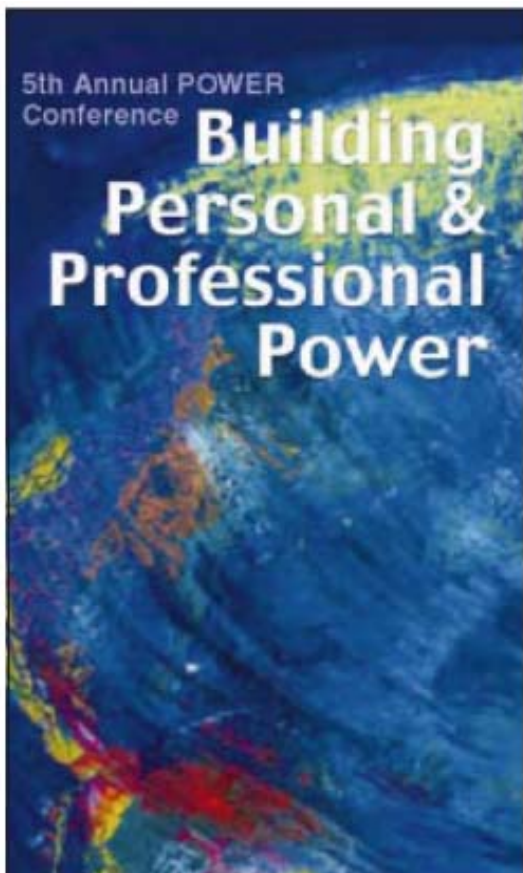


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Attend the POWER Conference and be part of Mayor Carl Brewer's Proclamation of "Professional Social Work Day." Mayor Brewer will be in attendance at this year's POWER conference during the luncheon to offer a few statements along with a formal Proclamation of Social Work Day. Dr. Gary Miller, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Research will also be joining us in this celebration! Please don't miss out on this event honoring social workers and the work we do for this community. For more information, please contact Courtney Boettcher at courtney.boettcher@wichita.edu.

The annual POWER Conference of the WSU School of Social Work is open to social workers and others in related fields. Students enjoy the opportunity to meet professionals in the community and to learn about new ideas related to their other learning experiences. All participants have the chance to network with one another. The POWER Conference honors and celebrates both social workers and their contributions to the community. It's a time to feel good about who we are!

Participants will:

- Explore empowerment practice techniques to assist populations at risk,
- Develop strategies of identifying self-presence and awareness in order to achieve a more valuable tool of "use of self" with client populations,
- Learn specific tools and strategies for working with specialized populations, and
- Develop strategies for professional advocacy and creating proactive and effective practice environments.

Keynote Speaker

Nancy S.B. Ging, MSW, ACSW, LCSW

Nancy Ging is a clinical social worker in private practice in Hinsdale, Illinois. She has been in practice for more than twenty-five years and is considered a pioneer in Holistic Psychotherapy. Nancy integrates energy medicine and spiritual healing into her busy practice of psychotherapy, marriage and family therapy, clinical hypnosis and guided im-



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Director's Corner

Dr. Linnea GlenMaye

Director of Social Work

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Greetings!

I hope you can find the *Spring* in your step as we move forward toward the conclusion of this academic year!



This edition of the Newsletter is very special and is a wonderful example of the difference social workers are making in our school, community, and world. We are so proud of the achievements of current students and graduates of our BSW and MSW Programs. Our BSW and MSW student organizations are active and involved in planning great activities and events. Taunya Rutenbeck, president of SOSW, has provided exceptional leadership to the organization and has led the effort to bring Mayor Carl Brewer to the POWER Conference to deliver a proclamation to

honor the social work profession. Kelley Tubbs is providing leadership to the graduate student organization, SWOGS. Thank you, Taunya and Kelley!

We are proud of all our students, and I am so glad that you can read about the accomplishments of students like Mohammed Anwar, who brings a global perspective to our School. Our students are award-winning in so many ways, as you will see when you read about Dave Phanstiel and Skylar Joyner. These students model the commitment to service and dedication that we hope to see in all our students.

When our students graduate, they move on to become leaders in the profession and the community, as you will see when you read about Karen Countryman-Roswurm and Joni Tucker-Nisbeth.

These exceptional graduates are making a difference on the local and national scene, and we are so proud and grateful for their contributions to social work practice and policy.

Our faculty, too, are committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service. I encourage you to call upon our faculty for consultation and research partnerships. A list of faculty research interests is provided for you in this issue.

In closing, I remind each of you that March is Social Work Month and April 15th is World Social Work Day, with its theme of "Making a World of Difference." Social workers are making a difference, and the School of Social Work is helping to make that difference. Thanks for working together with us!

MSW Moment

Dr. Brien Bolin

MSW Program Director

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Looking for Inspiration

Spring of 2008 is well underway. This has been a remarkable beginning, with blizzards, the flu, and Kansas caucuses. And now Valentine's Day is upon us, with a dose of sugar latent holiday bliss.



Looking for inspiration as the lines of students build as research, admissions, and plan of study questions mount. I ask the question; "What inspiration can I glean from here at my desk?" As I grab at hand full of tiny candy hearts I read "Top Dog," "Smile" and "Perfect." I now

feel a bit empowered, with the next hearts I read "Dream," "Magic" and "Hope." Now I am beginning to feel inspiration. Then a string of candy hearts with only letters "URA10" "ILU" and "QT." I actually get these "texts." I'm feeling competent.

Then an epiphany, as we move through this semester look to the little things for inspiration and empowerment.



Field Notes

Sabrina Perez Glatt

Director of Field Practicum

Hello! It is Spring Semester. We're a month from mid-term so the semester is going by quickly.

All has been going well for practicum. We are now gearing for the 2008-2009 Academic Year placements. Courtney and I have completed all the MSW and BSW Practicum Orientations for current students



beginning practicum in the Fall. We will be interviewing our students soon to determine their practicum interests. Then we will be calling on our agency partners and field instructors for potential placements for the Fall.

If you are interested in field instruction and a BSW student and/or a MSW student, now would be an ideal time to be contacting Courtney Boettcher (courtney.boettcher@wichita.edu) or Sabrina Perez Glatt

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(sabrina.perezglatt@wichita.edu) so we make sure you are on our list.

We continually strive to improve our communication to you, our community partners. It seems that 2008 is as good of a time as ever to offer the Field Practicum Program information online. The Field's website is under construction. Please visit us at www.wichita.edu/sswpracticum to see the progress we are making to bring the Field Practicum Program to the Wichita, Kansas and Oklahoma communities!

BSW Beat

Natalie Grant

BSW Program Director

Although the air is bitter and cold today, Spring skies are on the way.

The Spring semester is already underway and a class of BSW students can see their graduation day quickly approaching. While it is a time for the BSW grads to make those last minute checks of their senior form, it is also time to take hold of the transition from being a student to becoming a social work professional. As you prepare for your license exam, remember that SOSW is hosting a license exam review on Saturday, March 1st (see the [SOSW Website](#)).

For junior students, you are preparing for practicum next year! It is important to have attended a practicum orientation and have your application complete by March 1. Your senior form is included in the application and must be completed with your social work faculty advisor as well as with your LAS advisor. It is a very exciting time to be looking forward to Practicum.

Entering the world of social work through practicum, as well as securing



your first position after graduation, is such an amazing time in your social work and life journey. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments and look forward to these transitions!

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have been assigned, you can call the Social Work office at 978-7250).

Enjoy the Spring semester. Those blue skies and warm days are on the way!

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

~Aristotle

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.

~Proverb

The BSW orientations have been held for this semester but if you or someone you know is interested in the social work program and want to apply for next Fall, please arrange for an individual orientation with me.

Also, don't forget about advising. This is a good time to evaluate the courses you have taken so far and work out a plan for the remainder of your social work education. Please contact your faculty advisor (if you have been admitted to the social work program and are unsure of who you



SOSW — Student Organization of Social Work

Amber Lewis, SOSW Secretary

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a good Winter Break!

The BSRB Licensing review has been set for March 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be in Lindquist Hall 100. It is free for SOSW members, and \$30 for non-members. Non-

members can pay at the door. Lunch will be included at the licensing review. Registration will end on February 25th.

[BSW Licensure Review Registration Form](#)

SOSW is in the process of planning a banquet for April 3rd. If you would like to

help plan the event, come to the SOSW meetings that are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. Announcements about meetings and upcoming events are posted on Blackboard, so be sure to check it out often!!

SWOGS — Social Work Organization of Graduate Students

Kelley Tubbs, SWOGS President

Again, in the coldest of times, SWOGS is off to a gallant beginning. Our first meeting took place Monday, February 4th. One interesting theme throughout the meeting was Graduation. Interestingly enough, a topic would get covered and somehow follow a crumb trail to Graduation in the spring.

Recognizing that there will be no more

long Mondays next semester is starting to take effect. Nevertheless, the idea of needing to at least get a 70% on the Licensure Exam is superseding this feeling.

Speaking of the Licensing Exam, SWOGS will be having a Licensure Review on March 15th, from 9:00-3:30. Registration for the review will end on March 10th. The review is

free for SWOGS members and \$40.00 for non-SWOGS members. I hope everyone who can make this because I am sure this review will guarantee you get five questions correct.

[MSW Licensure Review Registration Form](#)

Good luck to everyone in this home-stretch.

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Tim Lause

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Applications for undergraduate and graduate membership in Phi Alpha are due by March 14. Phi Alpha is a national academic honors society in social work and the applications are posted next to 537LH. Requirements include completion of at least twelve credit hours in social work courses, with a 3.5 G.P.A. Un-

dergraduates must also have an overall GPA of at least 3.0. Completed applications must be accompanied by a student transcript and a check or money order payable to Phi Alpha.

[Application Form](#)

WSU Alumni Association Social Work Society

Sabrina Perez Glatt, Alumna, Director of Field Practicum

The WSU Social Work Society is your organization. The Social Work Society exists to promote the interests of the WSU School of Social Work, support long-term loyalty, fellowship and communication among the gradu-

ates of the School of Social Work, faculty, and friends. The Society also serves to promote the professional and academic advancement of its members.

The next meeting will be on March 28th (right after the POWER Conference), 5:00 pm. At the Fox & Hound, Waterfront, 13th & Webb. Hope to see you there!

Student Highlights Mohammad Anwar

Mohammad Anwar is a MSW Foundation student completing his practicum under the field instruction of Clarissa Jeter at Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation. He is enjoying working with people with disabilities in all facets of their psychosocial needs.

Mohammad's passion for social work began while working with extremely impoverished tribal communities in his home country of Bangladesh. The following was written by Mohammed about his work in Bangladesh.



Tribal Societies in Bangladesh:

In 1971, while working with the tribal people of the Chittagong hill tracts, I witnessed the numerous hardships that the tribal people of Bangladesh have to endure. You see, Bangladesh is divided into six divisions, Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet. Each division is inhabited by a small percentage of tribal people. Some of the main tribal groups are Jumm, Cakma, Murang and Tripura in Chittagong Saotal in Rajshahi, Garo in Mymanshing, Manipuri and Khashia in Sylhet. I worked with the

Jumm tribal population in Chittagong.

As a young high school student, I organized a youth forum in order to improve their living conditions. Then, in 1978, while attending the University of Chittagong, I got another opportunity to work with the tribal people in order to, yet again, assist them in improving their social, political, economic and cultural conditions. After completing my Master of Arts in Linguistics, I worked with a non government organization as a field coordinator.

At that time, the Jumm tribe lived in the Chittagong hill tracts, especially in the nearby town of Rangamati. A majority of the Jumm people lived in villages located on top of hills. They were totally isolated from the outside world. There were no schools, hospitals, community centers, or any other facilities from the modern world. Their main source of income was cultivation (i.e. farming of bananas, pineapples, and other vegetables). The Jumm people worked really hard to cultivate their crops in order to fulfill the demands of their urban neighbors, but they never received the proper benefits because of the stock brokers, and their own lack of education. At home, they spoke in the

Jumm language. They had their own language and alphabet, a system that differed from that of the Bangladeshi (Bangla) language and alphabet. Due to their small population, there was no initiative to protect their cultural heritage.

While working with those underprivileged people, I saw the misery of their daily lives, their sufferings, poverty, ignorance, illiteracy, and hunger. My job was to form small groups to educate them about their finances, their children's education, personal hygiene, health education, and their rights and responsibilities.

Now, after thirty years of hardship, things have finally begun to change. The Jumm people have their own schools, hospitals, and community centers. They have strengthened their financial future and have also sought the assistance of the United Nations Development Project (UNDP). UNDP is working with the collaboration and help of the government of Bangladesh in order to establish the tribes' rights. Some non governmental organizations are also working to provide educational, economic, cultural and legal assistance to enlighten the tribal society in Bangladesh.

Dave Phannenstiel

Dave Pfannenstiel received Employee of the Year 2007 from Hospice Care of Kansas. He is the volunteer coordinator and social work practicum student. He received the award based on his hard work, willingness to go above



and beyond, and whatever it takes to enhance patient care. He has a very positive, uplifting character that is contagious while he remains sensitive to communication dynamics. He raised the volunteer base from 9 to 55 volunteers, and the volunteers stand alongside staff as very important to patient care. He stated he was

overwhelmed by the honor and accepted it on behalf of the volunteers, social workers, and staff around him. He is developing into an awesome, dedicated social worker and we are proud Dave is a WSU School of Social Work student!

Skylar Joyner

Skylar Joyner received Volunteer of the Year 2007 from the Urban League of Kansas. He is a volunteer and social work student. He received the award for his commitment to providing



assistance to people seeking home ownership. Skylar alone helped 412 individuals and families to become homeowners in 2007! He received the award at the Urban League's annual business meeting and luncheon where many community partners were able to also congratulate him.

He stated that the true focus is on the empowerment of those who are otherwise oppressed. He is proud to assist these families in becoming self-sufficient, creating net worth, and experiencing pride and joys of ownership! We are proud of Skylar and his dedication to our community!

Alumni Spotlights

Joni Tucker-Nisbeth

A year ago I submitted a written proposal to NASW requesting they issue a statement. Many of you wrote them. In June 07, they published the article I submitted and now I am happy to announce that NASW has made formal an organizational statement denouncing Native American Mascots. Many thanks for your support of this initiative. I plan to contact Chair B. Garcia to request a copy of the NCORD statement. If you would like a copy let me know. It is important to get the word out on this -- NASW is a very large organization that establishes the professions ethics. Their member base includes many schools social workers. Please pass this along.

In Solidarity,
Joni

NASW News Vol/ 53, 1, January, 2008
Use of Native American Mascots
Condemned

An article on the subject was published in a "Section Connection" newsletter.

During NASW's September Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to approve a statement that condemns the use of Native American icons and calls for the discontinuation of the use of Native American nicknames, logos and mascots in sports settings.

Several NASW members, including Joni Tucker-Nisbeth, requested that the

issue be brought before the board. In January, the board referred the issue to NASW's National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (NCORED). NCORED offered a statement to the board and recommended its approval.

In a letter to the board, NCORED Chair Betty Garcia wrote that "at issue are the denigrating ways that American Indian images are utilized that promote negative stereotyping of indigenous First Nation people.

"The Code of Ethics and [NASW President Elvira Craig de Silva's] Initiative, 'Weaving the Fabrics of Diversity,' both articulate social workers' professional responsibility to address injustice, particularly because this compromises self-determination, efficacy and empowerment of individuals and communities," the letter continued. "The utilization of negative American Indian icons by athletic teams represents a longstanding societal pattern with consequences for American Indians that promote low social power, marginalization, invisibility and devaluation."

NASW's Social and Economic Justice and Peace Specialty Practice Section included an article about race-based sports mascots in a recent "Section Connection" newsletter. The article, "Oppression caused by race-based sports mascots is a social work issue," was written by Tucker-Nisbeth.

Tucker-Nisbeth provided an overview of the issue of Native American sports mascots, included research showing that derogatory terms are a form of oppression and noted attention toward the issue that has come from other organizations. She also detailed a case example of institutional racism, relating the story of a high school student's efforts to resolve an incident at her school related to a Native American team name.

"The 'mascot issue' is a social problem that commands the attention of social workers," the article concluded. "The profession's core values and mission, including ethical responsibilities to clients and to broader society, demand it. . . . The 'mascot issue' is a relevant social work issue and warrants the decrying of the use of race-based sports mascots, names, logos and other imagery. The time to act is now."

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Karen Countryman-Roswurm

Karen Countryman-Roswurm is a social worker and therapist who has specialized in street outreach to homeless and runaway youth through, at first, the Wichita Children's Home and, today, through the Wichita Child Guidance Center. She often works with at-risk teens involved in pros-



titution, sexual exploitation and relationship violence. Her professional mission, which dovetails precisely with that of the Wichita Child Guidance Center, is to improve the quality of life for troubled children and teens.

Karen received the 2007 Young Alumna award from the Wichita State University Alumni Association for her work in the community.



Faculty Research Interests

- Are you looking for someone to help you do research?
- Do you need someone to speak on a certain topic?

Listed below are the research interests of our faculty.

Ms. Courtney Boettcher — 316-978-5853
Elder Care; Aging

Dr. Brien Bolin — 316-978-3087
Total Institution Environments and social work students; Social Work Ethics; Students and Research; qualitative methods with the homeless and mentally ill; social work education; disabilities

Ms. Sheryl Chapman — 316-978-7213
Clinical Interventions with Children

Dr. Orren Dale — 316-978-6966
Corrections; Human Behavior in the Social Environment; Measuring Social Workers' Orientation to Change

Dr. Linnea GlenMaye — 316-978-3411
Empowerment; Violence against Women; Advanced Generalist Practice; Social Work Education; Disabilities; Gay and Lesbian Issues; Women and Poverty

Ms. Natalie Grant — 316-978-7258
Students in Host Settings; Criminal Justice Issues

Ms. Marjean Harris — 316-978-5698
Sexuality; Trauma

Dr. Tim Lause — 316-978-6698
Advanced Generalist Practice / MSW Admissions; Social Welfare Policy Practice; Community Practice

Dr. Kyoung Lee — 316-978-3206
Elderly Assisted Living Residents; Korean Immigrants; Spirituality; Welfare Reform; Welfare to Work Issues, Mandatory Work Requirements, Sanctions, Lifetime Limits, etc.; Homelessness (Mental and Physical Health, Recidivism, Substance Abuse); Students' Attitude toward Social Work Research

Dr. Joanne Levine — 316-978-7230
Technology in Human Services; Conflict Resolution; Juvenile Justice

Ms. Sabrina Perez Glatt — 316-978-5852
Child Welfare; Family Violence

Dr. Curtis Proctor — 316-978-3278
Attachment, Adoption; Native American Tribal Issues; Indian Child Welfare; Drama and Pedagogy

POWER Conference (continued)

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agery. She uses EMDR, TFT, EFT, IFS, HeartMath and many other alternative “energy psychology” practices in her work. As a guest teacher, she has taught at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, and the Family Institute at Northwestern. She is the author of *Simplifying the Road to Wholeness*, which was published in 2001.

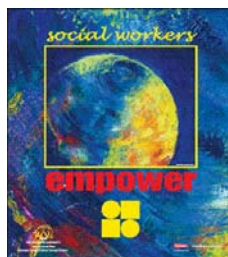
Nancy will present both the morning and afternoon keynote addresses. Her morning keynote entitled: *Simplifying the Road to Wholeness* will include lecture, experiential exercises and question and answer time on the subjects of: The Healing Stance; An Empowering Look at Reality; Our Primary and Secondary Identities; and Redefining Who We Are as Energy — in motion.

The afternoon keynote entitled: “Images and Perspectives for Wholistic Empowerment” will focus on the applications of a Unified Theory of the Self/Self and Full-Spectrum Reality Therapy. Several strategies and formulas for Holistic (Bio-Psycho-Spiritual) Therapy will be shared.

Nancy will also be presenting an afternoon breakout session entitled: “The Promise of Energy Medicine and Energy Psychology.” This session will include an overview of techniques that employ the Energy Paradigm in-

cluding TFT, EFT, EMDR and body focused awareness. Participants will have the opportunity to practice what they learn as they experience the movement of energies.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear and learn from this nationally recognized speaker!



Registration Information

Registration Fee: \$75.00 (Includes meals and materials) Student rate available. Please contact Courtney Boettcher at 316-978-5853 or courtney.boettcher@wichita.edu. Make checks and PO's payable to WSU Conference Center.

Register on-line at www.wichita.edu/conferences by Friday, March 21st.

Questions regarding registration, contact Marie Harville at 316-978-6493 or marie.harville@wichita.edu.

Breakout Sessions

Morning Sessions

- “Avoiding Investment Frauds and Scams” - Dr. Bonnie Lynch
- “Empowering Mothers with Mental Illness: Challenges, Treatment Modalities, & System Influence” - Natalie Grant, LMSW, MA
- “Immigration Social Work: Social Work in Action - The Empowerment of Immigration Clients through Advocacy and Legal Work” - David Osio, LMSW
- “Empowerment of Domestic Violence Victims” - Fran Betzen Cook, LSCSW

Afternoon Sessions

- “Beyond Survival: Empowering Women to Reclaim Their Positive Sensual Self” - Margaret Goger, LSCSW, AASECT, CADC
- Empowering Returning Veterans: A Panel of Veterans Offer Their Advice” - Laura Taylor, LSCSW
- The Promise of Energy Medicine and Energy Psychology” - Nancy Ging, MSW, ACSW, LCSW
- Empowering Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - B.J. Gore, MS

Community Events



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- In Garden City/Dodge City area, call 620-272-0010
- In Manhattan/Salina area, call 785-537-7066



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Volunteer Opportunities



Are you looking for a way to make a difference in someone's life, while gaining experience?

Starkey, Inc is a non-profit organization that provides assistance for adults with developmental disabilities. Through various programs, we work to create community inclusion opportunities for the individuals that we serve.

We also have many opportunities for **Volunteers**. Volunteering can be a rewarding way to interact with the individuals with disabilities who receive services at Starkey. There are a variety of ways to become involved, from assisting with arts and crafts or fitness activities, to offering your time at a fund-raising event. There are opportunities for both group and individual volunteers. For more information, please visit www.starkey.org or contact Leslea Roach at 512-4240.



The Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (WASAC) is in need of volunteers to be victim advocates. WASAC depends upon volun-

teers from the Wichita community and surrounding areas to provide support to those affected by the crime of sexual assault. Victim advocates provide support to victims of sexual assault and their significant others by responding to crisis calls and calls to the hospital for medical attention and evidence collection.

A victim advocate must be 21 years of age and able to provide their own transportation. Forty hours of training is also required.

After training, victim advocates are asked to take a minimum of two 12 hour shifts per month. This will include answering the crisis line and providing hospital support. All crisis calls go through an answering service, so the crisis line can be forwarded to your home.

If you are a compassionate person that wants to make a difference in our community, call the WASAC office at 263-0185 now for an application.

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Women Build

Join other women who are trading their heels for work shoes and their briefcases for tool belts to transform lives!

Gather a group of women or come on your own to **SERVE, GROW, and LEARN** together. Strengthen relationships, build new ones, network, and help a family towards **HOMEOWNERSHIP!**

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Half-day shifts available



To get involved:

- Use **VolunteerUp** on our webpage www.wichitahabitat.org
- Email: monique@wichitahabitat.org
- Call 316-269-0755





Volunteer Opportunities

Episcopal Social Services Volunteer Program

When you volunteer at Episcopal Social Services (ESS), you have the opportunity to put theory into practice and make a genuine difference in the lives of those most needy in the Wichita area. Stories of need, hopelessness and want come through our doors every day, but hope lives here.

At 16, Anthony was the typical teenager down the street – until he was caught shoplifting. Through the Teen Intervention Program, volunteer mentors worked with Anthony to educate him on how to make good choices and underscored the consequences of bad choices. They discussed the costs of his illegal behavior and how it impacts his family and our community. He apologized to the store owner and now at age 17, Anthony hasn't stolen anything since. Over 80% of the juvenile offenders that complete the program have not committed another crime within a year's time.

Latisha came to ESS for a hot meal. She's been unemployed and living on the streets for some time. A Volunteer Intake Counselor met with Latisha to find out how we could help meet her basic needs and get her life back on track. We were able to give her encouragement, some basic toiletry items and direct her to other agencies for housing. Latisha continues to come in for lunch, she's started working on her computer skills, and is ready to start looking for a job.

Volunteers at ESS can:

- Help juvenile offenders and citizens heal every day through the Restorative Justice program
- Help the unemployed improve their resumes, write effective cover letters, job search and apply for jobs through our Employment Resource Center
- Mentor non-violent juvenile offenders to help them accept responsibility for their actions
- Manage Social Security recipients' income through the Representative Payee program
- Provide help, a smile, encouragement, a hot meal, and a sense of community to those that are the most needy
- Participate in daytime and nighttime opportunities

UPCOMING TRAINING FOR FGC: We are offering a training for Family Group Conferencing, February 21 & 22. While the training dates are specific, once you're trained this rewarding volunteer experience can be scheduled as your time allows. ESS needs volunteer facilitators for conferences between juveniles who have committed a non-violent crime, their victim(s), community members and other supportive indi-

viduals affected by the crime. ESS will provide lunch and training materials.

Training Sessions:

**February 21 -
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
**February 22 -
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

For more information, contact Ruthie L. McLain, Director of Volunteers, at (316) 269-4160 ext. 108. www.esswichita.org



The RSVP volunteer program is sponsored by the Sedgwick County Department on Aging. The program invites adults over the age of 55 to use their skills and talents provide service to their local community. If you or someone you know is interested, currently the program is in need of caring adults to help children with homework, or to simply share a lunch. By volunteering your services you can make a lasting impact on the life of a child. No experience is required. Please contact RSVP for further details at 316-660-5134.



Would you like to help children in your area? Have you ever wanted to touch someone's life in a way so powerful that it changes the person forever? If so, please consider joining TFI Family Services in touching the life of a child in your area.

At the 10-session PS-MAPP class, you will learn why TFI is the leader when it comes to placing children in caring homes. Also, you will learn the basics of becoming a resource foster parent. PS-MAPP class speakers help you identify the twelve criteria that are essential for foster parents to promote children's safety, permanence and well-being.

If you feel that you could be an important part of a child's life please call 1-800-279-9914 for more information and join us from 6-9 p.m. on February 28th at the Wichita TFI office, 2627 E. Central and touch someone's life forever.



Family Care Providers and Respite: Respite providers offer housing and support to youth at risk of out of home placement. Ongoing supervision and training provided.

Must be 21 and have a minimum of 2 years experience working with children or equivalent educational experience. Valid DL required & must pass record checks. EOE. Send letter of application and resume to South Central Mental Health, Attn: HR, 120 S Gordy #3, El Dorado, KS 67042. Contact Trisha Smith at 316-321-6088 ext. 4 for additional information.

Employment Offerings



Job Title: Social Worker Specialist

County: Sedgwick

Req. No: 153700

Agency Name: Dept of Social & Rehab Svcs

Posting Type: External

These positions will assess child abuse/neglect by interviewing children in their home and in the community. Will make referrals to family preservation, foster care and adoption contractors. You will have the opportunity to work with a variety of families in the community and be a part of the new focus on family centered practice and early intervention in families' lives. There are many other positives in this job. You will have numerous opportunities to network and volunteer not only within the agency and its many components, but with other agencies. The State provides you with full benefits, a safe work environment, and paid holidays. Employees have the flexibility to re-arrange schedules for personal appointments. If you are energetic, have a desire to help people in need, can handle deadlines, and want to enjoy the flexibility of State employment, this job is for you. Minimum requirements: Must have graduated from an accredited social work program and are eligible for licensure in the State of Kansas or are already licensed to practice social work in the State of Kansas. Must have six months of experience as a licensed social worker or candidate will be hired in as a social worker (1,205.60 bi-weekly). Upon six months of satisfactory social work performance employee will be re-classified a Social Worker Specialist. Applicants must have the following: Eligible to be licensed to practice social work in the State of Kansas ability to apply federal and state policy to work processes, computer literacy, and good customer service skills. Additional consideration given to bi-lingual applicants. Priority will be given to those with Employee Preference. SRS is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce. You may apply online at <http://jobs.ks.gov> You may also apply at 230 E William, Prevention and Employee Supports on the 4th floor, Wichita, KS 67202. Supporting documentation may be faxed to 316-337-6742. If you are interested in this position you must contact Lolitta Tucker at 316-337-7262.

Class/Uncl Full/Part Time: Grade: Hiring Rate: Pay Frequency C F 024 \$16.97 Hourly

Employment Offerings

Corrections Workers

Sedgwick County
Department of Corrections
Full and Part-Time

Will supervise and monitor the care and security of youth/adults in a Detention or Residential setting. Three years college coursework in criminal justice, sociology, or related field or 3 years experience; or a combination of education and experience equaling 3 years. Various locations/shifts. Must have a valid KS Driver's License, and good driving record. Must pass a criminal background check and substance abuse screen. \$12.48/hr to start plus shift premium for 2nd or 3rd shift.

To learn more about these or other positions with the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, and to apply online, visit www.hrepartners.com or the Wichita WorkForce Center, 150 N. Main, Wichita, KS.

Sedgwick County is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring Reasonable Accommodation for the application, pre-employment testing and/or interview process should notify the Human Resources Department or the County's ADA Coordinator; Bob Bean, 510 N. Main, Suite 306, Wichita, Kansas 67203. Phone: (316) 660-7052 or TDD (Kansas Relay at 711 or 800-766-3777).



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Behavioral Link, the Pyxis division providing Medicaid-approved mental health services, fully exemplifies

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Looking for committed men and women who desire to positively impact children in our community. Community Group and Individual Support Workers needed in the Wichita area working with youth in a psychosocial rehabilitation/mentoring program.

Part-time, 15-31 hours per week. \$8.50-\$14/hr. Gain valuable clinical skills working with children and families. Must have reliable transportation and high school diploma or equivalent. Extensive training and support will be given to those that are hired. Background check required.

Email resume to: employment@pyxispath.com or Fax resume to Pyxis, Inc. Attn: Human Resources 316-320-9602

Please specify which position applying for. EOE



The Training and Evaluation Center of Hutchinson

Service Coordinator

The Training and Evaluation Center of Hutchinson has an opening for a Service Coordinator. This position has the responsibility of assisting individuals with disabilities and their support networks to identify, select, coordinate, obtain, and use both paid services and natural supports as may be available to enhance the individuals independence, integration, and productivity. Requirements include knowledge in the areas of behavior modification resources and processes, ability to implement a person centered planning process, and the ability to assist persons served in funding and applying for services. This individual will act as an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, vocational rehabilitation or related field is required. Experience preferred.

Benefits include: health and dental insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, two weeks paid time off, 12 paid holidays, and KPERS retirement.

Interested applicants may apply in person or online at

www.techinc.org

Go to career link for on-line application

**The Training and Evaluation Center
1300 E. Avenue A * Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-1596**

or fax a resume to **620-663-1293**

e-mail: hr@techinc.org

Professional Wanted: LMSW or LSCSW to do therapy with children/couples/families

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The Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

Employment Specialist - FT- Case Management with major responsibility to develop employment opportunities for clients and provide a variety of support to assist individuals in obtaining & maintaining employment. Minimum of BS degree or equivalent & direct experience in working w/ special populations.

Residential Weekend Support Workers — PT Weekend hrs Sat/Sun 3pm-11pm shift. Supervise mentally ill adults in group home setting including crisis support, assist w/ meal prep, daily living skills training, medication supervision & coordination of services w/ treatment teams & caseworkers. Prefer 1 yr exp or post secondary education in Human Services. Prefer exp. working w/ SPMI adults.

Family Support Worker – Full Time. Assist families in obtaining support to enable their child to live at home and in the community. Facilitate families toward achieving independence and accessing community resources. Must have exp. w/ SRS, mental health, courts & school system. Parents of SED children encouraged to apply.

Adult Case Manager – FT position working with adults with special needs. Provide case management & community psychiatric support treatment. Requires BS degree in human services. Experience with SPMI population and strong knowledge of community resources, housing alternatives and vocational services preferred.

Mental Health Therapist - Clinical Licensed—FT. Provide therapy services to clients & patients, individually & in group sessions, to assist in overcoming mental illness & making changes. May help individuals deal w/ addiction & substance abuse; family, parenting & marital problems, suicide, stress mgt, problems w/ self-esteem & issues associated with aging & mental & emotional health. Perform clinical assessments, diagnose, and develop/implement treatment plans. Requires min. masters degree & possess clinical licensure in respective field of study. Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills, knowledge of principles, methods, & procedures for diagnosis, treatment, & rehabilitation of physical & mental dysfunctions.

Children's Case Manager – FT position working w/ children with special needs. Community based, provide assessment & coordination of services to help children achieve their goals. Must have BS in Human Services or equiv. experience working w/ SPMI population. Requires strong verbal/written communication skills, effective time mgt, and dedication to clients.

Apply online at www.mhasck.org or in person. Mental Health Assn, 555 N. Woodlawn, Suite 3105, Wichita KS. EOE

Employment Offerings



Breakthrough Club

Case Manager
(CPST)

BREAKTHROUGH

Breakthrough Case Managers are responsible for assessing members' personal strengths, resources, and desires related to specific life domain areas including self-management, housing, career development, education, recreation/social support, personal/family relationships. As a result of this assessment, a service plan and goals are created. In order to successfully implement service plans, Case Managers maintain consistent face-to-face contact with members on caseload in the community as directed. Billable time and case management progress notes are document and submitted regularly. Other tasks include maintaining documents in members' charts, assisting members in identifying short and long-term goals and developing treatment plans, assisting members in completing applications for food stamps, medical services, energy bills, housing, vocational services and other entitlements. Regularly transport and accompany individual members to appointments and other community locations as needed; assist in developing transportation options. All Case Managers must demonstrate effective crisis intervention techniques and assist in treatment admissions and discharge (includes involuntary hospitalizations). Complete monthly reports for members on caseload as directed.

Qualifications Required:

Breakthrough is an exciting, dynamic place to work and we require the same of our employees. Successful candidates will possess a strong desire to help others improve the quality of their lives while working with a diverse group of people and in a team setting. This position requires a four year degree in Social Work, Psychology, Rehabilitation, Counseling, Human Services or a related field. In addition, you must be self motivated and able to work with limited supervision while coordinating a variety of tasks throughout the day. No history of crimes against persons, sexual assault or exploitation, and sexual or physical abuse. Breakthrough Club is a drug free work place and all new employees must pass a drug test and be subject to reasonable suspicion and random testing.

Youth Program (YARD) Coordinator

The successful candidate will be a fun person with an enthusiastic infectious personality who can encourage and engage members of our youth program. Coordinators work as a member of a unit team to accomplish goals in their area of the organization. Job duties include coordinating social activities with program participants and staff, assisting youth program members in setting and achieving employment and education goals and providing individualized assistance as needed to members of our youth program. This is not a supervisory position.

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Compensation and Benefits:

Breakthrough offers a competitive salary and compensation package including generous paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, dental insurance, short and long term disability, life insurance, health and dependent care flexible spending accounts and company matched (with qualifications) IRA retirement plan.

How to Apply: Submit Resume

Email to: hr@btcwichita.com

Mail to: Human Resources
Breakthrough
PO Box 47563
Wichita, KS 67201

Phone: 316-269-2534
Fax: 316-262-8882



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Intensive Supervision Officer I, Full-Time

Provides intensive supervision for a caseload of juvenile offenders. The goal is to deter clients from further criminal behavior/activities and ensure the client's adherence to court-ordered conditions of their probation or custody. Develop individual case supervision plans. Monitor client's participation in required activities (i.e., school, vocational training, employment, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, etc.). Perform liaison duties with court personnel and any outside referral agencies that may be involved. Prepare reports, maintain confidential records and appear at court hearings. Conduct alcohol and drug screens. May be required to work four or more hours per week outside the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Perform 24 hour on-call duty on a rotating basis. We are willing to consider other schedules for the right candidates. Perform related work as required. Bachelor's Degree in social work, sociology, psychology, criminal justice or related field. One year experience in probation, parole, social work, case management or counseling or any equivalent combination of training or experience. Must communicate effectively orally and in writing. Must be able to use general office equipment including computers, breath analyzer, and drug screening test kits, cell phones and two way radios. Work is performed in the office as well as in the field (i.e., client's home, school and job and/or other places in the community). \$14.149/hour plus benefits.

To apply, go to
<https://www.hrepartners.com>,
Sedgwick County, Corrections



Employment Offerings



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Youthville

**CAREER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following is a fulltime position with the KU School of Social Welfare:
Position Number 00206548
Requisition Tracking Number 0410571
Job Title Coordinator - Wichita
Working Title Coordinator
Work Location Wichita
Number of Openings 1
Application Deadline / Initial Review Date 02-06-2008

Estimated Start Date 01-14-2008

Advertised Pay \$36,800

Job Category (Empl Class) Unclassified Professional Staff

Employment Conditions No Acting/Interim
End Date Contingent on Funding

1. EXGRNT—Externally Sponsored Grant Funds Contingent on Funding
2. Position Overview the Program Assistant will be responsible for a tasks related to the research study, "Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Older Adults Through Civic Engagement." The purpose of this project is to pilot a peer counseling program through Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (CPAAA), so that a successful peer counseling program serving Medicaid eligible older adults that is situated within a AAA can be identified, implemented, evaluated, and manualized. Position based at the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging in Wichita.

Responsibilities and percent of time (Percent of time is not applicable for student positions)

1. Assist in the development of peer counseling training materials. 10%
2. Coordinate the development of project protocols and safety monitoring plan. 5%
3. Education of providers of aging services and consumers to encourage their participation. 5%
4. Identification, assessment, recruitment and enrollment of both peer counselor and consumer participants. 5%
5. Co-facilitate peer counselor training. 10%
6. Coordinate peer counseling pilot. 25%
7. Meet with peer counselors to provide feedback, support and assistance in identifying individuals who need referrals and/or higher level of mental health services. 15%
8. Assist with qualitative and quantitative data collection. 10%
9. Assist with the development of the project's annual reports. 15%

Required Qualifications

1. Possess LMSW.
2. Minimum of one year employment directly providing mental health services.
3. Written communication skills as demonstrated by application materials.
4. Excellent verbal communication and organizational skills.

Preferred Qualifications

1. Experience working with older adults.
2. Experience developing and/or facilitating training.
3. Experience coordinating volunteer programs.
4. Knowledge of local informal and formal mental health and social support resources.

Contact Information for Applicants Kim Reynolds (785) 864-3738 kerker@ku.edu

Instructions for Applying Apply online at: <http://jobs.ku.edu>



Are you looking for a way to make a difference in someone's life, while gaining experience?

Starkey, Inc is a non-profit organization that provides assistance for adults with developmental disabilities. Through various programs, we work to create community inclusion opportunities for the individuals that we serve.

Currently, we are recruiting for **Community Living Trainers**. As a Community Living Trainer, you would provide support in a community living setting to the persons that we serve. You will be asked to provide training, support and direct care to persons served. Part-time and full-time positions are available during second and third shifts. Schedules are ideal for student schedules. Some full-time schedules allow you to work 182 days, while still receiving full-time benefits. A high school diploma or GED, valid driver's license, and good driving record is required. For more information or to apply, please visit www.starkey.org or contact Cara Hansen at 512-4180. Applications can also be completed in our office at 4500 W. Maple.

YOUTHVILLE is seeking to fill various full and part time positions including:

- *Case Manager — BSRB Licensure with \$1000 Sign On Bonus*
- *Family Support Worker*
- *Licensing Specialist*
- *Life Skills Worker*
- *ARNP*
- *Functional Family Therapist*
- *Clinical Supervisor, LSCSW*
- *Outpatient Clinician*
- *Case Plan Case Administrator*
- *Staff Assistant*
- *Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care Trainer*
- *Adoption Case Plan Case Administrator*
- *Programmer 2*
- *Development Coordinator*
- *Registered Nurse — Dodge City*
- *Therapist — Dodge City*
- *Youth Care Worker — Dodge City*
- *Foster Care Worker — Hutch, BSRS Licensure with \$1500 Sign On Bonus*
- *Foster Care Recruiter — Garden City, BSRB Licensure with \$1000 Sign On Bonus*
- *Staff Assistant — Hays*

Please visit our website at www.youthville.org. There you will find a listing of all available positions and job descriptions. Please download, print, and complete the application. Please fax your resume and application to (316) 529-9351 ATTN: HR, email to go2work@youthville.org or mail to Youthville, 4505 E 47th St So., Wichita, KS 67210.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Dates:

- March 1..... BSW Licensing Review
- March 14..... Phi Alpha Honor Society Applications Due
- March 15..... MSW Licensing Review
- March 17-23 Spring Break
- March 28..... POWER Conference
- May 12..... MSW Colloquium
- Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony
- School of Social Work Assembly
- May 13-20 Finals
- May 16..... Commencement
- May 27-Jun 6..... Summer Pre-Session
- June 9..... Summer Session begins



Faculty Accolades

Courtney Boettcher & Kyoung Lee

Kyoung & Courtney have submitted a research proposal entitled, "Predictors of Health Status of Elderly Assisted Living Residents in Kansas." The main purpose of this pilot study is to explore the impact of religiousness/spirituality on the physical and mental health status of elderly assisted living residents in Kansas. In addition, the study will explore the significant factors which affect the physical and mental health status among those who have lived in assisted living facilities.

Kyoung Lee

Kyoung is publishing an article with D.P. Yoon in the *Journal of Policy Practice*. The title of the article is "Impacts of Work Attachment Strategies on Employment and Economic Status of TANF Leavers."

He has also submitted a research proposals entitled, "Determinants of the General Well-Being of Elderly Korean Immigrants" This study will explore factors influencing the general well-being of low-income elderly Korean immigrants by interviewing 200 elderly Ko-

rean immigrants living in Los Angeles and Orange counties in California. This study will show significant factors influencing the general well-being (including anxiety, depression, positive well-being, self-control, vitality, and general health) of low-income elderly Korean immigrants and will provide implications for social work practices to minimize the socio-economic and psychological problems of the elderly immigrants.