

Disability Support Services



Jenna Smith



Andrea Reed

Jenna Smith joined TRIO Disability Support Services (DSS) in 2004 and remained in the program through graduation. She graduated from Wichita State in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in health services management and community development.

After graduating with her bachelor's degree, Jenna went on to obtain two master's degrees. She earned degrees in public health from The University of Kansas in 2012 and aging studies from Wichita State in 2014. Jenna plans to return to school in the near future to work on a doctorate.

Jenna has put her education to good work as an advocate for adults with Alzheimer's and dementia. She worked for five years as the family care coordinator for the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and now as a helpline care consultant for the Alzheimer's Association headquarters providing support for caregivers and family members.

She is active in the Wichita community as a member of the Public Health Coalition and various other groups that advocate for the needs of elderly adults. Jenna continues to volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association local chapter in coordinating events and planning and presenting for the yearly Kansas Education Conference on Dementia.

Andrea Reed was a returning adult student when she joined TRIO Disability Support Services. Andrea came to Wichita State in 2010 and will be graduating in 2018 with a degree in general ethnic studies and a Tilford Diversity Studies Certificate.

Education was not always at the top of Andrea's mind. After raising two children and battling breast cancer, she felt she was too old to go on to college. A friend encouraged Andrea to join the Educational Opportunities Centers program at Wichita State. When Andrea moved on to the main campus, she found career exploration, graduate school options, and study skills workshops from DSS. She also took advantage of the DSS writing specialist to help her with her papers.

She will begin graduate school in 2019 in the liberal studies program. Eventually, Andrea would like to operate a living community where she can help elderly women live out their lives as they would like.