



THE PRAIRIE PRESS

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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



FITZ!

Human:
Anoria Carlson

Favorite Activity:
**Playing keep-away
with a ball**

Favorite Food:
Serrano ham bone

Think your pet
deserves to be Pet of
the Month?

Send their cutest pics
to Whitney at
woodwardwf@pvi.org!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

PATIENT NAVIGATORS

Acacia Youngblood



WHAT ARE YOUR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES?

As a Patient Navigator, I help patients access and coordinate healthcare and community resources. My responsibilities include patient outreach, identifying barriers to care, providing education and support, coordinating referrals and appointments, following up with patients, documenting services, advocating for patient needs, and collaborating with the healthcare team.

WHAT IS A QUESTION YOU RECEIVE A LOT?

The question I get asked all the time is how do I pronounce my name and is my last name real? 😊

WHAT TV SHOW, PODCAST, OR BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY OBSESSED WITH?

Nothing specific currently but I love 90s sitcoms and I am a huge True Crime junkie.

WHAT ARE YOU A CONNOISSEUR OF?

I like to think I am a connoisseur of travel. I love discovering new places, experiencing different cultures, and making memories along the way.

Kailea Stout



WHAT ARE YOUR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES?

I get to work with people who may be dealing with a mental health need, substance use, financial, transportation, housing, insurance, or other barriers. At the end of the day, my goal is pretty simple: help people feel less overwhelmed, more informed, and confident about their next step.

WHAT IS A QUESTION YOU RECEIVE A LOT?

"I don't know what to do?" but that is the question we are all here for. That is where we get to shine 😊

WHAT TV SHOW, PODCAST, OR BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY OBSESSED WITH?

Podcast: Murder with my Husband | Book: Save me an Orange

WHAT ARE YOU A CONNOISSEUR OF?

I'm a true connoisseur of pens, plants, rocks, books, and collecting approximately 47 things that I absolutely did not need but somehow convinced myself were necessary. Professionally, though, I'd say I'm a connoisseur of community resources and creative problem-solving. I love figuring out what someone needs, finding the missing piece, and helping connect the dots.

PRAIRIE VIEW IN ACTION

*Celebrating our staff, community
partnerships, and organizational milestones*



Prairie View was proud to welcome members of the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas to our Newton campus yesterday for the first day of the ACMHCK Board Meeting. As a member of ACMHCK, we value the opportunity to come together with behavioral health leaders from across Kansas to connect, collaborate and continue strengthening mental health and substance use services throughout our state. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

When he's not serving as Prairie View's Wellness Facilitator, Everett Bradley is representing the United States in Penny Farthing Polo. This summer, he traveled to El Paso, Nashville, and Dayton as part of the first U.S. Penny Farthing Polo team to compete against a British team. Everett has been a dedicated member of the Prairie View family for more than 40 years, and we're proud to celebrate this unique accomplishment.



2026 NextGen Under 30 Award Recipient



KAYCY PUTTER

LSCSW

Congratulations to Kaycy Putter, LSCSW, on being named a 2026 NextGen Under 30 award recipient! The NextGen Under 30 Awards recognize emerging leaders who are making a meaningful impact through innovation, leadership, and service to their communities. We are proud to celebrate Kaycy's dedication to the individuals, families, and communities she serves every day. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

PRAIRIE VIEW IN ACTION

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Prairie View West Wichita has been recognized as the Best Mental Health Service in Wichita, 67205 for 2026 by BusinessRate, based on Google reviews and feedback from those we serve. This recognition is a reflection of the compassion, dedication and quality of care our West Wichita team provides each day. We are incredibly proud of our staff and grateful to everyone who has trusted Prairie View with their care and taken the time to share their experience. Congratulations to our West Wichita team on this well-deserved recognition!

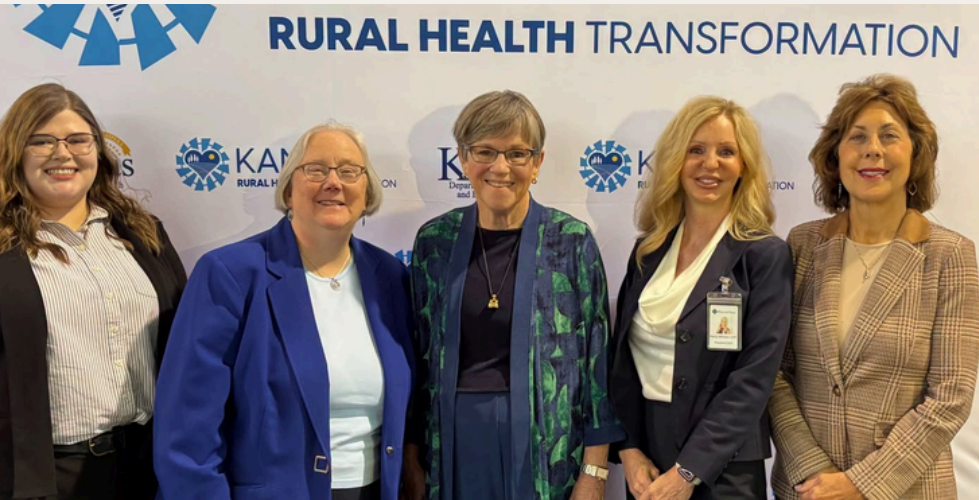
Georgia Berning, Director of Patient Engagement, joined Harvey County Circle of Hope for Mental Health Night, sharing information about mental health, Prairie View's Crisis Team and Behavioral Urgent Care services, and how individuals can access support when they need it. Thank you to Harvey County Circle of Hope for inviting Prairie View to be part of the conversation and for creating an opportunity for community members to learn, ask questions and connect with resources.



Prairie View is proud to partner with the KU School of Pharmacy to support the mental health and well-being of its students. Patrick Flaming, Chief Access Officer, spoke with incoming students in Wichita about the Student Assistance Program and available mental health resources. Through this partnership, KU pharmacy students and their dependents have access to confidential support and up to three covered counseling sessions.

PRAIRIE VIEW IN ACTION

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Prairie View was honored to welcome Governor Laura Kelly, KDHE Secretary Janet Stanek, state leaders, community partners, and guests to our Newton campus for an announcement focused on the future of rural healthcare in Kansas. This investment represents an important step toward strengthening healthcare access and supporting the communities that call rural Kansas home. We're proud to be part of the conversation and grateful to everyone who helped make this event possible.

Congratulations to Collin Munson on being named a 2026 Young Professionals honoree by the Wichita Business Journal! Each year, the Wichita Business Journal highlights up-and-coming professionals who are helping shape the future of Wichita and their communities. We are proud to see Collin recognized for the leadership, dedication, and impact he brings to Prairie View and the communities we serve. Congratulations, Collin, on this well-deserved recognition!

2026 Young Professionals Honoree



Prairie View was glad to be part of McPherson First Responders Night! We appreciated the opportunity to connect with local first responders and community members while sharing information about Prairie View's behavioral health services and resources. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to visit with us, and thank you to the first responders who serve our communities every day!

TRI-COUNTY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!

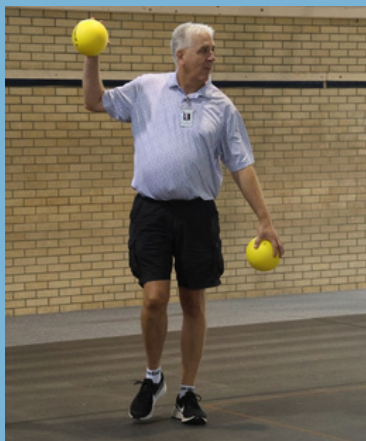


School's back in session, and our School-Based Services team kicked off the year by celebrating all they accomplished last school year! For this year's Back to School Bash, we spent the day reflecting on the 2025-2026 school year, completing trainings, playing trivia, and celebrating the work our team has done in schools across our communities. We're proud of this team and all they do to support students and schools. Here's to another year of Transforming Lives!

TURNING POINT VS STAFF DODGEBALL



Turning Point youth and Prairie View staff recently went head-to-head in a game of dodgeball! But this wasn't your regular ol' dodgeball match. We switched things up with Swamp Ball, Dr. Dodgeball, and even Super Secret Doctor Dodgeball! There were plenty of laughs, some serious dodgeball skills on display, and maybe a little friendly competition along the way! It was a great afternoon filled with energy, teamwork, and, most importantly, fun! A big thank you to everyone who joined in, played hard, and helped make the games such a great time.



"Watching our residents laugh, play games, and simply enjoy being kids alongside our Prairie View community filled my heart. Their smiles, laughter, and moments of joy are reminders that healing happens not only through therapy and treatment plans, but also through connection, hope, and belonging." — Yadi Cook, Turning Point Director

WHAT'S YOUR REASON TO STAY?

For Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, we asked Prairie View staff to share their reason to stay. Here are a few of the responses we received:

"I stay to change our family legacy and be present for children and grandchildren."

"There are so many places I haven't seen yet. The world has so much to explore."

"Everything passes eventually, I shouldn't give up because of something I know I can get through."

"My sisters"

"My children and family are my reason to stay, but I also want to stay so I can try and help others realize that they should stay too!"

"The moments of awe. The moments that seem small at first but somehow become the memories I know I'll carry with me..."

"God put me here for a reason."

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH



Recovery is REAL: Restoring Every Aspect of Life

Every September, National Recovery Month celebrates people in recovery from substance use disorders and the families, peers, providers, and communities that support them. Since 1989, Recovery Month has helped highlight that recovery is possible and reduce stigma around substance use disorders.

Recovery looks different for everyone

Recovery is not a single destination or a one-size-fits-all process. There are many pathways to recovery, including treatment, peer support, medication, family connection, faith, employment, wellness, and community resources. What works for one person may look completely different for someone else.

Recovery is also about more than substance use. It can mean rebuilding relationships, finding purpose, improving physical and mental well-being, reconnecting with community, and creating a life that feels meaningful.

Recovery happens TOGETHER

No one should have to navigate recovery alone. Families, friends, peers, providers, workplaces, schools, and communities can all play a role in creating an environment where people feel supported rather than judged.

For someone in recovery, having a person who listens without judgment can make a difference. For loved ones, learning about substance use disorders and offering encouragement can help reduce stigma. Providers and communities can also help by creating welcoming, person-centered spaces where people feel safe taking that first step toward help.

Resources

Prairie View is here to help. If you or someone you love is navigating recovery, you don't have to do it alone. Call us at 1-800-992-6292 to learn how we can help.

For additional resources: [FindTreatment.gov](https://www.findtreatment.gov) | [FindSupport.gov](https://www.findsupport.gov) | Call or text 988

Chalk it Out



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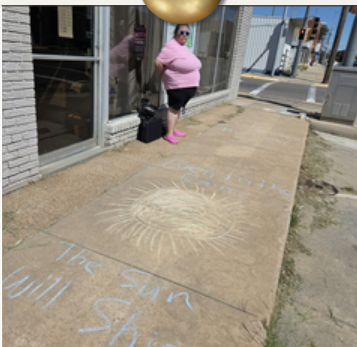
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NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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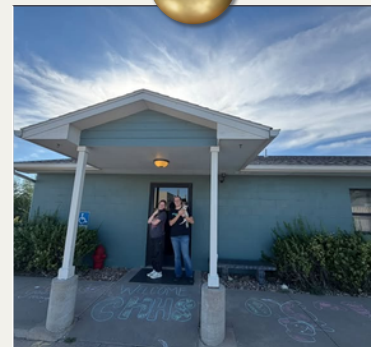
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CLUBHOUSE**



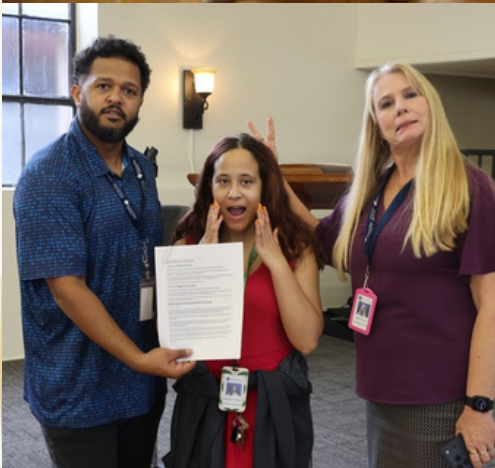
**PRAIRIE VIEW
HILLSBORO OFFICE**



**CARING HANDS
HUMANE SOCIETY**

This September, Prairie View offices recognized 988 Day and Suicide Prevention Month through our Chalk it Out initiative. Staff, clients, and community members came together to decorate walkways with uplifting words and artwork. These colorful messages of hope and encouragement served as a reminder that no one is alone. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who was involved and took time to draw something. You helped brighten our sidewalks and our spirits.

Legacy Luncheon



We celebrated our 3rd annual Legacy Luncheon at The Mezzanine at Prairie Market & Deli, honoring 45 employees who have dedicated 15 years or more to Prairie View. Whether providing care, support, or behind-the-scenes service, their commitment has strengthened our mission and touched countless lives.



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