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Introduction of New Faculty Member

Douglas Crews, Ph.D., MSW, M.Div.

Dr. Douglas Crews has joined us here in the School of Social Work at Wichita State University. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Belmont University and his Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, TN. Prior to beginning his social work career, Dr. Crews held a variety of positions in a church-based context working with youth, families, spiritual formation, spiritual direction, missions, and program development. In 2005, Dr. Crews began working on his Master's degree in social work from the University of Central Florida with a focus in clinical social work. Dr. Crews completed a PhD in social work from the University of Utah in 2012 after which he came to Wichita State University.

Dr. Crews comes to us with broad research, practice and teaching interests and experiences. His research and practice areas of interests include spirituality, mindfulness, self-compassion, identity development, well-being, happiness, positivity, narratives of transformation, and social justice. In doing this he has worked with varied populations including LGBTQ persons, older adults, college students, adolescents, groups, families, and people in a variety of life transitions. His dissertation research was on the role of self-compassion on identity development with lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons. He was awarded "Outstanding Quantitative Dissertation" by the University of Utah, College of Social Work.

Dr. Crews will be teaching in both the BSW and MSW programs for the School of Social Work. He



will integrate his experiences of practice and research in the classroom experience. Dr. Crews is excited to be teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level by teaching classes such as research, program evaluation, spirituality and social work, and varied practice classes. Dr. Crews also comes to WSU after being awarded the "Instructor of the Year" from the University of Utah, College of Social Work.

Dr. Crews can be contacted at (316) 978-7336 or douglas.crews@wichita.edu. His office is 531 Lindquist Hall. Please drop by to visit and get to know him. Currently his office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am to noon. However, if his door is open stop in and say hello.

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The Corner Office

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The heat of summer is now fading into the cool evenings of fall as another academic year begins. Summer break went far too quickly as faculty taught their elective courses, students prepared for their practicums, families took vacations, or others spent time away relaxing before the fall semester's classes began. All the while during the blazing 100 plus days of summer a small group of dedicated social work faculty and staff worked to complete the BSW and MSW self-study documents for program reaffirmation. It was an impressive feat of writing, editing, and collaboration that occurred in June and July.



The completion of two massive self-study documents reminded me how important it is for individuals to work together. Our success was highly dependent on member of the group accomplishing required assignments, completed edits and revisions on time, following directions and paying attention to details. The process was tedious, demanding, and seemed that it was with-

out end. However, the steadfast members of the social faculty who gave up their summer all worked toward the shared goal of completing the self-studies. They completed tasks without noticeable complaint. Providing leadership and organization was a necessity and required direction on daily contacts, weekly meetings, off campus work days, edits, revisions, more edits, additional revisions, and of course the final printing and mailing of the final product. We completed the task well before by the August 1st deadline. The group's positive attitude was what made the completion of the self-study possible.

Reflecting on the experience of writing the self-studies reminded of the "fish philosophy" (www.charthouse.com). The completion of the self-study documents was not all toil and misery. But then again it could have been without the group's attitudes. The "fish philosophy" of having; "fun, being in the moment, changing your attitudes, and making each other's day" was present as we worked together this summer. Success was found in remembering to have "fun" and enjoying the time with each other even

though this was not what we envisioned as summer break. While, the time we spent together we were generally focused on "being in the moment" and the task at hand and meeting our own deadlines. Other times it was necessary to "change our attitudes" and be more positive and move forward with new determination as the final deadline of August 1st approached. Finally, completion of the self-study required small gestures of appreciation for the work being completed. Making someone's day does not need to be difficult. Saying thanks, a smile, a kind word or just remember to be positive. What worked for the completion of the self-study was not a heavy-handed, authoritarian approach; it was a cooperation, communication, and consideration. So as we prepare for the site visit in late February of 2013, I will again look to the "fish philosophy" as I have fun, remain in the moment, change my attitude, and make someone's day.

Field Notes

Sabrina Perez Glatt & Shaunna Millar

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The beginning of the fall semester reminds me of Mr. Toad's Wild Ride. Shaunna Millar has taken point in placing 172 BSW and MSW students. This is an increase from last year in the BSW program with the MSW program holding steady.



Much of the summer was dedicated to our reaffirmation process for our MSW and BSW programs. What was reaffirmed is we are doing the best job possible in practicum and continue

to make the necessary changes in policies and procedures to insure the agencies and students receive good service.

We are so grateful for those agencies who, year after year, welcome our students and we are thrilled for our new placements that have opened their doors so our students can demonstrate what a social work student can bring to those they serve.

Such an example, COMCARE has a new student clinic in outpatient services. This provides 9 MSW students an opportunity to work together to meet the needs of clients who would not

otherwise be served. The other programs within COMCARE also provide wonderful learning opportunities. As usual, we have wonderful student support from USD #259, #260, #261 and Communities in Schools. I want to individually name each and every placement, but not given enough space in this newsletter! Just know we are so appreciative to you all!

We look forward to this 2012-2013 academic year!

BSW Beat Natalie Grant Director, BSW Program

This semester has gotten off to a fantastic start and the School of Social Work has great news to share! This summer the faculty worked very hard to complete the necessary materials for re-accreditation with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Although the BSW program has been accredited since the late 1960s, it is important that we stay up to date in our methods and teachings and we are looking forward to site visitors arriving in February for our evaluation.



I went to the east coast this summer for a Family and Child Conference and presented on Youth Workforce issues. I learned that there are many people around the country that are committed to helping others from the same perspectives that we use in the Midwest. I also learned that I do not enjoy taking buses and subways and have a new appreciation for our pace in Kansas. Mostly, I realized that Kansas is a wonderful place to be. We have so many resources for helping people and our social workers are out in our communities mobilizing those resources everyday. I couldn't wait to get home. This is a photo I took

in the Mary Baker Eddy library in Boston.



We attended this year's Convocation to celebrate the upcoming year, participate in welcoming our new president, John Bardo, and cheer on the School of Social Work's banner that was included in the competition this year. The Student Organization of Social Work (SOSW) worked together to create an amazing



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banner this year and they received 3rd place! This is the first time placing in the competition!

Two orientation sessions were held in September for the BSW Program and were very well attended by over 100 students. This level of attendance reminds us of the growing nature of the social work field! We are so proud that so many Wichita State students are looking to social work for their degree! If any other students are interested in social work, please send them our way for advising.

Next week the WSU School of Social Work is participating as a team in the Komen Race for the Cure. For more information, see [page 7](#).

We are looking forward to a tremendous semester. Our classes are full, students are energetic, and we are spreading social work love in our community. I'll close with a quote from Martin Luther King in his 1963 book, *Strength to Love*, which was illuminated on the wall in the Mary Baker Eddy Library in Boston. I think it is appropriate for our times. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

POWER-ful Beginnings! POWER Conference 2013

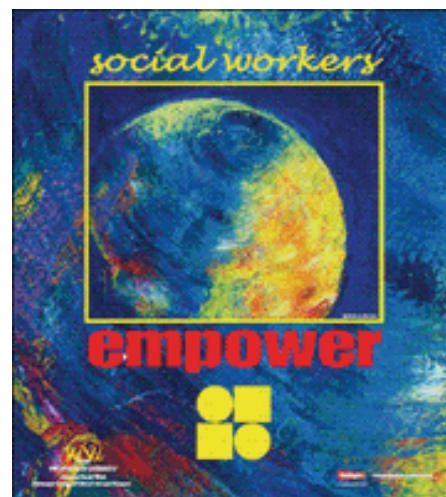
The 10th annual POWER Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 1st, 2013 at Century II Convention Center in Wichita and the POWER planning committee has "hit the ground running" with preparations!

The theme of this year's conference is: **Celebrating Social Work and the POWER of Survival**. The presentations will center on the theme of providing trauma-based care to social work clients. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Lee Esty, Director of the Brain Wellness and Biofeedback Center of Washington in Bethesda, Maryland. Plenary session speaker will be Mike Boettcher, war correspondent for ABC News. Breakout speakers are being contacted and scheduled at this time. We are looking forward to a great conference with expanded possibilities for

space and networking.

The early bird will definitely be the winner at this year's conference. We are setting early bird registration incentives for participants and exhibitors. Exhibitors can take advantage of early bird rates by contracting with us before February 1st. Participants must register prior to February 15th to get early bird rates. Individuals and organizations who are interested in sponsoring all or a portion of the conference should contact the conference planning chair, Sherry Chapman, at (316) 978-7213 or sheryl.chapman@wichita.edu, or the conference office at (316) 978-6493 or Anna Weyers (anna.weyers@wichita.edu) or Jana Henderson (jana.henderson@wichita.edu).

Here's hoping to see you there!



SOSW Janie Bailey, BSW Secretary

Welcome back to school! SOSW is excited that we started this year with a bang! At convocation, we placed 3rd in the banner competition. This is the first time that we have ever placed. Thanks to Jennifer Knaak, Ashley Clark, and Annie Wilson for working so hard on the banner! Coy and Melissa, President and Vice President of SOSW represented us all as social workers by manning a booth at Welcomefest. Although it was hot, they showed their commitment to their fellow students by braving the heat to ensure that the social work trivia game we developed was a success. Sept 5th we held an ice cream social and membership drive to discuss plans for the ensuing semester and get to know each other a little better. We appreciate everyone that could make it.

Although we are only a little more than a month into the fall semester, SOSW already has a ton of activities planned:

BSW Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday and Thursday of each month at 11:30. The location will be announced. You do not need to attend both meetings as they will cover the exact same material on both days. The next meetings will be Oct 9th and Oct 11th. Location will be emailed out and put on the SOSW facebook group.

The first MSW Meeting will be held at the West Campus on Monday, September 17th at 5:45 pm in room 130. If you are not a member yet, please feel free to come and sign up or just

learn about SOSW. If you have questions or are unable to attend the meeting but are still interested in joining SOSW, please email Nicole Bosch (nrbosch@wichita.edu). You can also contact the MSW SOSW faculty adviser, Sabrina Perez Glatt (sabrina.perezglatt@wichita.edu).

Dues are \$10 for all new and returning members. If you are a new member, please make sure that you pick up a brochure on the 5th floor of Lindquist between Dr. Besthorn and Dr. Dale's offices and fill out the information and turn it in with your money. If you just need to pay dues, please get in contact with Annie Wilson (ahwilson@wichita.edu), treasurer, or take the money up to Trisha or Chris.

Family Fun Festival will be held September 29th from 1-4 in the courtyard between Lindquist Hall and the Heskett Center. We will have a face painting booth and volunteers are needed. Volunteers are encouraged to be there at 12:30 to enjoy a free meal before the festival. Contact Jennifer Knaak (knaak2005@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Homeless Veteran Sock Drive will be an ongoing event through the last part of September and the beginning of October. Donation boxes will be placed in the lobby at Lindquist Hall and on the West Campus. We will need volunteers to help take the socks to the center on either Oct 5th or Oct 12th. Contact Coy Cox (cncox@wichita.edu) for more information.

2012-2013 BSW SOSW Officers

President: [Coy Cox](#)

Vice President: [Melissa Lemlek](#)

Secretary: [Janie Bailey](#)

Treasurer: [Annie Wilson](#)

Faculty Adviser: [Sherry Chapman](#)

2012-2013 MSW SOSW Officer

President: [Nicole Bosch](#)

Faculty Adviser: [Sabrina Perez Glatt](#)

Trunk or Treat is another family friendly event. We will be dressing up in Halloween costumes and passing candy out from a decorated trunk as well as doing an activity with the kiddos. We need a volunteer willing to stay the length of the whole event to decorate their car trunk, bags of candy donated, and a committee lead. Please contact Janie Bailey (jibailey@wichita.edu) for more information.

TFI visitation rooms still in the planning stages. We are interested in possibly painting 3 visitation rooms and an office, but we need to make sure that there is a student/member interest as well. We will need paint donations and volunteers to paint. For more information contact Janie Bailey (jibailey@wichita.edu).

Pi Gamma Mu, Lambda Chapter Sherry Chapman

Sherry Chapman, Instructor in the School of Social Work and Carolyn Shaw, Director of the School of Political Science and International Studies, are co-sponsoring the chartering of a Social Science Honorary Society at WSU. Pi Gamma Mu is an international Social Science Honorary Society, founded in 1924 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Seventeen founding chapters were organized simultaneously. Pi Gamma Mu is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is affiliated with the American Association for the advancement of Science. The Society publishes a journal, *International Social Science Review* as well as the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*, and holds internation-

al triennial conventions.

Pi Gamma Mu offers ten scholarships each year for one year of graduate study in an area of the social sciences, available to all chapters of the Society. These scholarships carry stipends of \$2,000 or \$1,000. Any member of the Society is eligible to apply as a graduating senior or up to four years from the time they are accepted into membership.

Some of the more prominent members of Pi Gamma Mu have included Rear Admiral Richard Byrd, who carried the Society's flag to the Antarctic in 1928, Dr. Margaret Mead, famed anthropologist, U.S. President Lyndon Baines Johnson, and our own WSU president, Dr. John Bardo.

Any WSU junior or senior undergraduate, or

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graduate student, with a grade average of 3.0 or better, who has completed at least 20 semester hours in Social Science courses is eligible for membership. The Society provides recognition for scholastic achievements and also offers enrichment opportunities through service projects, publications, scholarships and lectureship grants.

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 26 in room 539 Lindquist Hall at 12:30. Come and find out more about Pi Gamma Mu and the opportunities it provides.

For more information about Pi Gamma Mu, contact Sherry Chapman at (316) 978-7213, sheryl.chapman@wichita.edu or Carolyn Shaw at (316) 978-7130, carolyn.shaw@wichita.edu.

Faculty Accolades

Dr. Fred H. Besthorn was a featured Keynote Speaker at the recent Social Work and Social Development Conference held in Stockholm, Sweden in July, 2012. The title of Dr. Besthorn's address was "Environmental Social Work: A Feature of Curiosity, Contemplation and Connection." He also co-facilitated a panel discussion in Stockholm entitled "Addressing the Challenges of Environmental Social Work: Practical Interventions and Pragmatic Solutions." Dr. Besthorn is widely regarded as an expert in the field of Environmental Social Work and has many published works addressing the interconnection of environmental awareness to the practice of social work.

Dr. Besthorn has also completed a number of scholarly works in recent years which have been published in both national and international journals and professional books. These include:

Besthorn, F.H. (2012). Deep Ecology's Contribution in Social Work: A Ten-Year Retrospective. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 21(3), 248-259.

Besthorn, F.H. (2012). Speaking earth: Environmental restoration and restorative justice. In K. van Wormer, & L. Walker (Eds.). *Restorative Justice Today: Practical Applications* (pp. 240-253). London: Sage Publications.

Alston, M., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2012). *Environment and sustainability*. In K. Lyons, M. Hokenstad, N. Huegler, & M. Pawar (Eds.), *Sage Handbook of International Social Work* (pp. 56-69). London: Sage Publications.

Coates J. & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2010). Building bridges and crossing boundaries: Dialogues in professional helping. *Journal of Critical Social Work*, 11(3), Retrieved from <http://www.uwindsor.ca/criticalsocialwork/>

Besthorn, F. H., Wulff, D., & St. George, S. (2010). Eco-Spiritual helping: An ecological postmodern therapy. *Journal of Ecopsychology*, 2(1), 23-32.

Besthorn, F. H. (in press). Vertical farming: Social work and sustainable urban agriculture in an age of global food crisis. *Australian Social Work*.

Besthorn, F. H. (in press). Ecological approach. In M. Gray & S. Webb (Eds.). *Social Work Theories and Methods* (2nd Ed.), (Chapter 14). London: Sage Publications.

Besthorn, F. H. (in press). Radical egalitarian ecological justice: A social work call to action. In M. Gray, J. Coates & T. Hetherington (Eds.), *Environmental Social Work* (pp. 16-31). London: Routledge.

Dr. Orren Dale published a new edition of a book:

Dale, O. & Smith, R. (2013). *Human behavior and the social environment: Social systems theory* (7th ed.). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Publishers.

Dr. Kyoung Lee was awarded the *Tilford Incentive Grant*: Infusing Diversity and Multi-cultural Learning Outcomes in the Curriculum from the Tilford Commission, Wichita State University.

Dr. Lee became *a commissioner*, Commission for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice (CDSEJ) at Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in 2012.

Dr. Lee also has the following publications: Roh, S.H., **Lee, K.H.**, & Yoon, D.P. (2012). General well-being for Korean immigrant elders: The significance of religiousness/spirituality and social support. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 38(5), 1-15.

Lee, K.H., and Yoon, D.P. (2012). A comparison of sanctions in African American and white TANF leavers. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 9(4), 396-413.

Exceptional Survivors of Cancer Research Project

Seeking Interview Participants who are:

- ★ Adult survivors of childhood cancer
- ★ Exceptional survivors of cancer
- ★ Cancer free for 5 years

Interview Topics Include:

- ★ Social Support / Friendships
- ★ How you dealt with your diagnosis
- ★ Relationship with your doctors, nurses and specialists
- ★ The role of religion and spirituality in your life
- ★ What types of services or help you wanted, needed and received
- ★ How well others understood what you were dealing with



If you are interested in participating in this study, contact Lisa Hines, Ph.D., MSW, Principal Investigator Faculty member at Wichita State University School of Social Work

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Community Events



INFORMATION NIGHT

Need more information about the Master of Social Work Program?

Don't be afraid to attend our MSW Information Night. You will receive tricks to use as you apply and treats for participation.



5:30 - 7:00 pm

Hughes Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver)
Suderman Room, Entrance C



Community Events



The School of Social Work has created a team for the Komen Race for the Cure.

Saturday, September 29, 2012

7:45 am

Towne East Square/Northwest Corner of Parking Lot

You can sign up for the team (or donate) at:

http://midks.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/WCT_Mid-KansasAffiliate?pg=team&fr_id=2514&team_id=227628

We have ordered 50 T-Shirts (Sizes range from Medium to 3XL) for team member purchase.

\$10.00 each

If you want to reserve a T-Shirt, please contact Trisha at (316) 978-6518 or trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu.



Community Events



Safety on Home Visits Training

October 12, 2012

9:00 - 11:00 am

East High School

2301 E Douglas, Wichita

Dining Room (1st floor - center of building)

Officer John Biagini will provide safety tips on home visits and at school for the first hour followed by a one hour social work panel discussion. A total of 2 CEUs will be offered for the training. These 2 hours will count towards the six safety training CEUs required for a change in licensure. The training will be followed by an open KSSWA meeting from 11:30 - 2:30 pm.

Free for KSSWA members

\$30 for non-members

(includes KSSWA membership, if desired)

No pre-registration required, but RSVP appreciated for handout & CEU purposes.

For more information & to RSVP contact:

Sherri Elliott at (316) 973-7262 or

selliott@usd259.net



2nd Annual Hunger Forum

Saturday, October 6, 2012

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Partners for Wichita Samaritan Community at

St. Paul Lutheran Church

925 N Waco, Wichita, KS 67203

(316) 263-0810

Theme for this gathering - Each One, Reach One

This is your opportunity to get involved, become an advocate, and help engage community, governmental and faith leaders in fighting childhood poverty in Wichita.

Our time together will include: Testimonials, Workshops & Hunger Banquet

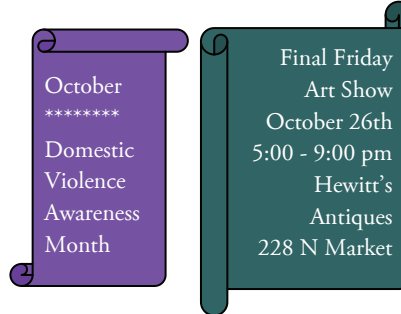
Free to the public - Great for Youth!

Please let us know you are coming by October 1 - Come on your own or bring a group.

Email partnersforwichita@cox.net or call

(316) 263-0810.

WANTED! ART



5th Annual RECOVERY PARADE

Saturday, September 22, 2012

3:30 - 6:00 pm

Invitation to all those directly and indirectly affected by substance abuse. We join our voices and faces of recovery together in an effort to reduce stigma and prove that treatment works.

Festivities include: Pizza, Face Painting and a raffle for ALL ages.

Entertainment from: Voices and Faces of Recovery, D.R.E.A.M. Praise Dancers and Wichita Dynamic Steppers Drill Team.

Fellowship with: Perfect Peace Christian Church, Inc. and Kingdom Harvest Church of Wichita.

Meet at Miracles, Inc.

1015 E 2nd Street (corner of 2nd and Wabash) and parading to Old Town Square

Parade line-up begins at 3:00



Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

Presents Community Art:

"How has Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Impacted Your Life?"

Anyone can contribute art: survivors, offenders, family members, bystanders, UPSTANDERS, we are all impacted by violence.

Art can be, but is not limited to:

VISUAL ART: Paintings, Drawings, Pottery, Sculpture, Crafts, Video, Digital Art, Photos, Assemblages, Sewing, Weaving, Quilts & More!
PERFORMING ARTS*: Live Music, Theatre, Dance, Spoken Word, Rap, Mime, Human Statues.

*Performing Art will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per single act.

Deadline for submissions if October 10th

For more information, please contact: Nancy Carroll, ncarroll@catholiccharitieswichita.org or Cell: (316) 258-9878.



Volunteer Opportunities



Office Work

Envision's Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

1. To learn more about yourself.
2. To have fun!
3. Because of your passion for our mission.
4. To share your skills and talents.
5. To get moving!
6. To learn new skills for your resume.
7. To fulfill graduation requirements.
8. To make a difference in someone else's life.
9. To build a bigger and better social network.
10. To feel good about yourself!

By volunteering with Envision, you will play an integral role in improving the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Top Volunteer Opportunities

Senior Support Group - meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Tasks include setup, cleanup and assistance during the meetings. Volunteers are needed from 9 am - 12 noon. Associated tasks include monthly phone calls and mailings.

Art Club (Youth) - meets Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Tasks include 1:1 mentoring during and cleanup after the program. Volunteers are needed from 3:50 - 6:00 pm.

Art Club (Adult) - meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Tasks include mentoring during and cleanup after the program. Volunteers are needed from 12:00 noon - 2:30 pm.

Homework Club - meets on Mondays from 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Opportunities exist for 1:1 academic tutoring. Grade levels of students range from kindergarten to high school.

Envision Everyday - is a retail store that offers a wide variety of adaptive and assistive aids to assist visually impaired individuals. Volunteers are sought to assist the store manager daily from 12 noon - 2 pm and at special events/conferences as needed.

Martial Arts - Envision San Tatsu Ryu Jiu Jitsu program is tailored to meet the needs of students who are blind or visually impaired. We are seeking instructors who are interested in working with our established program. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Please visit

www.envisionus.com/volunteer/ to sign up.

Immediate Need! Receptionist - Kids' Cove - Flexible. Answer phones, monitor door, sign in guests, other office work as assigned. M-F, 7:30 am-5:45 pm.

Connecting Point Assistant - Kid's Point - 2-6 hrs/week. Preparing packets and forms, cleaning toys, organizing library. M-F, 9 am - 4 pm.

Immediate Need! Targeted Case Management Assistant - Kids' Point - Flexible 8 hr/week. Filing. M-F 9 am - 4 pm.

Quality Assurance Members - Kids' Cove - Subject to needs; generally less than 5 hours/month. Travel with Rainbows' staff to homes to provide quality assurance by observing provider's care and performing an evaluation. Must be 18 or older.

Behavior Review Committee Member - Kids' Cove - meets 5 time/year. Review incident trends and make recommendations on behavior plans; related experience or education required.

Immediate Need! Office Project Assistants - typically at Kids' Point - on-call basis. Mailings, event preparation, other office work as assigned.

Classroom Work

Classroom Assistants, Early Childhood Mentor, Story Time, Spanish Story Time, Art Time, Music Time, Play Time, Exercise Time, Activity Time, Environmental Educator, Latchkey Assistants, Therapy Dog Handlers

Other Work / Special Events

Gardeners, Special Construction/Maintenance Projects

Immediate Need! Fashion Passion Volunteers - Kids' Point - Saturday, November 17, 9 am - 1 pm. Clean up assistance after the event; helping unload items from trucks Saturday morning.

Did you find a position that stands out to you?

Find out more information about volunteering at Rainbows and get volunteer application at <http://rainbowsunited.org/pages/volunteering-at-rainbows>, or contact Kelsey Parker, Volunteer Coordinator at kparker@rui.org, (316)267-KIDS

Volunteers must be 16 or older and complete health assessment and background checks.



CATHOLIC
CARE CENTER

Gift Shop Volunteer

We need a Gift Shop Volunteer - 3 hour shifts, days, evenings and weekends available. Call Sandi Timmons-Vix at (316) 993-4436 for more information.



Communities
In Schools

Wichita/Sedgwick County

Communities in Schools at Jefferson Elementary is looking for volunteers to tutor or mentor elementary age students. Mentoring/Tutoring would take place on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:15 pm in Jefferson libraries or during lunch times which vary for students somewhere between 11:30 and 12:50 (40 minute sessions).

They are also looking for running buddies for the Girls on the Run 5k race in November. You must be 18 and registration for the event is \$25.

Questions or to sign up, contact Cammy Houston, Site Coordinator at Jefferson Elementary, (316) 973-3023 or chouston@ciswichita.org



The Salvation Army provides out of home care to foster children as well as specialized programs for Juvenile Justice foster care. The goal of foster care is to provide physical, emotional and social support for these children/youth in a home environment until such time that they can be reunited with their families or a permanent placement is determined. We have programs available for long term or short term foster care for all ages. If you or anyone you know is interested in fostering, or mentoring a youth, please feel free to contact our Recruiter at (316) 425-6108.

Volunteer Opportunities



Mentoring4Success is a statewide initiative that delivers mentoring services to help offenders safely and successfully return to communities. This community-based effort is led by experienced service organizations that guide mentoring organizations and mentors and work closely with the Kansas Department of Corrections to match eligible offenders to mentors as part of reentry.

Mentors make a difference!

“The Helen Initiative”

Twenty years ago, Helen served 15 years in prison for writing bad checks. She battled mental illness and lost her family ties and support while in prison. After being released and with no place to go, Helen stood outside the fence at the women’s prison in Topeka, asking to be let in - time and time again. There was no one to send her to for help. Helen slept on the streets of Topeka and, in time, she found her way to Wichita. Several years later, Helen died - homeless and alone.

If Helen had been able to have a support person - someone to help her find resources, get connected to mental health care, give her advice and kindness - things may have been different.

In Kansas, it’s a fact:

- 4,700 people release from prison each year.
- At least half need help with housing, employment, family and other issues.
- Kansas has reduced parolees’ returns to prison by half. Mentoring can reduce this even more.
- Currently, Kansas Mentoring4Success has 500 active mentoring matches.
- There are 12 Lead Organizations throughout Kansas with Mentor Coordinators working diligently in recruiting, training and providing 24-hour support.

[Mentoring4Success Brochure](#)

Employment Offerings



COMCARE
A Licensed Community Mental Health Center

*Sedgwick County...
working for you*

COMCARE of Sedgwick County is a large and progressive Community Mental Health Center providing an array of mental health and substance abuse services. We have several great career opportunities available. To view and apply for current openings with COMCARE, please visit www.HRePartners.com.

Substance Abuse Therapist

Seeking clinicians to serve individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Candidates should meet the criteria for an approved mental health service provider (QMHP) and should be eligible for licensure as an Addiction Counselor (LAC) through the BSRB. LCAC preferred.



Community Support Coordinator - Cowley/Sumner Counties

Successful candidate will have a Bachelor or Masters degree in social work, social services, business administration or other related field. Strong organizational skills, good communication skills, and ability to work a flexible schedule is a must for this position. Ability to work with and relate to income eligible families as they achieve measurable outcomes is essential. Must be able to clear a KBI check prior to employment and have no felony convictions.

Send resume and cover letter to Mid Kansas Community Action Program, Inc., Marion Nichols, 730 Cliff Drive, Augusta, Kansas 67010 or email mnichols@mid-capinc.org. Mid Kansas CAP is an equal opportunity employer.



To see full position descriptions and to apply for any of these positions, please visit

www.catholiccharitieswichita.org. EEO/AA

Bilingual Contract Therapist - Catholic Charities is seeking a Kansas State Licensed Bilingual (Spanish/English) Contract Therapist. Therapist is required to have a Master’s Degree in Social Work or Marriage and Family Therapy. This position is ideal for new graduates.

Counseling Program Director - Under the guidance of the Department Director, the Counseling Program Director is responsible for supervising, coordinating, planning and evaluating Counseling programs and services ensuring continuous high quality, cost-effective clinical outcomes consistent with regulatory standards and requirements. Position requires that individual work within the scope of Catholic Social teachings.

Contract Clinical Therapists - Wichita & Newton - provides outpatient psychotherapy and counseling services to clients. Works a flexible schedule, administrative staff available to schedule your appointments. Provides accurate diagnoses, develops service plans to assist clients in meeting their goals and updates both on a regular basis.

Women’s Shelter Night Advocate - provides advocacy to clients who reside in the shelter home. Oversees nightly operations of shelter home, assists residents and their children. Cleans public areas of the shelter and stocks supplies. Receives incoming calls to shelter, responds to inquiries, and determines appropriate action.

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Women's Advocate

The YWCA Women's Crisis Center is now hiring for the position of full-time Women's Advocate. Duties include advocacy and supportive services to women in a domestic violence shelter. Demonstrated experience in direct client services, public speaking, and working with families in crisis. Ability to lead support/education groups. Degree in women's studies, social work, psychology or related field required. Bi-lingual preferred. Computer literacy required. Will have rotating on-call responsibilities. Position will report to the Shelter Coordinator.

Night Manager

The YWCA Women's Crisis Center is now hiring for the position of part-time Night Manager. This is a 3rd shift position. Must be able to work a 5 day stretch with 9 days off 10:00 pm - 8:00 am. Duties include answering crisis line, basic housekeeping, data entry, admit residents and provide supportive counseling/advocacy to survivors of domestic violence. Bilingual a plus. Strong communication/interpersonal skills required. Non-smoking environment. Ideal for students to gain experience.

Apply for either of these positions in person or send resume and cover letter to YWCA Wichita, Administration Offices, 1111 N St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67214 or email mainoffice@ywcaofwichita.org. EOE



Child Advocate

StepStone is looking for a 20 hour a week child advocate. Must be flexible in hours as evenings are required. Will coordinate children's activities as well as serve as the child advocate, working alongside child therapist and women's advocates. Experience working in group settings as well as planning activities a plus. StepStone is a 2 year transitional housing program serving women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. Resumes and inquiries may be directed to Dung Kimble, dkimble@csjoseph.org or faxed to (316) 265-0738.



Saint Francis Community Services is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Social Worker (Dodge City, Colby, Hays, Great Bend & Hutchinson) **LBSW, LMSW, LMFT, LPC**. Work with children/families in the Reintegration contract to develop permanency options for the children through reintegration with originating-family or other permanency alternatives.

Therapist, Family Preservation (Colby) **LMSW, LMFT, LPC**. Provides in home services and case management, coordinate team staff members, resolve issues and maintain family as a whole. Must have experience working with children & family services, ability to travel, work flexible schedule, effective communication skills.

Resource Specialist (Great Bend) **LBSW, LMSW, LMFT, LPC**. Implements family centered practice by assuring that relatives, kin, foster and adoptive resource families are considered and assessed for possible placement and/or support throughout the case planning process.

KIPP Clinician (Garden City/Dodge City/Liberal and Great Bend/Hays/Colby) **LMSW, LMFT, LPC**. Exciting opportunity that could impact child welfare by utilizing evidence based model. Will provide intervention & clinical services to parents & children. Requires at least 3 years experience in child & family services, ability to travel, work flexible schedule, commitment to project, effective communication skills.

Saint Francis Community Services offers an excellent benefit package & competitive wages. Must be 21 years of age and pass background checks. Send resume to kerri.kemp@st-francis.org or visit website: www.st-francis.org. EOE



After Hours Screening & Referral Therapist

High Plains Mental Health Center currently has a full time position opening available in Hays for an **After Hours Screening and Referral Therapist**. The qualified candidate will focus on responding quickly to those needing information, screening, psychiatric admission, or crisis intervention on a scheduled and/or non-scheduled basis during assigned hours. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to providing the majority of after-hours "crises" services for High Plains Mental Health Center. Qualifications include: Kansas licensure as LMLP (Licensed Masters Level Psychologist) or above, LCP (Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist), or LMSW (Licensed Masters Level Social Worker) or above.

Applicants should possess a valid Kansas driver's license and a good driving record with no alcohol related incidents within the last five years. Must also be able to successfully pass an intensive background check through KBI, SRS Child/Adult abuse check and a drug and alcohol screen. Interested applicants should send their resume, transcript, three professional references and a letter of interest to Cathy Shaffer, 208 East 7th Street, Hays, KS 67601. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Our patients are our number one concern, and we are here to exceed their expectations by providing excellent clinical care and premier service. If you share these goals, we encourage you to contact us to learn more about our opening. High Plains Mental Health Center offers an excellent benefit package including a portfolio of health, dental and vision benefits. High Plains Mental Health Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V.



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Upcoming Dates:

October 1	BSW Application deadline for fall
October 10 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Issues in Serving Juvenile Offenders - University United Methodist Church
October 15 & 16	Fall Break (No Classes)
October 24 - 5:30 pm	MSW Information Night, Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver), Room 132
October 30	Last Day to drop with a "W"
November 8 - 12:00 noon	Field Practicum Mini-Training - Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver), Room 138
November 14 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Child Visitation Programs - University United Methodist Church
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes - Office Closed 22-25)
December 6	Last Day of Classes
December 7	Study Day
	School of Social Work Holiday Party (4:00 - 5:30 pm)
December 9	Fall Commencement
January 9 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Postpartum Issues - University United Methodist Church
January 21	Martin Luther King Day (University Closed)
January 22	Spring Semester Begins
February 1	MSW Program Application deadline Scholarship Application deadline
February 13 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Home Environments for Seniors - University United Methodist Church
March 1	POWER Conference
March 13 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Veterans Issues - University United Methodist Church
March 18-24	Spring Break (no classes)
April 10 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Adult Protection in Rural Communities - University United Methodist Church
May 6	School of Social Work Colloquium
May 8 - 12:00 noon	Brown Bag Learning - Trauma Focused Care - University United Methodist Church