Annual Spring Celebration!

Our Annual Spring Celebration on Monday, May 12, 2008, will be packed with fun! Our graduating MSW students will present their integrative projects from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. From 2:15 - 3:00 pm, our honor students will be inducted into Phi Alpha Honor Society. Finally, from 4:30 - 6:00, will be our Convocation and Reception. This year, the celebration will be held at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver). Parking should be easy for all!

The MSW Colloquium has several sessions. Session I is from 9:00 - 10:15 am, and will include topics such as: “Child Welfare” in room 132, “Grief and Depression” in room 138, “Mental Health” in room 185a, and “School Social Work” in room 185b.

MSW Colloquium Session II is from 10:30 - 11:45 am, and will include topics such as: “Foster Care” in room 132, “Aging and Social Work” in room 138, “Adolescents and Social Work” in room 185a, and “Addictions and Social Work” in room 185b.

SWOGS lunch will be from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm in room 180. This lunch is free for SWOGS members, and is $5.00 for non-members. If you are planning on eating, please let Trisha know at trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu.

MSW Colloquium Session III is from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, and will include topics such as: “Foster Care” in room 132, “School Social Work” in room 138, “Adolescents and Social Work” in room 185a, and “Developmental Disabilities” in room 185b.

The Beta Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society is inducting our honor students from 2:15 - 3:00 pm in room 180. Click here for more information.

MSW Colloquium Session IV is from 3:15 - 4:30 pm, and will include topics such as: “Social Work with Veterans” in room 132, “Miscellaneous Topics” in room 138, “Human Sexuality and Social Work” in room 185a, and “Medical Social Work” in room 185b.

The All School Convocation is from 4:30 - 6:00 in room 180. This event includes recognition of Phi Alpha inductees, scholarship recipients, the alumni association, student organizations (SWOGS and SOSW), Field Practice, BSW graduates and MSW graduates. There is also a spectacular slide show that includes events from the school year. A reception will follow this event.

Please come help us celebrate the day and cheer on our students as they present their work!
Once again, we look forward to the ceremonies of spring and to celebrating the accomplishments of our students, particularly the graduating students of the BSW and MSW Programs. This year, 56 BSW students and 60 MSW students will graduate from our programs. Once again, these numbers reflect the growth and success of the School of Social Work. As we congratulate the graduating students, we also welcome the new students. Our admissions committees have completed their work for the coming academic year, and approximately 150 students (BSW and MSW) have received letters of admission to our programs.

I am so pleased to announce that our POWER Conference was bigger and better than ever, with almost 200 participants this year.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the School’s Advisory Board for their participation in the POWER Conference. In particular, I am grateful for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Elwin Barrett Social Work Fund. The POWER Conference provided an opportunity for giving, and through the dedicated efforts of Marcia Allen and Horace Santry, we were able to add about $1500 dollars to the fund. Our goal is to raise $15,000 to endow this fund, and I am hopeful that we will reach that goal within the next couple of years.

Please join us on May 12th to celebrate the end of a very successful year and to honor those who are moving on to new and exciting opportunities for professional and personal growth! This year’s celebration will be held in the Hughes Metropolitan Complex at 29th and Oliver. Parking is convenient and we welcome your participation in any and all activities of the day, which culminates in our Graduation Convocation at 4:30. We look forward to sharing our pride and happiness with you, your family, and friends! See you on May 12th!

The spring of 2008 is coming to a conclusion and there are new beginnings. Another cohort of students is beginning their graduate education.

With your MSW, there will be opportunities and expectations. Take hold of these, and continue the process. This is a remarkable beginning.
Field Notes
Sabrina Perez Glatt
Director of Field Practicum

Spring semester always goes so fast! Here we are, close to graduation and looking forward to Fall 08. Courtney Boettcher and I are now beginning to place the graduate and undergraduate students in practicum for the Fall Semester.

As a field instructor, you should have received the Performance Evaluation for evaluating your student(s). You should also have received the Field Instructor Evaluation of the Field Program. We hope that you send that in. We are always looking for ways to better serve, not only the students, but you and your agencies. Your feedback is always respected and considered when changes are needed. Also, you will have received your continuing education for your great service to the profession. Notify Trisha (316-978-6518 or trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu) if you have not received these documents.

Summer is our time to look at any program changes. As a result of our Spring Field Instructor’s Training, we agreed to put together a work group to look at the student’s Performance Evaluation and try to make it more user-friendly. Several of you agreed to participate. If you are still interested or would like to join us, please contact Trisha at trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver), room 137.

Our next Field Instructor’s Training will be Friday, August 15, 2008 at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver), room 132, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We truly feel we have one of the strongest field education programs in the state. This is due to the dedication the field instructors give to the profession and our student body. For this, we are truly grateful. We look forward to our working together in the Fall 08-Spring 09 Academic Year!

BSW Beat
Natalie Grant
BSW Program Director

The last stretch of the semester is upon us and our BSW students have much to look forward to as well as to be proud of. This Spring there were 28 BSW students admitted to the program in addition to the 42 admitted this past Fall.

Our juniors have been hard at work on self-reflection activities and videotaping their interview assignments. I have really enjoyed getting to know this group of juniors and we are all so excited to see what is to come of them next year as they enter practicum! These guys have also been really busy about the town volunteering at social service agencies as well as participating in community activities. Our students have dedicated time for events such as the Easter Sun Run, Comcare’s Suicide Prevention Link 4 Life, the Tallgrass Film Festival, the Make-a-Wish walk/run and Step Up for Sids to only name a few!

For these juniors, as well as those recently admitted to the Social Work program, we want to encourage your participation in the Student Organization of Social Work (SOSW). Your involvement is crucial to the organization’s success. Meetings are conveniently scheduled with your classes and you can give as much time as you choose!

As we prepare to say good-bye to our senior class (see list of graduates on page 5), we want to congratulate you on all of your hard work! You have made our program a success and we look forward to the work that you do as professional social workers!

Whether you are moving on to a graduate program or are going into the workforce, we wish you the best and will enjoy the growth you experience no matter your path! We have an awesome alumni group that works to keep our communication going and continues to offer opportunities for networking, don’t forget to join!

Remember that this is the time for Summer and Fall enrollment. Please set a time with your advisor to discuss scheduling and getting prepared!

Enjoy these last few weeks of the semester, use your self-care techniques to help you manage through the stress of those papers and final exams!
SOSW — Student Organization of Social Work
Amber Lewis, SOSW Secretary

It's that time of year again......finals and graduation. With the end of the school year came SOSW's End of the Year Banquet. We had a good turn out of students and faculty. During the banquet Dr. Linnea GlenMaye gave a warm welcome to the SOSW members and their families. BSW Program Director, Natalie Grant also gave some encouraging words to the undergraduate students. The Banquet Committee was recognized for all of the hard work that they had done to bring back this great tradition. STAR students Tara Mitchell and Tony Sullivan were recognized and awarded for their dedication to their school work and field experience. Overall it was a great night, and I hope to see this tradition to keep growing over the years.

The SOSW Officers brought back the Banquet!!! What fun we had! On the evening of April 3, 2008 the SOSW members gathered in the Rhatigan Student Center to celebrate a very successful year. Dr. Linnea GlenMaye, Director of the School and Natalie Grant, BSW Program Director offered words and wisdom for the students to carry forward into their next social work endeavor. As faculty advisor, I was honored to be asked to emcee the event which included a full barbeque buffet, white top tables with beautiful flowers donned in the middle, a slideshow of students’ fun times and study days and a time to honor SOSW members’ accomplishments. I was able to express my gratitude to the hard work of the students’ throughout the year, but specifically recognize one such student—Taunya Rutenbeck. The following captures what I know to be true of Taunya.

There is one student who is deserving of special recognition. To say this student is a star is an understatement. She has exceeded all my expectations as a student leader. As a student in our social work program, Taunya Rutenbeck has adopted social work values and ethics as her own. Student and faculty alike have observed this in the way she leads, practices and lives her daily life. Her commitment to the social work organization is apparent as she single handedly rallied the support of Mayor Carl Brewer to proclaim March 28th Professional Social Work Day. She did NOT do this for personal recognition or accolades, but rather the contrary. Taunya did this to place SOSW and the WSU School of Social Work on the map.

One of the rules of student recognitions was the officers would not be named SOSW Stars, as Taunya wanted the student body to have a chance to be recognized for their great work. BUT I think all would agree that without recognizing her great work over this past year would not be right. Taunya has spent her last year leading the SOSW organization as President and last academic year as Treasurer. She responded to the Victims of Hurricane Katrina, by spending time in the disaster area offering support and guidance. Taunya is an obvious source of support to her family and friends, makes time to study, volunteer, and, all the while advocating for the rights of children and families in the foster care system at Youthville through her practicum. I am proud to introduce Taunya as our President of SOSW and SOSW Star of the YEAR!!!!

Congratulations! And we look forward to having Taunya join us in the MSW Graduate Program next year.

Courtney Boettcher. SOSW Faculty Advisor

SWOGS — Social Work Organization of Graduate Students
Kelley Tubbs, SWOGS President

The end is approaching. I swear last month Trisha was telling me my article was late, but this was back in September.

Currently, SWOGS is accepting applications for President and Vice President. The SWOGS officer applications can be obtained through the SWOGS website or click here. Applications will be reviewed by current SWOGS members, officers, and then the applications will be voted on.

Speaking of SWOGS officers, I must thank the other SWOGS officer - Vice President, Staci Houston - for riding passenger on this ride as SWOGS Officers; she has made this year quite fun and been very helpful.

SWOGS is currently planning a banquet to be held the day of The Social Work Colloquium; more details will be provided as they are ironed out.

I'd like to take this time to thank all the faculty and staff for their extreme hard work and patience.

Again, anyone with leadership abilities - no matter how small you feel they may be - is encouraged to apply to become a SWOGS officer.

WSU Alumni Association Social Work Society
Sabrina Perez Glatt, Alumna, Director of Field Practicum

We had a group get-together after the POWER Conference. It was good to see you all. Thanks to the Alumni Association for setting up an area just for us. It was decorated nicely with Shocker decorations!

We will be meeting again at the Fox & Hound at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 12th after the Colloquium and Convocation. Hopefully the new BSW & MSW graduates will join us and be a part of our Social Work Society and support the School of Social Work here at WSU! I hope many of our alumni are there to welcome these new Social Work graduates to the profession.
Congratulations Graduates!

BSW Graduates:
- Davon J. Anderson
- Chelsie M. Baldwin
- Heather M. Broz
- Virginia L. Burgardt
- Kari A. Criger
- Jerilyn N. Curless
- Jessica L. Enriquez
- Lavana L. Faine
- Ashton M. Gillett
- Erin R. Gillmore
- Alicia M. Goolsby
- Abby R. Harsh
- Vanessa Herrera
- John C. Hill
- Kathryn A. Houchin
- Sierra C. Jackson
- John C. Hill
- Cottage
- Sara N. Lehman
- Amber L. Lewis
- Stacie L. Lubbers
- Alisha A. Mayberry
- Jessica B. Mccllland
- Melissa C. McPherson
- Emily A. Miller
- Serena R. Milner
- Shakti A. Mitchell
- Tara A. Mitchell
- Rosalind R. Nijoms
- Jennifer M. Nelson
- Randolph N. Nguyen
- Nichola B. Oxford
- David A. Pfannenstiel
- Lilithalom “Tina” Phengsy
- Ashley G. Pickering
- Gabriela Prieto
- Kimberly R. Probst
- Julie E. Ramsour
- Lolita R. Ray
- Shawn M. Reiling-Pantechev
- Monica M. Rico
- Jessica E. Rieth
- Modena B. Ruiz
- Taunya R. Rutenheek
- Katie L. Savile
- Shi-Metria M. Smith
- Amanda E. Stockton
- Morgan B. Stoll
- Anthony D. Sullivan
- Jacque L. Teague
- Nicole A. Tinker
- Vallis J. Tracey
- Glynnie L. Webb
- Nichole R. Wilson
- Jessica D. Worthen

MSW Graduates:
- Mary C. Aaron
- Danielle R. Alderson
- Alyson M. Angle
- Jamie L. Barry
- Daniel G. Beeson
- Rachelle Birkner
- Amy E. Blasdel
- Steven E. Burkhart
- Megan A. Calderon
- Rhonda R. Chapman
- Shawn P. Childs
- Donna R. Cook
- Stacy R. Crum
- Ashley Demarce
- Jessica Demarce
- Angela D. Dilling
- Mary E. Doyle
- Janice R. Dunn
- Chad E. Henkelman
- Stacie D. Houston
- Anne Jacobson
- Valerie Kabaute
- Jesse J. Lemuz
- Kayla R. Linnebur
- Chelsea L. Longhofer
- Cindy M. Luhe
- Kristian MacMeeken
- Shanell Mans
- Anne M. Maupin
- Kellie E. Michaud
- Rekala G. Miller
- Tashina L. Miller
- Stephanie M. Nabors
- Jennifer Osborne
- Sonja Ostrander
- Terra L. Owens
- Eloise “Dooz” Pankratz
- Nicole Parker-Sutton
- Christine A. Patten
- Tiffany D. Pridmore
- Christina L. Randle
- Mary B. Reed
- Robert L. Reed
- Latrice L. Reynolds
- Susan G. Ritki
- Brandi J. Rinke
- Alicia M. Rose
- David M. Schonberg
- Heather M. Seofield
- Amanda J. Shuey
- Chenoa M. Simmons
- Drew L. Small
- Jodi L. Smith
- Nicole D. Stevenson
- Stacy K. Tresic
- Kelley C. Tubbs
- Amy M. Tuttle
- Karen Walmieier
- Connie K. Wells
- Stacy M. Zapata
Student Highlights
Karen Ahrens

We here at CASA: A Voice for Children, Inc. have truly enjoyed the pleasure of having Karen Ahrens as our intern for the year. She has honestly become a valuable asset to our organization and it will be hard for our staff to see her internship with us come to an end. Karen has done an excellent job of developing a family needs assessment for our organization to use to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the families that are involved in the court system through the child in need of care filings that we deal with. Her efforts and hard work on this project will enable us to make wise, more informed decisions when choosing a case to appoint our volunteers to. She has enabled us to see where the true needs are and has assisted us in developing a scale on which to rate the severity of the cases. In other words, we are able to truly see where the greatest needs are for us and this will improve our advocacy efforts. This is just one of the many projects that Karen has helped our organization with. She was also responsible for the planning and execution of all activities our office is doing for April’s Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month for both Harvey and McPherson counties. She has clearly understood what it takes to be a strong advocate for the children that we serve through her efforts to help our organization to understand from a social work perspective the importance of properly assessing the needs of the families that we serve through the Ninth Judicial District of Kansas. For this we say, thank you Karen. You will truly never be forgotten.

Melanie Watkins, Executive Director
CASA: A Voice for Children, Inc.

Amber Lewis

As field instructors, it is easy for us to take for granted the work of our practicum students. Most of these students work 15-25 hours per week with no pay and very little recognition, and are obligated to put in this time to meet graduation requirements. Practicum students quickly become a valuable asset to the agencies where they are placed. So, as the school year winds down, it is important to recognize those students who devote so much of their time and talents to our agencies. The Communities in Schools program at Derby Middle School was able to implement many new programs and ideas because of our social work practicum student, Amber Lewis. Amber brought fresh ideas, lots of energy and a maturity that surpasses others her age. She oversaw our after school programs, provided a variety of services to our students, and helped plan major school and city-wide events. Derby Middle School students were also able to participate in several community service projects because of Amber's devotion to her work. She has been a positive role model who has shown genuine care and concern for the students at Derby Middle School.

Communities in Schools is fortunate to work closely with this Wichita State University program, and to be provided with quality students like Amber Lewis. As one 7th grader commented, “Miss Amber really cares about us and she makes us feel important. I’m gonna miss her.”

And we all are. Thank you for a year of outstanding commitment. Good luck to Amber and all of the graduating students!

Jessica Houston, Site Coordinator
Communities In Schools,
Derby Middle School

Social Work 403 Classes - Diversity Art Projects

Sherry Chapman’s Generalist Practice II classes got creative last week! In response to the Office of Multicultural Affairs call to observe University Diversity Day on April 11th, students in Professor Chapman’s afternoon and evening sections of Social Work 403 created masks which reflect aspects of class members’ uniqueness. You can see the finished masks in the fifth floor hallway, opposite Professor Chapman’s office, in Lindquist Hall.
Phi Alpha Honor Society
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Tim Lause

Phi Alpha Honor Society
A National Honor Society For Social Work Students
Beta Delta Chapter
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Beta Delta (WSU) Chapter of Phi Alpha will hold its annual induction ceremony for new members on May 12 from 2:15-3:00 at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex (29th & Oliver), room 180. All are welcome to attend!

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into Phi Alpha:

**BSW Students:**
- Danielle Alderson
- Amy Blasdel
- Lindsey Brittain
- Todd Clevenger
- Stacy Crum
- Angela Dilling
- Travis Hays
- Anne Jacobson
- Chelsea Longhofer

**MSW Students:**
- Shanell Mans
- Kristin Menzies
- Kellie Michaud
- Rekala Miller
- Jennifer Osborne
- Eloise "Dooz" Pankratz
- Nicole Parker-Sutton
- Christine Patten
- Mary Reed

Congratulations!

Elwin Barrett Fund Doubles at POWER Conference

Empowerment reigned at this year’s POWER Conference as many participants chose to help the School of Social Work by donating to the Dr. Elwin Barrett Social Work Fund. Dr. Barrett retired from the faculty in the spring of 2007 and the Fund has been established to honor his more than 30 years of service to the School, including 24 years as Director.

When the fund has reached $15,000, it will be permanently endowed. Nearly 10% of that amount was donated or pledged at the POWER Conference on March 28th. An endowment becomes the principal of the Fund; the interest from that principal will be used to benefit the School. The money raised in March almost doubles what was previously in the Fund, for a total of $3,090.

Many POWER Conference participants may have left believing that $765 was raised that day. However, once pledges and last minute donations were counted, the amount reached a gratifying $1,490!

Currently, the fundraising effort is being spearheaded by the School of Social Work’s Advisory Board. By endowing the Fund, the Advisory Board would like to continue Dr. Barrett’s legacy of commitment to students, faculty, the community and his chosen profession of social work. In the future, the Fund may be used for student scholarships, faculty training and research, or teaching materials for the School. The ultimate beneficiary will be the students and the communities they will be better educated to serve.

Many thanks to those who gave so generously! And for those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to help, you may follow directions below:

Please make a check payable to the “WSU Foundation” and note “Elwin Barrett Social Work Fund” on the check. Mail the above to: Wichita State University Foundation, 1845 Fairmount St, Wichita KS 67260-0002

For credit card (Visa, Master Card, American Express, or Discover) online contributions, follow these steps: 1) visit www.wichita.edu, 2) Select “Donate Online” option, 3) Complete “for other university gifts” portion, 4) Indicate the gift is for the Dr. Elwin Barrett Social Work Fund in the space provided.

Payroll deductions may be arranged for WSU employees by calling Sharon Miles at the WSU Foundation, 316-978-3040.
Community Events

EVERYONE has the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard, and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated.

Spring Aging and Wellness Workshop:
May 1, 2008 8:30am-4:00pm
Newman University – Dugan Center (Dugan Library)
6 CEUs Available for Diagnosis and Treatment

Who Should Attend? Professionals and students in the field of Aging, Mental Health, Nursing Home Administrators, Nurses, Physicians, Religious Leaders, Community Leaders, caregivers and others interested in mental health and aging issues

Agenda
8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00am Welcome - Annette Graham, LSCSW, Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Aging and Wellness Coalition
9:15am Dueling Diagnosis: Medical and Mental Health Co-Morbidity in Older Adults - Nancy Trout, LSCSW - Prairie View - 2 hour
11:30am Lunch Break - Networking
12:00pm Group Exercise - .5 hours
12:30pm Memory Loss vs. Normal Aging: Understanding Dementia and the Disease Process - Jeanne Reeder, LMSW, MRE - Heart of America Alzheimer’s Association - 2 hour
2:30pm Working with Older Adults and Caregivers: Navigating the Aging Network - Annette Graham, LSCSW - Sedgwick County Department on Aging - 1.5 hours

Fee: $60 - Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and CEUs

Please complete the attached registration form and mail along with payment to Monica Cissell Sedgwick County Department on Aging, 510 N. Main ste 502, Wichita, KS 67203. Registration and Payment must be received by Tuesday April 29th. Refunds will only be made if requested prior to April 29th.

A Workshop brought to you by the Aging and Wellness Coalition of Sedgwick County
May 1, 2008 8:30am - 4:30pm
Newman University - Dugan Center (Dugan Library)
6 CEUs Available

Registration
Name ___________________________ Business/Agency ___________________________
Address ___________________________ City ___________ State __ Zip _____
Email _______________________________

CEUs Needed? □ Yes □ No License Type ___________ License Number _____

Meal Requirements: □ Meat Boxed Lunch □ Vegetarian Boxed Lunch

Conference Fee of $60 includes 6 CEUs, Continental Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, and handouts. Checks should be made payable to Sedgwick County Department on Aging and sent to 510 N. Main st. 502, Wichita, KS 67203. Registrations must be received by April 29th. Space is limited so please register early. No refunds will be honored following April 29th. If you have questions please feel free to contact Monica Cissell at 316-660-5229 or mcissell@sedgwick.gov.

If you know of a community offering that should be included in our newsletter, please contact Trisha at trisha.wenrich@wichita.edu or (316) 978-6518.
Community Events

Communities In Schools
"Evening on the Bayou" (EOB)
June 21, 2008

This fun and entertaining event is held at the outdoor Farm & Art Market in Wichita's Oldtown. You will get to experience live music, Cajun food, silent and live auctions, and the opportunity to win great prizes (including a Royal Caribbean Cruise).

The purpose of EOB is to not only celebrate the success of CIS with our Wichita community but also to raise funds to support our operations and increase awareness of what CIS does to help the kids and families in our community.

Tickets are $100/person...a great way to support CIS! Contact Jody Voils, 973-5110 for tickets and more information.

Table Sponsorships are also available, for more information, call 973-5110.

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STAR Luncheon
Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Communities In Schools will be celebrating the 14th Annual STAR Luncheon on Tuesday, May 6. Students who have shown great improvement in the areas of behavior, attendance and academics will be honored. Tickets are $30 and are available by calling 973-5110.

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A benefit concert for the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas at the Cotillion on July 3, 2008 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Grateful Not To Be Dead, The Fabulous Shirtheads & Lotus. Tickets go on sale May 3, 2008 and are available through Select-A-Seat and the Cotillion. Only $20 in advance or $25 at the door!!!

For more information call 652-2537.
Volunteer Opportunities

Wichita Habitat for Humanity®

Got hands? Habitat’s got hammers!

Join other energetic and passionate volunteers for a day of fun in the sun; building homes, friendships, and skills!

WICHITA, Kan. – Wichita Habitat for Humanity volunteers are making a difference in 2008! Habitat extends an invitation to the community, both individuals and groups, to get involved in building two homes this month. No skills are required to be a volunteer, only willing hearts and hands are needed for someone to be an essential piece of making a difference in the lives of others. Habitat staff will be onsite daily to guide both skilled and unskilled volunteers as together they have fun and see the results of their efforts. Habitat also provides all necessary tools at the work site. Both men and women are encouraged to get involved. Volunteers should be at least 16 years old and have written parental or legal guardian consent.

When: Tuesdays through Fridays, April 8th - May 3rd
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (half-day volunteers welcome)
To Volunteer: Call Monique at 269-0755 or Signup online at www.wichitahabitat.org

I would like to invite you to work along Sedgwick County high school students in the first Youth Build with Habitat for Humanity. We have been busy raising funds for the house and the build is scheduled for May 31 to June 21. If any of you would like to volunteer to help with the build, contact Patty Stuever at 973-6249.

Employment Offerings

Rainbows United, Inc.

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.

Rainbows United has immediate full time openings for social workers in an early intervention program providing direct services to children ages birth through five in a team oriented environment.

Education: Masters Degree in social work plus a Kansas license (LMSW) required
Experience: 1 to 2 years previous experience working with families and children with special needs preferred, but not required.

Job Requirements:
• Oversees family support
• Conducts intakes and social histories
• Participates in planning and implementation of family support
• Organization and problem solving skills
• Excellent written and verbal communication

Locations:
• Center based position in Wichita, Kansas
• Home based position in Butler County (office in El Dorado, Kansas)

Salary commensurate with experience and education. Excellent benefit package. Send application (download version is available online at www.rainbowsunited.org), letter of interest and resume to Rainbows United, 340 S. Broadway, Wichita, KS, 67202 or fax to 316-267-5444.

Employment Offerings

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Wichita Region

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.

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Employment Offers

Service Coordinator - Targeted Case Management

We Are Making A Difference Everyday And So Can You!!!

Do you enjoy working with people? Are you looking for a rewarding career?

TECH has a Targeted Case Management position available for a person who wants to make a difference.

Qualifications: A bachelor’s degree in social work, psychology, vocational rehabilitation, or related human services field is required. Experience working with persons with developmental disabilities preferred.

An Awesome Benefits Packet includes: health and dental insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, two weeks paid time off, 12 paid holidays, and KPERS retirement.

Interested applicants apply in person or online at www.techinc.org

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PART-TIME PROFESSIONAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Three Trees is seeking a part-time program coordinator. This position oversees and coordinates peer-support group programs and other program-related activities. A Masters in Social Work is required. It is a part-time (20-25 hours/week) salaried position with a flexible, but pre-determined work schedule. The ideal candidate will have clinical assessment skills, be organized with strong attention to detail, able to prioritize, and have strong verbal and written communication skills. Experience supervising is preferred. Detailed Job Description. Send cover letter and resume to Three Trees, 8100 E. 22nd St. N., Bldg 800, Ste 100, Wichita, KS 67226 or to three-trees@threetrees.org. For more information, contact Jeri Biehler, Executive Director at 263-3335 or jerbiehler@threetrees.org.

Positions open at Saint Francis Community Services:

   THERAPIST
   LMSW, LMFT, LPC

Licensed professionals to provide intensive in-home family services, using a therapeutic model. The goal is to provide a full range of services to the family to prevent out of home placement of one or more children.

   SOCIAL WORKERS
   LBSW/LMSW/LP/LMFT

Licensed professionals to serve children and families in the Hutchinson, Wellington, Dodge City or Great Bend, KS areas. Must have valid driver's license, and reliable transportation, be able to license with KS BSRB.

   RESOURCE SPECIALIST
   LBSW

Licensed professional to work with Resource families to implements family centered practice by assuring that relatives, kin, foster, and adoptive resource families are considered and assessed for possible placement and/or support throughout the case planning process.

SFCS offers excellent benefit package & competitive wages. Send Resume to norma.offutt@st-francis.org, fax to 620-669-0572, or website: www.st-francis.org, EOE.

Wichita Habitat for Humanity

Wichita Habitat for Humanity is looking to fill 3 AmeriCorps* VISTA positions.

AmeriCorps* VISTA members dedicate one year of service to address critical community needs. Full-time positions, $10,325 annual living allowance plus end of service $4,725 educational award or $1,200 stipend.

Benefits include medical insurance, qualifying child care assistance, relocation expenses. Contact Marci Hawks at 316-269-0755.

Wichita, Kansas.

Adult and Children’s Case Managers

We have increased our starting salary and developed a career ladder for our Case Management staff.

Duties include: Assisting people with a mental illness to manage their symptoms and teach skills to live in the community. Engaging consumers in a working relationship, assess consumer’s personal strength. Assisting in developing short and long term goals. Accompanying consumers to appointments as needed. 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 KS driver license. We are recruiting for a variety of positions in several clinical settings. Full and part time positions available.

We are also recruiting for the following positions:

PhD Psychologist/Project Manager
Sr. Social Workers – full and part time
Team Supervisor- Children’s Services
Program Manager- Adult Services
Clinical Coordinator- Adult Services

We offer a competitive salary and a full range of benefits. Visit our website at www.hrepartners.com for detailed job information for these and other COMCARE positions and to apply on-line or call 316.660.7649 for more information.
Employment Offerings

Sedwick County... working for you

Community Corrections

Corrections Worker – Full-time & 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 totaling 3 years. Various locations/shifting. 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.

Intensive Supervision Officer II
(Grant Funded, 40 Month Position)
Education / experience / training in offender reentry is a plus! Provide intensive supervision for a caseload of juvenile offenders to deter clients from further criminal behavior and ensure the client's adherence to court-ordered conditions of their probation or custody, or provide intensive supervision for a caseload of adult offenders in a residential facility setting to ensure the client's adherence to court-ordered conditions. Degree in related field plus 2 years related exp. KS Driver's License. Starts at $15.51/hr.

Intensive Supervision Officer I
Provide intensive supervision for a caseload of juvenile offenders to deter clients from further criminal behavior and ensure the client's adherence to court-ordered conditions of their probation or custody, or provide intensive supervision for a caseload of adult offenders in a residential facility setting to ensure the client's adherence to court-ordered conditions. Degree in related field plus 1 year related exp. KS Driver's License. Starts at $14.43/hr.

Assistant Intensive Supervision Officer
Assist ISO in providing supervision for juvenile offenders on Intensive Supervision, as well as those on House Arrest/ Electronic Monitoring. Related degree or equivalent combination of training or exp. KS Driver's License. Starts at $11.61/hr.

Intensive Supervision Officer I
(Prettrial Services Program)
Manage a caseload of adult offenders and related work. Assist all clients in following their conditions of bond. Explain applicable laws, regulations and standards of behavior to clients. Use professional relationship and interviewing techniques to motivate and assist clients in setting and meeting goals. Maintain reports and documentation. Participate in court hearings. Conduct drug/alcohol screenings on clients through urinalysis and/or breathalyzer testing. Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Social Work, or a related field. One year experience in corrections or social casework. Valid Kansas Drivers License. Keyboarding test required to meet 30 wpm. $14.43/hour.

Juvenile Intake/Assessment Worker
The intake worker position is responsible for assessing juveniles arrested by law enforcement officers for the purpose of determining what community services might be helpful in order to prevent the juvenile from recidivating and/or moving deeper into the juvenile justice system. Knowledge of assessment techniques, knowledge of community services, and ability to manage family crisis situations helpful. A bachelor's degree in human services (social work, criminal justice, or counseling) or equivalent work experience required. Minorities and bilingual individuals encouraged to apply. Starts at $12.48/hr.

Apply online at www.HRePartners.com

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.

When was the last time you made a difference in someone’s life? The answer can be “Every Day” as a member of the BI team! BI Inc. is one of the largest providers of products and treatment services to the corrections community. We are currently searching for Case Managers and a Counselor to join our team.

BI is committed to using practices that are shown by research to be effective in reducing recidivism. Our programs are cognitive-behavioral and treatment focused on dynamic criminogenic risk factors.

Positions listed below learn, use and model principles of the “What Works” system through evidence-based practices in all interactions with clients and other staff members. Within the first year, training will include certification in Motivational Interviewing, the LSI-R, Group Facilitation and Moral Reconciliation Theory.

BI offers a generous compensation and benefits package, including a $3,500 per year educational stipend for those furthering their education in the field.

Case Manager
Manages a caseload of client cases by administering the policies and procedures of the program, conducts intakes, assessments and facilitates groups. Reports on program operations to ensure that all requirements of the criminal justice system are met. Four year degree in social work, sociology, administration of justice, criminal justice or psychology required. No experience required. Topeka and Wichita locations.

Counselor
Conducts group therapy sessions, including drug and alcohol abuse and Moral Reconciliation Therapy. Documents activities and reports data. BA in social work, psychology, sociology, counseling, ministerial studies, human services, criminal justice and human development and family studies. Registration with the BSRB as an Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor required. No experience required. Topeka Day Reporting Center.

Logon to www.bi.com to read more about the exciting career opportunities currently available at BI. BI is an EOE.
Employment Offerings

**Program Coordinator**

(Part-Time)

Three Trees is seeking a part-time (20-25 hours a week) program coordinator. This position oversees and coordinates all program-related activities including support groups, volunteers and community outreach. A Masters in Social Work or a Masters or PhD in Psychology is required. Pre-determined, yet flexible, work schedule.

**Position Skills Summary:**
- Developed clinical assessment skills
- Highly developed organizational skills with strong attention to detail
- Ability to prioritize according to urgency while remaining flexible to changing situations
- Respects confidentiality while demonstrating the highest level of integrity
- Ability to work with and supervise volunteers including practicum students
- Strong communication skills keeping key personnel informed on all issues relating to the organization
- Ability to deliver effective presentations before a variety of audiences
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Outlook and the Internet

**Position Duties & Responsibilities:**

(Program)
- Coordinates all programs and their manner of delivery
- Respond to program inquiries in a timely manner
- Revise and update program manuals and handouts as needed
- Work with development staff to secure donations of necessary program supplies
- Maintain paper files and updated electronic file(s) pertaining to inquiries, orientation appointments, families, results, etc.
- Inventory program materials including various family gifts and craft supplies
- Maintain resource and referral list, providing such information to families as necessary
- Oversee coordination of lending library (Volunteers)
- Be familiar with agency volunteer policies and procedures
- Collaborate with Development Specialist in agency volunteer program
- Interview potential program volunteers
- Substitute as Volunteer Facilitator
- Organize and participate in Volunteer Facilitator Trainings
- Orient and train all group night hostesses and other volunteers
- Secure and supervise Practicum Students from local universities to utilize as volunteers

(Community Outreach)
- Assist with raising community awareness of Three Trees and its needs by performing speaking engagements, tours and exhibits, and responding to inquiries
- Network with professionals (mental health, social work, schools, etc.)
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KVC Behavioral Health-Care, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization which provides an integrated system of services for emotionally and behaviorally impaired, abused, neglected, runaway and homeless children.

**Interviewing May 2008 Graduates Now!**

**Employment Opportunities**

**Clinical Specialist**

Assessment position open to provide specialized assessments, coordinate/facilitate Family Group Decision Making meetings, and provide therapy to facilitate safety, permanency and well-being for children and their families when they have been separated due to abuse or neglect. Candidates must have a Master’s degree and be eligible for licensure from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. Position available in Manhattan.

**Intensive In-Home Specialist**

Provide aftercare services to parents and children who have been reintegrated following foster care. Intensive in-home counseling and aftercare services support families for one full year following reintegration. Candidates must have a Master’s degree and be eligible for licensure from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. Positions available in Junction City, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Lenexa and Topeka.

**Therapeutic Case Manager**

Provide direct services and therapy to families when children have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Average caseload will be 12 children or eight families. Candidates must have a Master’s degree and be eligible for licensure from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. Positions available in Kansas City, Leavenworth, Lenexa, Manhattan, Ottawa and Topeka.

All candidates must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid driver’s license. For a complete list of positions and locations, go to www.kvc.org.

Email cover letter and resume stating which position and office location you are interested in to hr@kvc.org.
Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Dates:

May 12.................................... MSW Colloquium
    Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony
    School of Social Work Convocation
    Alumni Association Social Work Society Mtg.

May 13.................................... Study Day

May 14-20 .............................. Finals

May 16.................................... Commencement

May 26.................................... Memorial Day (Office Closed)

May 27-June 6 ........................ Summer Pre-Session

June 9-August 1 ...................... Summer Session

July 4 ...................................... Independence Day (Office Closed)

August 4-15 ........................... Fall Pre-Session

August 15 ............................... Field Instructor Training

August 21 ............................... Fall Semester Begins

POWER Conference Recap

Thank you all for the success of the 5th Annual POWER Conference. It takes many of you to make this a successful event. A special thank you to our Committee Chair, Courtney Boettcher, for her leadership and organization skills! Thanks also to our Faculty and Community Volunteers who gave us the framework and feedback needed to make this event meaningful to our participants. Thanks to those on the committee and the students who helped set-up. I’m sure the neighborhood appreciated the “bunch” of balloons that the wind stole from Sabrina!

Thanks to Marcia Allen and Horace Santry for the EMCEE duties. To Dr. Keith Pickus, Associate Provost, for his introduction of the Honorable Mayor Carl Brewer and for Mayor Brewer’s inspiring remarks and the Proclamation of March 28th as Social Work Day. (Way to go Taunya, BSW student for arranging this!) Carolyn Risley Hill, President of the WSU School of Social Work Advisory Board, awarded a “Special Recognition” to Mrs. Gloria Tuttle, who always is in support of our students and programs through the Edward Tuttle Scholarship Funds. Dr. Linnea GlenMaye, Director presented the following awards:

• “Practice Excellence” to Sandra Lyon, LSCSW, CEO, Episcopal Social Services.
• “Distinguished Alumna” to Karen Countryman Roswurm, LMSW, Therapist, Wichita Child Guidance Center and Wichita Children’s Home. Karen’s was accepted on her behalf by Ann Vice, LBSW, ComCare.
• “Social Worker of the Year” to Fran Betzen Cook, LSCSW, Supervisor, Catholic Charities Harbor House.

Thanks to Nancy Ging, LSCSW, for her contribution. Thanks to the various social workers that volunteered their time, presenting in the break-out sessions. Your expertise is invaluable and we appreciate your contribution.

Thanks to all the social workers and students in attendance. Together, at such an event we can learn and demonstrate our unity and pride in the profession.

Lastly, to Gayl Edmunds, Director of the Indian Alcohol Treatment Center and colleagues who performed their beautiful singing and drumming which lead us in a great spiritual communion as a Social Work community.