New School of Social Work Faculty

We are thrilled to introduce three new full-time faculty members to the School of Social Work! They are Fred Besthorn, PhD; Lisa Hines, PhD; and Karen Countryman-Roswurm, LMSW.

Fred H Besthorn, PhD, LMSW, MDiv

Dr. Fred H. Besthorn holds a BA in education from Sterling College, Sterling Kansas. He also holds an MSW and PhD in social work from the University of Kansas and a Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary. Before coming to the Wichita State University School of Social Work, Dr. Besthorn was for eight years Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dr. Besthorn has taught across the social work curriculum but in the last number of years has concentrated on graduate and undergraduate courses in Social Policy, Administrative Practice, Community, Organization and Individual Practice, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, and Spirituality and Social Work Practice - to name but several. Prior to his tenure at the University of Northern Iowa, Dr. Besthorn was Assistant Professor of Social Work at Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.

Dr. Besthorn has training and experience in the faith community, psychotherapy, environmental activism, spirituality, direct practice, corrections and law enforcement, peace studies, social policy, legislative advocacy, and social, economic and environmental justice.

Dr. Besthorn has over 40 published articles, book chapters, and monographs and has presented dozens of scholarly papers at both national and international conferences. He is the author, along with Dr. Katherine vanWormer, of Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Groups, Communities and Organizations (Oxford University Press, 2010). His creative and scholarly interests over the past years include continuing to develop a theoretical framework and empirical base for the integration of a deep ecological awareness with social work policy and practice. This entails conducting research on the relationship between environmental degradation and the social, physical, economic and spiritual impact on disadvantaged and/or marginalized populations.

He is the founder of a new social work organization entitled The Global Alliance for a Deep-Ecological Social Work. This group is made up of concerned social workers from around the world who share a commitment to incorporating a deeper environmental awareness into traditional social work practice domains. The organization has a web site at www.ecosocialwork.org and held its first North American conference on social work and the environment in 2001 in Washington, D.C. The organization has become an important resource for practitioners and educators seeking ways to strengthen social work’s commitment to environmental concerns.

In his free time, Dr. Besthorn relishes spending time with his daughter and fiancée while enjoying his hobby of ballroom dancing and riding his Harley - neither of which he does with great skill. Dr. Besthorn is a native Kansan and is excited about his return to Kansas and the many wonderful opportunities that a great institution of higher learning like Wichita State University offers to both students and faculty.

You can reach Dr. Besthorn at (316) 978-7230 or at fred.besthorn@wichita.edu. His office is 542 Lindquist Hall and his office hours this fall are Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm and Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Lisa Hines, PhD, MSW

I am thrilled to be working at Wichita State University as an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work. After spending the last few years in San Francisco, I believe the change will be good. I’m originally from the Bronx in New York (Continued on page 5)
Greetings! I hope you had a wonderful summer with vacation memories to keep you warm in the coming days of fall. At the School of Social Work, the summer was mostly taken up with faculty search activities. I am so pleased to tell you that we were able to hire three outstanding faculty members who joined the School at the beginning of fall semester. Dr. Fred Besthorn joins us as an Associate Professor, Dr. Lisa Hines will be our new Assistant Professor, and Ms. Karen Countryman-Roswurm is our new full time Instructor. Each one brings a wealth of experience and talent to the School and I look forward to telling you about their accomplishments in the future. I am grateful to the School’s Faculty Search Committee and to the Chair of the committee, Dr. Orren Dale, for doing such an outstanding job of recruiting and interviewing a pool of excellent candidates. You can read about each of these new faculty members in the sections that follow.

Once again we have record numbers of students in our MSW Program and BSW Programs. We have 148 students enrolled in the MSW Program and approximately 200 undergraduate majors. This is the first year of our fully implemented revised MSW curriculum. We are excited about the changes and hope that students will benefit from an additional required Advanced Generalist Practice course and a new seminar in the spring that helps them develop their Integrative Project for presentation at the Annual Colloquium and Convocation on May 9th. Stay tuned for further details on this exciting annual event!

Last year the Curriculum Committee reviewed and revised the MSW curriculum. This year our Curriculum Committee will be focusing their lens on the BSW Program. We have some changes in development and when they are fully approved, we will share those revisions with you. With re-accreditation coming in June 2013, we have a lot a work to do to make sure we have the best possible programs and curricula in place.

We have a busy year ahead of us, in our teaching, research, and service activities. I look forward to sharing the results of our hard work in future newsletters. Have a great fall!

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Field Notes
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Happy Fall from Field Practicum. This is an exciting time of year. We have students assigned to their practicum assignments and classes are in full force. Courtney Smith did a great job on placements and worked diligently to meet the educational needs of our student body.

We needed additional licensed social workers to serve as Off-Site Field Instructors. Many of you answered the call and we cannot thank you enough for your service to our students and to the profession. If any of you were not contacted and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact courtney.smith@wichita.edu or myself at sabrina.perezglatt@wichita.edu.

Courtney and I tried something different this fall for Field Instructor Training in having all Field Instructors, On-Site Supervisors and master and bachelor practicum students attend together. We had a full house of almost 200 participants. I believe many received a clear understanding of the WSU School of Social Work Practicum Program and we have received many favorable comments. We encourage any comments or suggestions any time, regarding the Practicum Program and appreciate your interest.

Thank you all for being a part of the Field Practicum Program at WSU and we look forward to a wonderful academic year in the service of meeting client needs and educating our future social workers together!

In Memoriam
Natalie (Mossman) Hays
Natalie was a proud graduate of the Wichita State MSW program. From 2006-2007, Natalie was a full-time Instructor in the School of Social Work, teaching a full load of courses and serving on many School committees. We will always appreciate Natalie’s contribution to the School’s reaccreditation site visit in 2007, where she impressed the Site Team with her energy and support for the program. We will miss her enormously.


Welcome back to another wonderful year in Social Work! There is already so much that our BSW program is looking forward to this year. We are welcoming three new faculty members and I encourage you to say hello to each of them as they are amazing professors with diverse knowledge and experiences that will be so wonderful for our school and community. The BSW program is also looking forward to some changes in course offerings and we will be so pleased to increase our service.

We are also very excited to see the level of participation of our awesome students! As you know, each year the committee for the Student Organization of Social Work changes and this year’s group is so imaginative and involved. The year is kicking off with a Sock Drive for Homeless Veterans on Sept. 17. The students are collecting new socks to hand out at the Homeless Stand Down. Events to follow include volunteering for the Family Carnival at WSU and preparing for a Habitat for Humanity Build. These efforts really reflect the interests and capabilities of our social work students and they certainly make us proud!

I am thankful to be surrounded by a group of colleagues that mean the world to me. I am writing my dissertation this year and it has really been a wonderful experience to be supported by the Social Work department as I have.

In our first week of undergraduate classes, we engaged in a discussion about our environments and the goodness of fit concept. There are so many days that I am reminded of the positive and creative learning environment that is created in the School of Social Work. There is place for so many different people in our school and it is a real pleasure and gift to be a part of the magic that happens in our classrooms! We’ll look forward to a great year and our efforts will soon be rewarded!

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I applaud your focus, optimism and drive toward the goal. There is light at the end of tunnel. Remember the poem by Robert Fulghum “All I really ever needed to know I learned in kindergarten” The biggest word of all “Look.” As you travel the path of graduate school, remember to look and enjoy the short time we will have together - stick together and hold hands.

Reminder: MSW Information Night will be on Monday, November 15th. It will be in the RSC (Rhatigan Student Center), room 203 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Food, Fun and Fabulous people will inform you about applying for the MSW Program. Applications will be due February 1, 2011 for the Academic year 2011-2012. It is never to early to start thinking about a MSW degree.

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SOSW — Student Organization of Social Work
Jamie Bailey, Treasurer

We would like to welcome incoming students into the social work program. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

This year SOSW would like to bridge the gap between the Derby and Wichita campus. We are working on a survey that will help us set a meeting time that will be favorable to the majority. This survey will be available to the School of Social work via OrgSync.

We encourage you to join SOSW! An officer will be visiting classrooms soon to disperse membership forms. Membership is $15.00 for new members, $10.00 for returning members. Membership benefits include free printing in the School of Social Work student lounge, volunteer opportunities, discounts for social work student organization workshops and the POWER Conference and networking opportunities.

Also, we are selling t-shirts, bumper stickers & buttons. T-shirts are $15.00, bumper stickers are $2.00 and buttons are $1.00. All proceeds go to the SOSW which enables us to participate in and plan special events.

After joining the SOSW you will be asked via WSU student mail to be a member of OrgSync. This program allows members to stay updated on events and meetings. Also, it’s a great method of communication for ideas, questions and concerns regarding the club. We understand that everyone is busy with school, work and family. Maintaining communication through electronic means is vital to stay up-to-date on SOSW news. We encourage all members to join OrgSync and offer feedback regarding volunteer opportunities, fund raising ideas and any other relevant information. Go to https://orgsync.com/register/

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Philip Pettis, President

In the up coming months there will be several events that SWOGS has scheduled such as a Thanksgiving Food Drive, A Christmas Toy Drive, and several workshops. If there are further questioning pertaining SWOGS feel free to contact an officer or Sabrina Perez Glatt. Membership is $15.

SWOGS — Social Work Organization of Graduate Students
Philip Pettis, President

The Student Organization of Graduate Students (SWOGS) is looking forward to a great academic year. The representatives of the organization will be making presentations to the classrooms to encourage student membership in the next few weeks. Benefits of joining SWOGS will be not only a great way to be involved on campus and to stay connected, it is also a great addition to a resume.

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2010-2011 SOSW Officers
President: Erin Haag
Vice President: Tim Hunter
Secretary: Shelby Batt
Treasurer: Jamie Bailey
Faculty Advisors:
Natalie Grant & Sherry Chapman

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President: Philip Pettis
Vice-President: Susan McCoy
Secretary / Treasurer: Rena Lee
Faculty Advisor: Sabrina Perez Glatt

Student Accomplishments

Veronica Pyles

BSW student Veronica Ealey Pyles received an award from the McNair Foundation for having the highest GPA among this year’s students, and for her presentation on Clinical Assessment of Eye Movement desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) effectiveness. EMDR is a neurotherapeutic technique for the treatment of Post Traumatic Stress disorder, common among assault victims and military vets. She did a survey of practitioners in the region who use the technique to gauge their perception of the effectiveness, and to assess what other techniques are used by those working with these issues.
City. After high school, my family decided to move to South Carolina. I attended the University of South Carolina for my Master of Social Work and Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work degrees. I have never lived in the Midwest but everything I have heard about it is true. Everyone has been very friendly and very helpful. I made a good decision by moving here.

Multiculturalism and tolerance are important values in my life. Living in cities like New York and San Francisco really helped me to become a well rounded person who is accepting of people and their differences. Many groups express their culture through food, music, and art. These creative expressions are important to me. I am a foodie who enjoys Asian American cuisine. Also I’m a huge fan of Julia Child who specialized in French cuisine, but who isn’t? I come from a family of great cooks, who prepared mostly soul food, but other cuisines as well. I started cooking as a young child helping my mom in the kitchen while she made breakfast, lunch or dinner. Cooking and talking about food was how my mom and I bonded. My dad liked to cook too, mostly breakfast on Sundays. Recently, I have found myself wanting to cook more vegetarian recipes with vegetables that I know I hated as a child.

One of my first jobs in NYC at age 14 was a summer counselor for kids in different neighborhoods around the city. The experience working with kids and other teens in small groups was my first introduction to helping others. Prior to teaching, I had a 20 year career as a medical social worker working with poor communities mostly on the East Coast in community health centers. When I was 28, my best friend, David, disclosed his HIV+ status. He said he was going to beat the disease by staying around for the cure. Unfortunately, he died in 1995 and I was devastated. We have to find cures for diseases like HIV and cancer; our communities simply can not afford to lose the human capitol.

My experience with David helped create my research interests include eliminating health disparities, perinatal substance abuse and social work with groups. Over the next few years, I plan to continue publishing in the area of health disparities and health equity. Currently, I am working on an article from a study I conducted on what it means to be pregnant and addicted. A second article from the same study will determine the effectiveness of substance abuse programs designed for pregnant women. There is an increase in face to face and online support groups designed for a variety of problems. I want to further determine the variety of group modalities, the efficacy of these groups and the therapeutic factors associated with both types of groups.

Lastly, I am developing the multicultural motivational strengths perspective as a social work modality for use with vulnerable populations such as immigrants, the LGBTQ community and other oppressed groups.

You can reach Dr. Hines at (316) 978-3278 or at lisa.hines@ wichita.edu. Her office is 538 Lindquist Hall and her office hours this fall are Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Karen Countryman-Roswurm, LMSW

Greetings Social Workers! My name is Karen Countryman-Roswurm (aka Professor Roswurm) and I am excited to introduce myself as one of the newest faculty members in the School of Social Work. This semester I am teaching Social Work 710 Micro Human Behavior and the Social Environment, as well as, two sections of Social Work 720 Field Practicum I. And I must say, I look forward to, and I enjoy, class with the students who are enrolled in such courses!

Though this Fall Semester is young, I am impressed with student’s immediate willingness to make connections with each other and engage in interactions which create a safe and encouraging environment to learn and explore. It is truly apparent that that doing so fosters an environment which brings about a willingness to think critically, and share openly, thoughts and knowledge regarding deep and systemic Social Work practice issues. In addition, I appreciate the response and the opportunity to bring my passion, experience, and commitment to Generalist Social Work Practice into the classroom.

To give you all a little background, I am a Licensed Master Social Worker just hours and a test away from earning my LSCSW. Furthermore, I am a Doctoral Candidate in the Community Psychology Program here at Wichita State University. But, perhaps more influential than “credentials” is my more than 12 years of experience directly serving young people and families.

I began my career in Social Work at the Wichita Children’s Home as a Street Outreach Worker. It was there that my true interests and expertise emerged and where much of my heart and commitment to a population will always remain. Building on such experiences and knowledge, I have since developed my passion for Social Work with many agencies locally, regionally, and nationally as an individual, family, and group therapist; a founder and coordinator of youth programs; a researcher; a community organizer, and an advocate/human rights activist. I realized early on in my career that if I were to truly address an issue and make a sustainable difference, I not only had to work directly with the target population, but I also had to engage in various activities ranging from research (such as that with the Midwest Longitudinal Study of Homeless Adolescents) to working with Federal grant funders in preparing proposals, writing grants, and chairing panels of grant reviews; and from assisting in the development of Public Policy (such as Senate Bill 353 regarding Kansas State Law on Human Trafficking) to organizing community collaboration (such as that with the Anti-Sexual Exploitation Roundtable for Community Action). Thus, with an ultimate passion and commitment to more effectively serving the most marginalized, I value the importance of bridging the gap between direct practice, academia, research, and policy.

All of these professional experiences are a real life illustration of what it means to be a Generalist Social Worker and I am thrilled to bring such work, such real world practice, into the classroom. More so, I am grateful for the gift to “fly” with each and every one of you on this journey called Social Work. We should all feel honored and proud to be Social Workers…I know I am… it is what I’ve always “wanted to do so badly.”

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Community Events

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

Bridges Out of Poverty

Presentation: This program will introduce the participant to some of the concepts from the Bridges out of Poverty training curriculum developed by Dr. Ruby Payne and her organization AHAProcess. Mr. Johnson will take the participant through a co-investigative process of the mental models of Generational Poverty, Middle Class and the Wealthy in America. The goal of discovering our own mental models of the social classes begins us on the journey to reaching a deeper understanding of how people operate largely from their own set of rules based on the class from which they came. The participant will explore some of the Hidden Rules of class, and by creating the mental models the stark differences will be illustrated among the three classes in America.

Learning objectives: 1) Identify the driving forces of the three classes. 2) Gain an understanding that we all operate from the Hidden Rules of the class from which we came. 3) Know the differences in the social classes to assist in better communication among the classes.

Presenter: Danny Johnson currently serves in the training coordinator Staff Development Specialist position at Social and Rehabilitation Services at the Wichita Regional office. Mr. Johnson has spent his entire 20-plus years of service in the human services arena, from the early years as a substance abuse counselor to an independent living therapist in youth corrections. He has been with the Wichita SRS office for 8 years. He has spent the majority of his career in training and professional development, and says of the Dr. Ruby Payne’s Bridges out of Poverty training that he has never taught any subject material such as this. He has watched this powerful information transform lives. His unique perspective of not only working with people from generational poverty but also from his personal experiences in growing up poor offer an intriguing look into Generational Poverty.

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.

Wednesday, October 13, 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.
Pre-registration not required. Doors open at 11:45 am.

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):
Nov 17, 10, Deb Voth, President, Rainbows United
Jan 12, '11, Pam Cornwell, LCMFT, Youthville: What They Teach Us About Survival—Children With Complex Trauma

Sponsored by the WSU SSW Advisory Board for the Dr. Elwin Barrett Social Work Fund: Supporting the growth of the WSU School of Social Work

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

Strengthening Bridges: Improving Community Response to Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault

Friday, October 22, 2010
8:30 am to noon
WSU CAC Theatre (Perimeter Rd @ N. Isely Ln)
CEU’s Provided. Free and open to the public.
Pre-registration not required. Doors open at 8:00 am

This case study will follow a prototype intimate partner violence/sexual assault case as the people impacted move through our response process.

Working as a multi-disciplinary team, each team member will present their perspective as they interact with the facts of the case.

Event by event, the moderator will outline the progression of the case and will ask community team members to respond.

As our understanding develops of what and why each discipline our acceptance of each agency needs will grow and hopefully our ability for future collaborations will be enhanced and our commitment to serve those in need will be renewed.

Agency professionals will include members of our law enforcement community, advocacy agencies, court system, social services, medical community and mental health providers.

Members of the audience will be provided the opportunity to submit questions through the moderator. A scribe will not service gaps that might be identified for future consideration.

Join our audience for an insightful experience that might well be called, “Who’s on first?”

Learning Objectives:
Those in attendance will:
1. Learn what disciplines are involved in responding to an Intimate Partner Violence/Sexual Assault Report
2. What drives and motivates their processes
3. How they all serve in the pursuit of justice and healing
4. What service gaps may now exist
5. With understanding, reduce any existing “turf tension.”

Call Horace Santry @ WASAC - (316) 263-0185 with questions.

Hosted by:
The Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition

&
Wichita State University
School of Social Work
Community Events

Save the Date!

POWER Conference 2011

The 2011 POWER Conference will be held March 4, 2011. Please save this day on your calendar and join us next year for the POWER Conference!

Please join the YWCA Women’s Crisis Center for the 2nd Annual Stepping Out Against Violence Walk

Walk with us in memory of all who have been harmed or lost their lives to the crime of violence.

Who: Supporters of Violence Awareness

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010
10:00 am - Gather at WSU (21st & Hillside Parking Lot (Koch Arena - Look for the YWCA banner) to sign a petition to take a stand against violence.
10:30 am - Walk begins (approximately 1.5 miles around the WSU campus).

Cost: Suggested donation of $5 for the Women’s Crisis Center (not required for participation).

Info: Call our administration office at (316) 263-7501 if you have questions.

A special thank you to FOCUS and the University Police Department for making this event possible!

Champions of Respect 2010

Presented by the Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition

Save the Date
October 21, 2010

The Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition...seeks to express appreciation to those whose actions work to reduce sexual/intimate partner violence in Sedgwick County.

The Coalition would like to honor people in Sedgwick County who bring awareness to the issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, and intimate partner violence. Champions of Respect are members of the community-at-large who serve as role models encouraging others.

Nominee Qualifications:
• Community Member whose behavior exemplifies respect.
• Agency Volunteer, Board Member, Funder/Supporter; Advocate, Law Enforcement, Elected/Public Officials, Medical Community Members
• An Individual, Business, Program, Project or Agency

To Nominate, please provide the following:
• Name, Street Address, Email and Phone Number of the person being nominated.
• Name, Street Address, Email and Phone number of the person nominating.
• Relationship to and length of time you’ve known the nominee.
• In 500 words or less, summarize the nominee’s character and actions that have shown them to be a model and/or mentor for health relationships.

Nominations must be received by midnight Sunday, September 26, 2010

Email Nominations to: champions.respect@yahoo.com

Contact Nell Kaba, (316) 689-4081 if you have any questions.

The Line in the Sand: Stories from the U.S./Mexico Border

The Line in the Sand will be shown:
Thursday, September 16, 2010
6:00 pm
Magnificat Center, 3700 E Lincoln

There will be a facilitated group discussion following the film. The Line in the Sand uses the power of theater to tell the personal stories of people affected by U.S./Mexico border migration.

Through an hour-long collection of monologues and photos, audiences are exposed to a variety of points of view on this complex and critical issue. Working with Catholic Relief Service’s Mexico office, the group conducted interviews with migrants, ranchers, Mexican and U.S. government officials, diocesan staff and others. The Line in the Sand dramatically shares the stories of those they met.

Contact Nell Kaba, (316) 689-4081 if you have any questions.

Communities In Schools

Please join Communities in Schools for one or more of our upcoming Site Visits this fall! And bring a friend to join the fun!

The Site Visit is a chance to learn more about CIS services, and see first hand the difference we are making for students. Each Visit will last one hour and a light lunch will be served.

Site Visit dates include:
September 21 - Valley Center Middle School
September 28 - Hamilton Middle School
October 12 - Derby High School

Please RSVP to Jenifer Phillips at (316) 973-5110 or by email jphillips@ciswichita.org 1 week prior to the site visit you wish to attend.

Feel free to bring a friend, family member or co-worker to learn what CIS is all about.
Community Events

Senior Expo is coming soon!

Join us on September 23rd in “Celebrating 25 Years” of Senior Expo. Visit Senior Expo at four great locations in Wichita including Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 N Amidon; Exploration Place, 300 N McLean Blvd; Old Cowtown Museum, 1871 Sim Park Drive; and the Wichita Art Museum, 1400 West Museum Blvd.

Entrance to Senior Expo and admission to the museums is FREE to anyone age 55 and older and to caregivers of all ages! Find valuable information from over 130 vendors, health screenings, health and wellness information, new opportunities and enjoy the fashion show highlighting “When I was 25…” Models are still needed for the fashion show. No experience is required, but models must be 55 or older. Free transportation is offered between all four locations, and lunch is available for $6.00 at each site.

To kick off Senior Expo festivities, adults 55 and older are invited to the Senior Expo Gala on September 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Cotillion, 11120 W Kellogg. Enjoy an elegant evening of live music, hors d’oeuvres and dancing. Admission is $5.00 per person. Pay at the door or purchase tickets at Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, 2622 W Central, Suite 500.

Senior Expo brought to you by Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. Questions may be directed to (316) 660-5120 or visit us on the web at www.cpaaa.org.

Identifying and Supporting Older Adults with Vulnerabilities

Save the Date
Registration coming soon

October 29, 2010
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Newman University Dugan Conference Center

- Review Vulnerabilities that can have an effect on seniors
- Identify risk factors for older adults
- Learn about different types of treatment
- 6 hours of diagnosis and treatment CEUs for social workers available

For more information, contact Monica at (316) 660-5229 or mcissell@sedgwick.gov.

October 8, 2010
First Church of the Nazarene
1400 E Kellogg, Wichita
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

You will learn:
- The assumptions of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy, including assumptions of the client, therapist, problems, solutions and language
- The goals of treatment in Solution-Focused Brief Therapy
- The essential skills of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy
- How “typical” initial and follow-up sessions might look
- How to use Solution-Focused Brief with children, families, and involuntary clients
- How to integrate Solution-Focused Brief Therapy techniques with other models of therapy

Cost is $75 if registered by 9/24/10, $90 if registered by 10/7/10 and $100 at the door. Cost of seminar includes 6 CEUs issued under BSRB CEU Provider Number 10-002.

For more information and to get the registration form, go to http://cccwichita.com/Seminars.html.

Fashion Passion

Friday, Nov 19, 2010
7:00 pm
Beech Activity Center
Tickets: $100
www.fashionpassionhome.org

A “Naughty & Nice” Runway Show & Auction Benefiting children with special needs

Fashion Passion isn’t for the faint of heart. The wildly popular event is only for the obsessively stylish who can make a scene with their clothing AND with their zeal for helping children with special needs at Rainbows United.

Tempt your taste buds with heavy hors d’oeuvres and signature Fashiontinis. Get your heart beating by bidding on experiences you won’t see anywhere else. And the crowning glory, a high energy runway show featuring the latest trends from Bradley Fair, presented by Models and Images.

Did you know? Rainbows United, Inc. here in Wichita, is a leader in providing aggressive groundbreaking care for children with autism. Rainbows United combines the leading research-based treatments with proven early intervention strategies to maximize a child’s chance for success. We are passionate about providing support for children and their families. By participating in Fashion Passion, you are helping to bring the best care available to children in need. We think that’s a powerful fashion statement.
**Volunteer Opportunities**

### Urban League of Kansas

The Urban League of Kansas (ULK) is a non-profit agency based in Wichita with a mission to facilitate economic self-reliance and an improved quality of life for ULK clients through education, empowerment and self-respect.

Through the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP), ULK provides psychosocial treatment to children with emotional and behavior disorders, both in groups and individually with the goal of improving problem solving, social skills and interpersonal relationships. Currently, the YEP is seeking volunteer van drivers, van monitors and group facilitators.

The YEP is also looking for artists, musicians and dancers to present workshops within our groups related to how our youth can express their emotions through the arts.

If you are passionate about working with children and making a positive impact in their lives, please contact Jason McKenney at (316) 440-9241 or jmckenney@kansasul.org.

### Catholic Charities

IT is in need of a volunteer that is comfortable with computers and able to go to each of the programs of Catholic Charities to do computer inventory (including Harbor House). We will provide detailed instructions and training of exactly what to do to obtain the necessary information. This person would need to be able to move a CPU (the actual computer) around to find the manufacture date (would involve getting under desks much of the time) as well as look at the back of a monitor and then turn on a computer and perform step-by-step directions all while recording the information on a provided form. If at all possible, this person could also be trained to enter the recorded information into Tier once the inventory is completed.

Help Center needs volunteers to stock food items onto shelves at the warehouse or into a storage room.

A volunteer application must be filled out and can be found on our web site, www.catholiccharitieswichita.org.

The application can be mailed or brought to Mindy Albrecht at Catholic Charities, Inc., 532 N Broadway, Wichita, KS 67214.

### Communities In Schools

Wichita/Sedgwick County

We need mentors/tutors for Communities in Schools at Prairie Elementary in Haysville. Contact Andrea Zimmerman, Site Coordinator, at (316) 554-2350 or azimmerman@ciswichita.org.

### Rainbows United

Quality Assurance Volunteer needed at Rainbows United. Volunteer must be an interested citizen in the developmental disability field. They would review documents pertaining to individual services and a member of their family as required by the Sedgwick County CDDO. Appointments are scheduled in advance, generally in the afternoon or evening hours. Background check required. An application is available online or contact Michelle Eastman at meastman@rui.org for more information.
Employment Offerings

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES**

The West Region SRS has two positions listed:

**The Social Work Specialist (Great Bend)**

The Social Work Specialist is part of a service delivery team responsible to provide quality customer service while performing a variety of tasks to meet service needs of children in families where abuse or neglect is suspected or are at risk for abuse and neglect. This position also involves performing a variety of tasks to ensure the service needs are being met for children who have been referred to family preservation, foster care, or adoption services. The position participates in investigating and gathering customer information, disseminating agency and program information, analyzing information to determine possible services, assessing for appropriate referrals within the agency and/or to community resources, maintaining single program cases and assisting customers to ensure children are protected and individuals reach their goals for self-sufficiency.

For more information, contact Brandi Turner at (620) 792-5324 ext. 245 or Brandi.Turner@srs.ks.gov.

Apply on-line at www.jobs.ks.gov (select SRS-West Jobs) and send resume, cover letter and copies of transcripts (referencing requisition number 166747) to Brandi Turner by email or mail to Department of SRS, Attention: Brandi Turner, 1305 Parson Road, Great Bend, KS 67530.

**The Social Work Supervisor (Garden City)**

The Social Work Supervisor is supervisory work in the administration and delivery of services for multiple state and federal fund programs which may include social work programs, child protective services, family services, family preservation, foster care, and adoption. Work involves planning, organizing and directing the work of staff as they answer customer questions, provide applications for programs, gather customer information, assess client’s need for services, refer to internal and external resources, complete intakes for child abuse, and conduct child abuse investigations while all the time assuring compliance with state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and establishment of procedures to achieve program and agency objectives.

For more information, contact Denise Voss at (785) 462-6760 ext 207 or Denise.Voss@srs.ks.gov.

Apply on-line at www.jobs.ks.gov (select SRS-West Jobs) and send resume, cover letter and copies of transcripts (referencing requisition number 166742) to Denise Voss by email or mail to Department of SRS, Attention: Denise Voss, 1135 S Country Club Drive, Suite 1, Colby, Kansas 67701.

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**DCCCA Inc. - Options Adult Services**

DCCCA Inc. - Options Adult Services is hiring a Masters Level Substance Abuse Counselor full-time. We are a residential and outpatient drug and alcohol treatment facility for adult men.

For more information, contact Rachal Harper, Program Coordinator at rharper@dcca.org or (316) 265-6011 ext. 151.

To apply, go on-line at www.dcca.org or send a resume to:
Rachal Harper, Program Coordinator
Options Adult Services
122 N Millwood
Wichita, KS 67203
Fax: (316) 265-4022

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**RAINFOWS UNITED, INC.**

**Bringing potential to life**

Do you know someone who is great with school-aged children and would like to work for Rainbows United, Inc.?

Currently Rainbows has openings for individuals to work the Latch Key before and after school program and all-day Latch Key when public schools have inservice days. Latch Key is located at Kids’ Cove.

Rainbows also has openings for caring individuals who would like to care for a child in the family home.

The hours most needed are from 2:30-9:00 pm. Most shifts are at least 2 hours. Training is provided.

An application is available online or contact Julie Schindler at jschindler@rui.org for more information.
Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Dates:

October 1 ................................ BSW Program Applications Due
October 14-15 ......................... Fall Break (no classes)
November 15 .......................... MSW Information Night
November 24-28 ..................... Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
December 9 ............................. Last day of Fall Semester classes
December 10 ........................... Study Day
School of Social Work Holiday Party
December 11-17 ..................... Finals
December 12 ........................... Fall Commencement
December 23-January 2 .......... Holiday Closing
January 17 ............................. Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)
January 18 ............................... Spring Semester begins
February 1 ............................. MSW Program Application & Graduate School Application Due
March 4 ................................. POWER Conference

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(On a Side Note) Karen has been locally, regionally, and nationally recognized with many awards for her specialization in working with homeless, runaway, and throwaway youth (HRTY) and young people who are at-risk of or involved in various forms of relationship violence and sexual exploitation. This past August, Karen was recognized and filmed by Little Wolfe Productions in their Human Trafficking Documentary Children of a Silent World, as one of four Women Warriors Fighting to End Domestic Sexual Exploitation. Karen is the founder of The Anti-Sexual Exploitation Roundtable for Community Action where she coordinates multi-disciplinary collaborative efforts to prevent, intervene, and reduce domestic sexual exploitation. Since 2006, Karen has traveled the country facilitating more than 100 trainings to assist multi-disciplinary providers in identifying and serving domestic sexual exploitation survivors.

Karen’s practice, research, and advocacy interests include: Domestic Sexual Exploitation/ Human Trafficking; Women and Poverty; Violence against Women; Strengths/Assets and Empowerment Practices; Complex Trauma; Risks and Resiliencies of Homeless, Runaway, and Throwaway Youth (HRTY); Cognitive Schemata of Sexual Exploitation and Relationship Violence Survivors; Children in Need of Care and Demoralizing Practices; and Community Collaboration.

And last, but definitely not least, Karen enjoys spending time with her husband, son, and extended family…particularly when it includes cooking, gardening, home construction/building projects, extreme water sports, hiking, climbing, or biking.

You can reach Ms. Countryman-Roswurm at karen.countryman-roswurm@wichita.edu or at (316) 978-7013. Her office is 505 Lindquist Hall and her office hours this fall are Thursday, 2:00-5:00 pm.