illness and/or severe emotional disturbance, and the ability to react effectively in a wide variety of human service situations. Meet the specifications as outlined in the CMHC licensing standards and pass KBI, SRS child abuse check, adult abuse registry and motor vehicle screens. Must complete basic case manager training; intermediate case manager training and case management for supervisors within first 6 months of employment, may require overnight stay. Previous supervisory experience preferred. Must have a valid Kansas Driver's license and current proof of automobile insurance.

Interested persons can go to www.hrepartners.com.

Central Kansas Mental Health Center

CLINICIAN OPENING

Central KS Mental Health Center in Salina has a clinical opening for a therapist who is licensed, or eligible for licensure, by the Kansas Behavioral Science Board.

We are looking for clinicians that are productive, work independently and have a variety of therapy skills-individual, family, group and crisis. CKMHC has a staff of 21 experienced and well-trained clinicians who care about making a difference in people's lives. We have very low staff turnover and all 100 employees take pride in their work.

The Center is a progressive, client-oriented service delivery system, which provides a wide range of community, based care for clients.

ARNP or PA

Central KS Mental Health Center has a full time opening for an ARNP or PA in an outpatient clinic. This position works as part of a medical team including Psychiatrists, Physician Assistant and R.N.'s. Direct patient care is provided to clients of all ages, with a wide variety of mental health problems and of all socio-economic groups. All medical services are a part of a broad treatment team approach.

Schedule would be Monday-Friday, no on-call or inpatient work. Previous mental health experience preferred. Must be licensable in the state of KS. Supervision by psychiatrist available.

We are a KPERS organization, we offer 3 weeks of vacation and 12 days of sick time annually. We have a great benefit package that includes health insurance, section 125, continuing education allowances and several AFLAC insurance plans. EOE

CKMHC is a National Health Service Corps approved site for the loan repayment program. NHSC slots available if qualified. Position open until filled.

If you are interested in joining our team of professionals, please send resume to:
Central Kansas Mental Health Center
Attn: Becky Small, Human Resource Director
809 Elmhurst
Salina, KS 67401
Fax: 785-823-3109
Phone: 785-823-6322
Email: bsmall@ckmhc.org



Salina Regional Health Center

Social Work opening at SRHC on acute care medical floor. BSW or MSW may apply. Send resume or contact HR at 400 S. Santa Fe, Salina, KS 67401, phone 785-452-7142. Can also contact thru web site www.srhc.com.

YOUTHVILLE

is seeking

CASE MANAGERS

for full-time employment in Wichita, KS.

This person is responsible for developing and striving for the permanency goal of each case plan through client and family contact, preparing plan information, assessments, developing positive relations, working closely with the court system & other external stakeholders, along with other case management duties. BSRB Licensure required.

We offer a great benefit package including medical, dental, prescription drug plan, and a matching 403(b) retirement plan. Send resume to Monique Henriques, fax (316) 529-9351, e-mail to mhenriques@youthville.org, or mail to Youthville, 4505 E 47th St. South, Wichita, KS 67210. For further information visit our web site at:

www.youthville.org



Youthville

EOE/M/F/D/V



Horizons Mental Health Center

Horizons Mental Health Center has openings for the following positions:

- Adult Case Manager - working with adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness
- Children's Case Manager - working with children with Severe Emotional Disturbances
- Crisis Case Manager - working with children and adults in the crisis department
- LMLP/LMSW - Child & Family Department

Please send resume to:

Heather Brown
1715 E. 23rd
Hutchinson, KS 67502
620-665-2240
brownh@hmhc.com

DCCCA Family Preservation has job openings for LBSW & MSW. For more information contact Johnson Olanya at 267-2030 x 145 or jolanya@dccca.org.



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Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Dates:

- November 22 - 24..... Thanksgiving Break
December 7..... Last Day of Classes
December 8..... Study Day
December 8..... School of Social Work Holiday Party
December 9 - 15 Final Exams
December 10..... Fall Commencement
December 15..... Deadline for Practicum Performance Evaluations
December 23 - January 1 Holiday Shutdown (Offices Closed)
January 12..... Field Instructor Training
January 17..... Spring Semester Begins
March 2..... Power Conference
March 21 - 27 Spring Break

