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7th Annual POWER  
Conference

## What's New in Social Work for the 21st Century

Friday, March 5, 2010

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Wichita, KS 67220



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On Friday, March 5, 2010, from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, the WSU School of Social Work is sponsoring the 7th Annual POWER Conference (Pride of Wichita (and surrounding area) Empowerment Rally). New this year, by attending the Keynote and one of two ethics breakout sessions, conference attendees can obtain the 3 units of Professional Ethics required for Social Work license renewal.

The Keynote presentation is "Ethics in the 21st Century," presented by Thomas Welk, D.Min. Dr. Welk's keynote presentation will focus on the advent of modern medicine, which has brought with it the challenge of knowing when enough is enough. This session will address some of these challenges, along with an overview of the debate surrounding health care reform and conscience issues.



There are three breakout sessions. The first breakout session includes: "Medical Ethical Principals - An Introductory Primer," Thomas Welk, DMin; "Infant Mental Health," Katherine Mick, PhD; "Chronic Sorrow," Vanessa Lohf, LBSW; and "What's New at the VA," Laura Taylor, LSCSW. The second breakout session includes: "Child Advocacy Center," Diana Schunn, RN, BSN, SANE-A, SANE-P; "Aging in Rural and Frontier America - The Challenges," Terri Radenbaugh, ScD; and "Mental Health Court," Peter Ninemire, LMSW & Daryl Handlin, LMSW. The third breakout session includes: "Animal Assisted Social Work," Diane Bidwell, LSCSW; "Ethics and Technology," Sabrina Perez Glatt, LMSW; and "Forensic Social Work," Kameelah Alexander, BA & Sally Frey, LCMFT.

The cost of the POWER Conference is \$75.00, which includes meals and materials. There is a student rate of \$50.00 available - please contact Trisha Wenrich at [trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu](mailto:trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu).

The registration deadline is Monday, March 1, 2010. For more information and to register on-line go to [www.wichita.edu/conferences](http://www.wichita.edu/conferences). If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Jana Woods at [jana.woods@wichita.edu](mailto:jana.woods@wichita.edu), or (316) 978-6493.

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## BSW Beat

### Natalie Grant

#### BSW Program Director

Welcome back for the Spring 2010 semester! This year is sailing by and all this freezing weather makes me want it to sail by that much faster! The fall semester was certainly marked with many events



and this semester will be full with happenings, no doubt. Our junior students will be out volunteering in the community this semester so we will look forward to their service and their reflections on their experiences. Our seniors will be working hard on their research projects in the next couple of months and it will be wonderful to see them present their work at the Spring Celebration in

May. Graduation for these folks is right around the corner!

A couple of housekeeping notes:

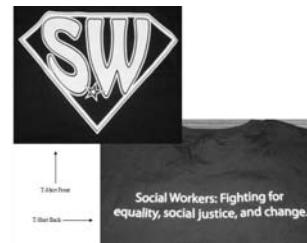
- All students applying to the BSW program should have their applications submitted to the Social Work office by March 1.
- All BSW students must attend an orientation session in order to be admitted to the program. If you missed Orientation this semester, please call the office to schedule an individual session.

I do want to express how proud we are of our undergraduate students and the members of the Student Organization of Social Work (SOSW). Over the holidays, they provided gifts for many

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children and also raised money for the children of our fellow student who was killed, Jessie Foust. It has been amazing to see students come together for causes they believe in. We certainly have a special group!

We will look forward to seeing you at the POWER Conference next month. Don't forget to purchase the new super cool SOSW t-shirt! Super Social Workers: Fighting for Social Justice, Equality and Change!



## MSW Moments

### Dr. Brien Bolin

#### MSW Program Director

A white frosting adorns the campus landscape outside my fifth floor window. The freezing fog has coated the trees and the view is peaceful. As I watch students strolling up and down



the sidewalks on our frozen campus, I am reminded of the quiet that snow brings and how the cold air feels. Have you ever listened to the silence of a snowy night or inhaled the cool crisp

air? It is a serene and cleansing feeling. It clears the mind of the daily routine. Moreover, it reads you for what may await. Is the winter telling us to relax? I believe it is a winter's message. So, stop and listen. The business of our lives will be there waiting when you return. It will be there knocking at your door and interrupting the snowy scene.

Soon this time of year will pass and spring will bring the cleansing rain and flower blossoms.

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Graduation will approach and pass in its own time with the warmth of the summer sun. What seemed important will be in the past; the MSW applications piling on my desk; students' emails about projects; the phone ringing; and all the business of my position at the university.

I am reminded of the sound of the snow and the feel of February's cold air. I glance onto the snowy and feel "silence." Listen to the snow.

## Field Notes

### Sabrina Perez Glatt

#### Director of Field Practicum

Waiting for Spring! Now we are in the last semester and are looking forward to the time when students are blossoming into the beginning level social workers that our professional partners have been training, on their way to being our colleagues.



Students are not only finishing up their studies, but studying to take their licensing exams.

This is not an easy semester for our graduates; however, as many of you can attest, it is all worth it.

All of the liaisons will be making appointments for site visits. We all look forward to meeting with our agency instructors. If you have not been contacted by Trisha Wenrich, you can contact her at [trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu](mailto:trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu) or (316) 978-6518 for a site visit appointment.

Instead of having a field instructor training this Spring, we look forward to offering you vari-

ous on-line trainings throughout the semester.

Next week we will begin interviews with the bachelor students and the master students will begin shortly after for 2010-2011 academic year placements. Courtney Smith will contact agencies regarding their interest in having students. Once again, we are gearing up for another busy placement year and appreciate any level of support you and your agency is willing to offer us in the education of future social workers.

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## SOSW — Student Organization of Social Work

### Michael Smalley, Vice President

What a semester we just had! The end of the semester was packed with opportunities and SOSW was able to step up and really contribute to several causes. SOSW teamed up with KU Internal Medicine Midtown and held a toy-drive that provided Christmas gifts to about 75 children. This opportunity came about very quickly and there was a short window of time to work in, but everyone within the organization pitched in and we were able to do something great for the community.

This past semester was also marked by tragedy within our program. As everyone knows, Jessie Faust, a student within the program, was murdered over Thanksgiving weekend, just shy of her graduation. SOSW and the entire program quickly rose up in support and were able to do some great things during this dark time. First, all of the professors, faculty and many students of the program attended the December graduation to show support as the University awarded a

posthumous degree. Second, SOSW made the decision to take all of the money made from selling SOSW t-shirts, and donate this money to help support her two children in the future. SOSW was able to raise over \$600 for the family in a very short time, so thank you to everyone who participated. With that, there are still shirts available to buy at \$15 in the Social Work office.

Quickly, while the past semester was great, there is still this semester to think about and SOSW has plenty going on. First there are some dates that everyone might want to mark on their calendars. On Wednesday, February 24, the United Methodist Open Door is providing a luncheon and they have invited any and all social work students to attend. If you would like to attend, please RSVP Katie Maddox at [klmaddox@wichita.edu](mailto:klmaddox@wichita.edu). Also Friday, March 5th is the POWER Conference. It is an all day event with a breakfast, lunch, great keynote speaker and breakout sessions with several interesting topics.

#### SOSW Officers:

President: [Katie Maddox](#)

Vice President: [Michael Smalley](#)

Treasurer: [LaNier Roberts](#)

Faculty Advisor: [Natalie Grant](#)

The great thing about the conference this year is that it is offering three ethics CEU's for licensed social workers. Ethics are said to be the hardest CEUs to come by, and the School of Social Work is expecting a very big community turnout. If there is an event that you do not want to miss, this is it! It will cost student \$50 to attend. However, SOSW will also be offering scholarships for some students who need help to attend. More information will be emailed soon, so look out for that. Furthermore, Saturday, March 6th

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## SWOGS — Social Work Organization of Graduate Students

### Danielle Sides, President

SWOGS is hosting a MSW Licensing Review on February 27, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The review will be located in Lindquist Hall, room 100 and will be free for SWOGS members. For non-SWOGS members, there will be a \$20 fee. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to review for the Licensing Exam! All are welcome! Register online for the MSW Licensing Review at

[http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=socialwork&tp=/StudentOrgs/SWOGS/MSW\\_Exam\\_Review](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=socialwork&tp=/StudentOrgs/SWOGS/MSW_Exam_Review).

SWOGS is looking for officers for the 2010-2011 school year! Interested graduate students should fill out the SWOGS officer application to serve as a voice for your peers and create positive change in the MSW program. Contact any of the current SWOGS officers with questions.

#### SWOGS Officers:

President: [Danielle Sides](#)

Vice-President: [Eva Gadberry](#)

Secretary / Treasurer: [Kristina Young](#)

Faculty Advisor: [Sabrina Perez Glatt](#)

## Phi Alpha Honor Society

### Dr. Tim Lause, BSW Faculty Advisor

### Dr. Brien Bolin, MSW Faculty Advisor

Applications for undergraduate and graduate membership in Phi Alpha are due by March 12. Phi Alpha is a national academic honors society in social work and both BSW and MSW applications are posted next to 537 Lindquist. Completed applications must be accompanied by a student transcript and a check or money order payable to Phi Alpha.

#### BSW requirements are:

- You have officially declared Social Work as your major
- You have achieved a Junior or Senior rank (60+ credit hours)
- You have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all University course work ("B" average)
- You have completed at least 12 credit hours of required social work courses (including 201, 300 & 351)
- Your GPA within Social Work courses is at least a 3.5

[BSW Application Form](#)

#### MSW requirements are:

- You have completed at least 12 credit hours of required social work courses
- Your GPA within Social Work courses is at least a 3.75

[MSW Application Form](#)

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Community Events

*Brown Bag Learning:  
You Bring Your Lunch; We Serve the CEU's*



**Drug Endangered Children - Trends and Treatment**

**Presentation:** This program will summarize past and current efforts at the state and local levels to address the special population of drug endangered children. The process of formulating and implementing the Memorandum of Understanding and Community Partnership Attachment will be highlighted. A roadmap of the process for children as they become involved in this process will also be outlined.

**Learning Objectives:** Participants will gain a general knowledge of state and local processes in place to address children in drug environments. The presentation will also increase awareness of how various disciplines can and do play a vital part in meeting the needs of this special population.

**Presenter:** Sandra Charbonneau, Assistant District Attorney, Juvenile Division, Eighteenth Judicial District

Offering 1.5 CEU's from the WSU School of Social Work

\$10.00 tax-deductible donation

(cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover) Receipts available.



Pre-register by calling Angelica Salas at (316) 337-6795.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

(11:45 a.m. registration at the door)

State Office Building, 230 E William, SRS Room 3080

(one block south of Douglas between Broadway & Market) - plenty of parking caddy-corner South East from SRS building.

**Bring your own lunch.** Beverage vending machines are available in the building.

Call WSU School of Social Work at (316) 978-7250 if you have questions.

Future Brown Bag Learning opportunities on the second Wednesday of the month (more or less):

Apr 14, 2010 **Immigration Then and Now**, David Osio, LMSW

May 12, 2010 **Parents, Shoes and Bridges**, Sherry Luthe, Director of Parent Advocacy and Support Services,  
Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

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Community Events



Tuesday, April 27, 2010

12:00 - 8:00 pm

New Market Square Shopping Center  
21st & Maize Road

Join us for a day of shopping, savings, prizes and fun! A limited number of tickets for Independent Living Resource Center's fifth annual Shoppportunity charity event are on sale now. Tickets are \$25, and for every four tickets purchased you get one free! Proceeds from Shoppportunity benefit Independent Living Resource Center, an organization that helps people with disabilities.

Each ticket holder receives a stylish canvas shopping bag filled with gifts and discount coupons from participating New Market Square merchants. Merchants offer special activities and treats in their stores for Shoppportunity participants. There's a silent auction and prize drawings too.

Get your tickets:

- By phone at 942-6300, extension 271
- In person at 3033 W 2nd St North in Wichita
- Online at [www.ilrcks.org](http://www.ilrcks.org)



Join us for a Night on the Red Carpet!

March 7, 2010

6:30 pm

The Grand Chapel

828 N Broadway, Wichita

This black tie optional event is a viewing party of the 82nd Annual Academy Awards to benefit Episcopal Social Services Venture House.

Tickets are \$75 per person and include hors d'oeuvres by Kevan Brown, wine, beer, or champagne and a live and silent auction. Purchase tickets at [http://www.esswichita.org/night\\_on\\_red\\_carpet.htm](http://www.esswichita.org/night_on_red_carpet.htm)

Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Seminar

Thursday, March 11, 2010

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

St Johns Catholic School  
302 N Denver, El Dorado

The Butler County Department on Aging was awarded a PEANE grant by the Kansas Department on Aging to provide training to professionals, caregivers, and senior citizens about the warning signs and effects of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The PEANE conference will offer professionals, including mandatory reporters, an opportunity to receive a full day of training on these very important topics. It will also be an opportunity for senior citizens and their caregivers to learn how to avoid becoming a victim of abuse and/or how to recognize the signs of abuse in themselves or a loved one.

Registrations must be received by February 25, 2010. The cost of the conference is \$10 for all day, which includes lunch. Senior citizens over the age of 60 may attend the afternoon session (beginning at 1:00 pm) for free. Go to <http://bucodeptonaging.org/26801.html> for more information and to download the registration form.



Highlight your program at the Best Practice Roundtable and share your program and results with the senior and community center representatives from across Kansas. For information on how to submit your proposal contact Stacy Nilles at [snilles@sedgwick.gov](mailto:snilles@sedgwick.gov), (316) 660-5230 or (800) 367-7298



8th Annual Monopoly Tournament

Friday, February 26, 2010

Doors open at 6:30 pm

The Ville @ St Vincent de Paul Church  
Andover, KS

Proceeds benefit the MHA Compeer children's mentoring programs. Ticket price is \$65 per person or a table for six can be reserved for \$390. Ticket price includes: dinner, drinks, auction and one hour play of Monopoly. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling (316) 685-1821, ext 223.

3rd Annual Band Together Concert

Friday, March 19, 2010

7:00 - 11:00 pm

The Barnyard @ 5521 W Kellogg Dr  
Wichita, KS

Bands: Lotus & Rudy Love

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at Select A Seat locations or at the door. For more information call (316) 685-1821 ext. 223.

\$5 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!!!

Items you could win include:

- Samsung 32 inch LCD, flat panel television
- Vehicle Remote Start System
- Handmade TFI Family Services, Inc. quilt

Proceeds to benefit TFI Family Services, Inc. resource foster families

Tickets on Sale

2/1/10 thru 3/31/10

Drawing to be held on 4/2/10, winners notified by 4/5/10!

Cash or check accepted. To purchase a ticket, contact Nicole Booze at (316) 684-5300 or by email at [nicoleb@the-farm.org](mailto:nicoleb@the-farm.org)

TFI Family Services, Inc. [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org)



## Community Events



35th Annual Original Blarney Breakfast  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010  
Old Chicago East  
6:00 - 10:00 am

More than 1,000 people celebrate each year at Wichita's favorite St Patrick's Day event. Grab a hearty breakfast, enjoy bottomless cups of coffee and participate in the festivities with bagpipers, Irish dancers and much, much more!

This year's 35th annual Original Blarney Breakfast will be held at Old Chicago East located at Kellogg and Rock Rd. This wonderful venue provides a spacious atmosphere accompanied by old traditions and is the perfect way to celebrate St Patrick's Day in top Irish fashion!

Proceeds from the Blarney Breakfast provides critical services for children with special needs helped through Rainbows United.  
[http://www.rucfoundation.org/ways\\_to\\_give\\_events.php](http://www.rucfoundation.org/ways_to_give_events.php)



Midland Mediation &  
Settlement Services  
(a project of Kansas Legal Services, Inc.)

Core Mediation training offered by Midland Mediation & Settlement Services will take place in Topeka at the Kansas Bar Association, 1200 SW Harrison St., Thursday and Friday, March 18th & 19th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm both days.

This is the first level of training required in order to obtain the Office of Judicial Administration approval as a mediator in Kansas. Cost is \$250. Limited enrollment. Please contact Midland Mediation & Settlement Services Topeka office at (785) 232-5348 if interested.



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## The Social Work Fair

April 15, 2010

RSC Ballroom

Wichita State University

Employer registration is open now through ShockWORKS at <http://career.wichita.edu>. The registration deadline is April 8, 2010.

The Social Work Fair will be attended by students majoring in social work, psychology, sociology, gerontology, criminal justice and health services management.

The registration fee is \$225.00, due by April 8, 2010 and payable by check or credit card. Each registered organization will have a 6-foot table, 2 chairs and a table covering. Your registration includes a buffet dinner for 2 recruiters.

For more information, contact Karen Gillenwater at (316) 978-3435 or by email at [karen.gillenwater@wichita.edu](mailto:karen.gillenwater@wichita.edu).

## Volunteer Opportunities



ROCKO was founded as "Respite Outreach Care for Kids Organization, Inc." in November 2002 in response to the needs and challenges faced by parents and family caregivers of children with disabilities. As our organizational development progressed, we gained valuable insight from conducting a regional needs assessment survey in partnership with Wichita State University and the Kansas University School of Medicine. Our vision for service began to expand as we hosted local community forums with national experts in the field of respite care and listened to family perspectives about the strong need for respite care for people of all ages. Today, "Respite Outreach Care for Kansans Organization, Inc.," is blazing a trail to expand the horizon for lifespan respite care and enrichment services.

With your help, ROCKO can make a measurable difference in the lives of people with disabilities and their families. In turn, our culture will be forever changed through advancements in the way people with disabilities are embraced and more fully included in all aspects of everyday life. Here are some ways you can help...

- . Prepare and serve meals during respite events
- . Join the fun in playing games and helping with crafts and enrichment activities at respite events. Helpers can assist people with special needs or non-disabled siblings. No experience needed
- . Help with general office duties
- . Assist with special fundraising events
- . Participate on our Leadership Team to help expand lifespan respite and social resources for Sedgwick County
- . Join a ROCKO Board Sub-Committee to steer initiatives including, but not limited to: fund development, marketing, facilities, and operations
- . Serve on the ROCKO Board of Directors

For more information about volunteering, email [rockoinfo@rockoinc.org](mailto:rockoinfo@rockoinc.org).

## Volunteer Opportunities



The gift shops on the campus of Catholic Care Center are fully staffed by volunteers. They are needing several volunteers to fill 3 hour time slots. If interested, please contact Sandi Timmons-Vix at 744-4198 or 993-4436.



Compeer Mentoring, a program of the Mental Health Association, is seeking caring mentors (ages 18+) to be a Lunch Buddy friend to a youngster. Lunch Buddies spend 40 minutes a week together during the school lunch time visiting, playing games or taking a walk on school grounds.

"John" is 13 years old and loves basketball and bowling. He is funny, athletic, outgoing, likes to play and draw, enjoys movies, animals and simply being outdoors.

Won't you consider making a positive difference in the life of a young person in our community by simply being a friend? Volunteers receive training and ongoing staff support.

Please call Compeer at (316) 652-2541 today - your Compeer Buddy is waiting for you!



TFI Family Services, a leader in Foster Care is currently seeking individuals to help kids needing temporary or long term placements. We need caring individuals who enjoy working with children as part of our team. With this opportunity, you will explore new possibilities and learn to work with and assist children in need.

Individuals must be 21 years old, single or two-parent family, with permanent residence and regular household income, and able to pass a background check.

Benefits include: 24 hour on call support, personal case manager, mileage reimbursement, medical card for children in care, clothing allowance, free initial and on-going training, resource parent liability insurance and much more.

For more information, please contact TFI Family Services at (800) 279-9914 or visit us online at [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org).



Catholic Charities has a constant need for volunteers in their food pantry, especially on Wednesday evenings from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. They are particularly in need of bilingual volunteers.

Catholic Charities could use volunteers to be on-call for their hospital program for 8-12 hour shifts. These volunteers would respond to the hospital within a half an hour and meet with clients one on one to give information, referrals and resources. Training is provided.

Catholic Charities also needs assistance with volunteers to answer crisis calls as well as some receptionist duties. Spanish speaking a plus. Volunteers needed Monday - Wednesday, 8 am - 5 pm; Thursday & Friday 8 am - 10 pm. Shorter shifts are available.

Volunteers to provide childcare is needed on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 pm and 6 - 7 pm.

If interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact them at (316) 264-8344, ext 261 or fill out the on-line application at [www.catholiccharitieswichita.org](http://www.catholiccharitieswichita.org).



A group of 75 special volunteers - the Blitz Home Builders - will be coming to Wichita from all over the United States to help with building 6 homes during Wonder Week (June 16-26). We have opportunities for individuals and groups to help provide breakfasts and lunches for up to 150 people. We also have opportunities to help with registration for both morning and afternoon shifts as well as helping to serve lunches and snacks. For more information, contact Glenda Ebert at [glenda@wichitahabitat.org](mailto:glenda@wichitahabitat.org) or (316) 269-0755.

The ReStore helps support building homes for Habitat for Humanity by selling new and used furniture, appliances, and building materials. The ReStore needs volunteers to help with donations, stocking, cleaning, pricing, and special events.

The next special event is the Pack Rat donation collection day on April 24 at area Dillons. Volunteers are needed to help load and sort donations brought to the pods at Dillons.

For more information, please contact Susan Sanders at (316) 943-6996.



Reality U provides a valuable service to teens helping them learn to determine spending priorities and budget their money. The goals of Reality U are to show teens that their performance in school today will affect their future, and give teens a chance to learn and practice personal finance skills in a fun way.

The event is set up in 7-8 sessions with 18 volunteer slots open for each session. If a volunteer would like to work one session or all sessions, it is fine. There is no training needed to work the booths. Students will be coming through with their checkbook registers and life scenarios. The volunteers discuss the various options available at each booth as the students determine how much of their income they wish to spend in each category for their desired lifestyle. Reality U enables the students to realize if their given scenario will provide the type of lifestyle they wanted.

Upcoming sessions are:

- Derby February 18-19
- Southeast February 25-26
- Metro March 3
- Valley Center March 10
- East March 24-25
- Heights March 30
- NE Magnet April 16
- Campus April 20-21

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mandy Wilbert at (316) 973-7918 or [awilbert@ciswichita.org](mailto:awilbert@ciswichita.org).



*bringing potential to life*

Rainbows has a need for 2 volunteers to give 6-12 hours per week in our Case Records department. It is an ideal opportunity for a couple of friends to work together, but if we can only find one volunteer willing to help with recordkeeping, we'd also be thrilled.

The job is downtown at our 340 S Broadway location and must be done between 8 am and 5 pm weekdays.

Interested individuals should fill out the volunteer application at [www.rainbowsunited.org](http://www.rainbowsunited.org) and call Michelle Eastman at (316) 267-KIDS ext. 137 for more information.

## Employment Offerings



Love your job!

Opportunities available

- Group Home Manager - FT M-F, 12:00 - 9:00 pm
- Group Home Team Leaders - FT M-F, 3:00 - 11:00 pm
- Adult Case Manager - FT M-F, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Adult Attendant Care Workers - PT days
- Alternate Weekends Children's Attendant Care Workers - PT 4:00 - 8:00 pm

We offer competitive pay, GREAT benefits for full-time! For position details & other opportunities check us out at [www.mhasck.org](http://www.mhasck.org).

Mental Health Association, 555 N Woodlawn, Suite 3105, Wichita, Kansas 67208. EOE



The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) currently has three vacant Human Services Counselor positions in the Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

As a Human Service Counselor, you will:

- Provide professional counseling to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve employment as the avenue to self-sufficiency, independence, inclusion, economic equality, and integration into society.
- Support individuals with disabilities to identify their job-related goals and to develop individual plans for employment.
- Provide or purchase a comprehensive variety of services, which may include training, physical/mental restoration, assistive technology, supported employment, and job placement.
- Provide significant counseling and guidance to help persons served identify their strengths and abilities; adjust to disability; exercise informed choice; maintain progress through their individual plans; and understand labor market trends and employment opportunities.

To view the full job description and application requirements for this position, visit <http://jobs.ks.gov>.



Saint Francis Community Services has a few job openings.

Therapists are needed in Salina, Garden City, Liberal, Dodge City and Ellsworth. The therapist uses his/her abilities to assess and provide intensive in-home/clinical out-patient family services, using a therapeutic model. The goal is to provide a full range of services to the family to prevent child/family from disrupting. The therapist builds on the strengths of the families to resolve issues and maintain the family. The therapist provides coordination of all team staff members that are assigned to the case. The therapist's responsibility is to work with children/families in the SRS Reintegration/Adoption/Foster Care Homes/Family Preservation contract to develop permanency options for the children through reunification with the family or other permanency alternatives. The therapist's primary objective is to provide a therapeutic milieu in which the child has the opportunity to heal, to transition through change, and to grow.

Adoption Specialists are needed in Hutchinson. The adoption specialist works to strengthen children and resource families by moving children to permanency through adoption, while preserving connections to family, kin and community. This position will carry partial adoption caseload and assist in training other staff on adoption case management.

Social Workers are needed in Newton, Dodge City and Liberal. The Social Worker works to strengthen children and families ability to cope, while building on the family's strengths to preserve their bonds, so all family members can live with vision and hope.

To apply, visit their website at [www.st-francis.org](http://www.st-francis.org) or email a resume to [kerri.kemp@st-francis.org](mailto:kerri.kemp@st-francis.org) with information on job applying for and location interested in working. For more information, call Kerri at (620) 757-3280.



**Southwest Guidance Center, Inc.**

Southwest Guidance Center in Liberal has an opening for a licensed Master's Level Social Worker (LMSW or LCSW). Interested parties can call Jim Karlan at (620) 624-8171 or send resume to Southwest Guidance Center, PO Box 2945, Liberal, KS 67905; Fax: (620) 624-0114; email: [jkarlan@yahoo.com](mailto:jkarlan@yahoo.com)



Social Worker / Program Coordinator

The **Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society** serves more than 8,000 individuals living with multiple sclerosis in Kansas and western Missouri ([www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)).

Currently, we are looking for an organized, customer focused individual to direct services to clients living with M.S. and their families.

We offer a 35 hour work week along with generous paid days off, plus medical/dental insurance, short/long term disability and life insurance.

### Responsibilities include:

- Providing information and referral via phone or in-person
- Coordinating financial, durable medical equipment loan and care management programs
- Planning and implementing public education programs
- Engaging with clients, volunteers, healthcare professionals, key organizations and community partners
- Providing assistance to individuals living in long term care facilities that have M.S.
- Maintaining a detailed database of local resources and service providers.

This position is based in **Wichita** and will occasionally travel to Kansas City and other communities served.

We are looking for candidates with:

- A Bachelor's degree in Social Work or Human Services with a minimum of two years direct client services experience
- Previous experience with volunteer engagement, customer service and community outreach
- Able to plan and organize and work on multiple projects simultaneously
- Strong critical thinking and communication skills.

Interested in learning more, call Alana Estes (toll free) - (866) 341-2119 ext. 68, or send a resume along with a cover letter including salary requirements to: [resumes@omniemployment.com](mailto:resumes@omniemployment.com) or mail it to: OMNI Employment Management Services, LLC, 7201 W 110th Street, Suite 225, Overland Park, Kansas 66210.



## Employment Offerings



COMCARE

Sedgwick County...  
working for you

**COMCARE of Sedgwick County**, a progressive community mental health center located in Wichita, Kansas has exciting career opportunities available. We offer an excellent benefit package through Sedgwick County and competitive salaries. Additional benefits include paid training, COMCARE's On-Line Continuing Education package, "Essential Learning," electronic clinical records, flexible work schedules, and a great environment to work and grow in! Come check out the following:

### Adult and Children's Case Managers Full and Part time Positions Available

COMCARE has several opportunities for new graduates to provide case management services to people who have mental illness. Several positions available in both adult and children's services in a variety of clinical settings.

General duties include: Will engage consumers in a working relationship, assess consumer's personal strengths, resources, desires, needs and barriers related to specific life domains of independent/family living, vocational/educational, social support, leisure/recreational and health. Assist in developing short and long term goals and work with consumer in accomplishing these goals. Collaborate with multidisciplinary treatment team to achieve goals. Teach skills related to goals in a one-to-one setting. Provide assistance in completing applications for benefits and resources. Accompany consumers to appointments as needed. Assist in admissions and discharges, including involuntary hospitalizations. Complete documentation as required and apply policies and procedures of the agency according to specifications. Participate in group supervision and other staff activities related to training and service delivery.

Job Standards for case manager positions include a Bachelor Degree in a Human Services field or two years of post-high school education and equivalent combination of training and experience required. Dependable transportation required with a valid Kansas driver license.

We are also recruiting for other positions. Visit [www.hrepartners.com](http://www.hrepartners.com) for more information and to apply on-line.

Sedgwick County is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.



Breakthrough is seeking an Executive Director to lead the organization as it continues to serve the mentally ill population of Sedgwick County. The Executive Director will report directly to the Board and desired qualifications include a Master Degree in Human Services or Business, at least five years leadership experience in a non-profit or government agency and the ability to embrace the values of a participatory leadership style required to promote the Club House Model. Experience in legislative affairs and fundraising desired.

Position will be available July 1, 2010.

Please send resume and salary requirements to [hinmanandassociates@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hinmanandassociates@sbcglobal.net) no later than February 18, 2010. EOE



The Emporia Service Center, South Central Region has an opening for a Social Worker Specialist. This direct service social worker position will provide protective and preventive services. Prevention is defined as prevention from out of home placement of children. The social worker in this position will need to have knowledge of interviewing, investigating, safety planning, risk assessment, permanency planning, and information and referral skills.

To meet the minimum requirements for this position, you must have: License to practice social work in the State of Kansas at the time of appointment.

Apply online at [www.srskansas.org/careers](http://www.srskansas.org/careers). The application deadline is February 19, 2010. The following documents are required: Application & Copy of your State of Kansas Social Work License. For more details, download the [full position description here](#).

Contact information: Vicki Kvaal,  
(620) 342-2505 ext 211 or [Vicki.Kvaal@srs.ks.gov](mailto:Vicki.Kvaal@srs.ks.gov)



Building Brighter Tomorrows for Families and Children

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TFI Family Services is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to doing what makes sense for children and families through a diverse range of behavioral healthcare, child welfare and community-based services. Our goal, every day, is to build a brighter tomorrow for families and children. For more information about our agency and current job openings, visit us at [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org).

## Court Services

Unfortunately, the judicial branch in Kansas has been in a hiring freeze since November 2008, due to the state's budget problems. However, this will not last forever. Please check the Kansas judicial branch website (<http://www.kscourts.org/>) periodically since Court Services Officer openings will be posted there when we can fill them.

MSW graduates may want to check out opportunities in the federal probation system. They have no hiring freeze, and pay and benefits are much better than in the state system. The federal system does require a Master's degree. Their website is <http://www.uscourts.gov/careers/>.



Youthville

Youthville has the following job openings for our **Wichita** and **Newton** Offices:

- Foster Care Worker
- Treatment Foster Care Clinician
- Part Time Receptionist
- PRN Client Interaction Zone Attendant
- Part Time Registered Nurse
- Youth Care Worker

Youthville also has a Foster Care Worker opening for the **Topoka/Olathe** area and a Part Time Staff Assistant for the **Hays** office. They are hiring Youth Care Workers and PRN Translators for their **Dodge City** campus.

Applicants can apply by visiting the website at [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org).



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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Upcoming Dates:

- February 27 ..... MSW Licensing Review
- March 1 ..... BSW Program Application Deadline
- March 5 ..... POWER Conference
- March 6 ..... BSW Licensing Review
- March 12 ..... Phi Alpha Application Deadline
- March 15 - 21 ..... Spring Break
- April 15 ..... Social Work Fair
- May 10..... Spring Celebration  
Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony
- May 14..... Spring Commencement

## SOSW - continued

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is an important day for seniors to mark on their calendars, as this is a license examination review day. The licensing review will be from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is free for all members of SOSW and only \$20 for students who are not members.

Register on-line at <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=socialwork&p=/StudentOrgs/SOSW/>

### BSW Exam Review.

In addition, the seniors could possibly use a little help this semester. Every year, the senior class does a community service project during the last semester. They have plenty of great ideas so far, but if anyone has more ideas, they are always welcome.

Finally, if you have any ideas, or want to know what is going on next for SOSW, join us

on our Facebook page (SOSW Student Organization of Social Work (Wichita State)). For those without Facebook, it is a wonderfully way to network, which is a big part of a social worker's life! Facebook is also a great way to send out ideas and see what others are coming up with! I hope everyone has a great rest of the semester, and we hope to see everyone at the many events SOSW has coming!

## Faculty Accolades

**Dr. Kyoung Lee** has been awarded a grant and has done two poster presentations.

Grant:

February 2010 - January 2011

The Gridley - Hoover Pilot Research Program, Regional Institute on Aging, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS. (Research Grant: \$15,000). **Principal Investigator.**

Presentations:

**Lee, K. H., & Yoon, D. P.** (Jan 2010). *Predictors of health status of low income Korean older adult immigrants.* Poster presented at the 14th Conference of the Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.

**Lee, K. H., Bolin, B., and Yoon, D. P.** (Jan 2010). *Research Perception and Empowerment of Social Work Students.* Poster presented at the 14th Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.

**Dr. Brien Bolin** has done a poster presentation.

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