

THE PRAIRIE PRESS

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Prairie View
Transforming Lives



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday, April 3rd

1901 E 1st St, Newton KS 67114

FREE ADMISSION | HAYRACK RIDES | MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS (14 & UNDER)

**SPECIAL GUESTS: THIRSTY DOG & CARING HANDS
HUMANE SOCIETY (ADOPTABLE DOGS ON-SITE!)**

The hunt begins at 10:30 sharp - remember to bring your own basket!

Hayrack rides will be from 9:30am-12:00pm.



Same Day **Access**

Walk-In Mental Health Evaluations

For new patients at Hillsboro, McPherson & Newton offices

- Available Monday – Thursday | 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
- Bring insurance card & list of medications
- Sliding scale options available for residents of Harvey, McPherson & Marion Counties
- Assistance with Medicaid applications available
- Spanish interpreters readily available
- Initial assessment takes approximately 90–120 minutes



Visit us at our addresses below!



HARVEY COUNTY

1901 E. 1st St.
Newton, KS 67114



MCPHERSON COUNTY

1102 Hospital Dr.
McPherson, KS 67460



MARION COUNTY

508 S. Ash St.
Hillsboro, KS 67063

NEED IMMEDIATE HELP?



Dial 988 or call Prairie View's 24/7 Crisis Line at 1-800-362-0180

Pet of the Month



MISS SOPHIE!

Human:
Abby Chadwick

Favorite Activity:
**Naps, hugs, and posing
for the camera!**

Favorite Food:
Chicken

Think your pet
deserves to be Pet of
the Month?
Send their cutest pics
to Whitney at
woodwardwf@pvi.org!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Kaycy Putter

LICENSED SPECIALIST CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

KAYCY'S JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

I am an outpatient clinician providing therapy services to individuals aged 2 and up. I have additional training in Trauma-Focused CBT, Trauma Play, and EMDR. Currently, I am preparing to obtain my LCAC to expand my practice to include substance use treatment.

WHAT IS A QUESTION THAT THEY RECEIVE A LOT?

"Why do you do this work?" I am asked this question frequently!

Becoming a social worker always felt like a natural fit for me. I've always wanted to do meaningful work, and community mental health is where I feel most connected and purposeful. This position lets me make a real impact every day, and I'm grateful to be part of that process.

WHAT TOPIC COULD THEY GIVE A 45-MINUTE TED TALK ON WITH NO PREP?

Resilience- without any prep at all! It's central to both my work and my life—how people endure hardship, heal in layers, and find strength even in the darkest moments.

WHAT ARE THEY A CONNOISSEUR OF?

I'm a true macaroni and cheese connoisseur—equal parts enthusiast and critic. Whether it's baked, creamy, gourmet, or straight-from-the-box, I take mac and cheese very seriously. I believe that the perfect mac and cheese can fix almost anything!

DENIM & DIAMONDS

72nd Gala



72 Years of Impact: Denim & Diamonds!

Prairie View celebrated 72 years of compassionate behavioral health care at this year's gala with a fun Denim & Diamonds theme. Guests enjoyed live music, plenty of laughs, and time to connect with others who care about mental health. The evening honored the people whose lives are touched by our services and the community that supports them. Thank you to everyone who made it such a special night!



TURNING POINT VS STAFF PICKLEBALL & FOUR-SQUARE



Turning Point youth and Prairie View staff recently faced off in some friendly pickleball and four-square matches. The games were full of laughter, teamwork, and a little healthy competition. Opportunities like these help create meaningful connections outside of the usual routine while giving youth a chance to be active and have fun. Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make the event such a great time for all involved!

PRAIRIE VIEW IN ACTION



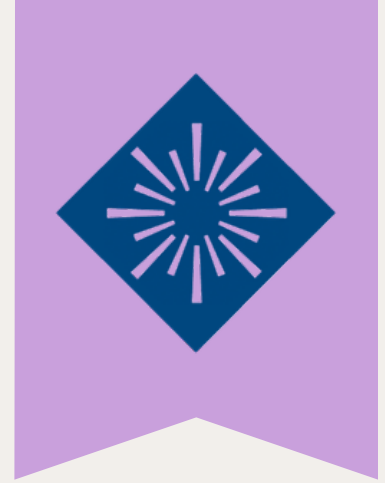
Prairie View has finalized a contract to acquire the building directly west of our current McPherson location. This expansion is an important step forward for both Prairie View and the McPherson community. The additional space will allow us to expand services to include Primary Health care and a Therapeutic Preschool program, providing greater access to care for individuals and families in the region.

Prairie View was honored to attend the 3rd Annual Community Health Banquet hosted by Health Ministries Clinic, Inc. We're grateful to the Health Ministries Clinic team for the invitation and for organizing a meaningful evening celebrating community health. From the dinner and auction to connecting with fellow partners and supporters, it was clear how much care and intention went into every detail of the event.



Our school-based staff came together for a fun afternoon of lunch and activities to celebrate the dedication and care they bring to students every day. A huge shout-out to Michelle Druse for coordinating the event and making sure the food was set up perfectly. We are so grateful for our school staff and all the ways they make a difference in the lives of students each and every day.

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Our CSB building hosted its annual Mardi Gras potluck celebration! With festive masks, colorful beads, and incredible participation from our staff, this year's event was a joyful reminder of the culture, connection, and community that make our team so special.

Prairie View was proud to sponsor and host a table at the Wichita State University School of Social Work POWER Conference. It was an inspiring event centered on education, advocacy, and strengthening the work happening in our communities. We appreciated the thoughtful conversations and the opportunity to connect with so many dedicated professionals.



Prairie View was excited to sponsor Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Kansas State Capitol. The event brought together advocates, providers, and community members to highlight the importance of accessible, compassionate mental health services. We are committed to supporting conversations that raise awareness, strengthen partnerships, and advance mental health care.

MARCH 30TH IS WORLD BIPOLAR DAY

World Bipolar Day is observed each year on March 30th to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote understanding of Bipolar Disorder. This date was chosen to honor the birthday of Vincent van Gogh, who is widely believed to have experienced bipolar disorder.

Bipolar disorder is a mental health condition characterized by shifts in mood, energy, and activity levels, ranging from depressive lows to manic or hypomanic highs. While these experiences can be challenging, bipolar disorder is treatable, and many individuals lead full, meaningful lives with the right support and care.

World Bipolar Day is a reminder that no one has to navigate this journey alone.

At Prairie View, we offer compassionate, evidence-based services to support individuals living with bipolar disorder and other mental health concerns. Whether you are seeking help for yourself or a loved one, our team is here to listen, guide, and provide care every step of the way.

If you or someone you know may be struggling, reaching out is a powerful first step.





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WE ARE HIRING!

MULTIPLE POSITIONS OPEN!



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