



"Building on Abilities"

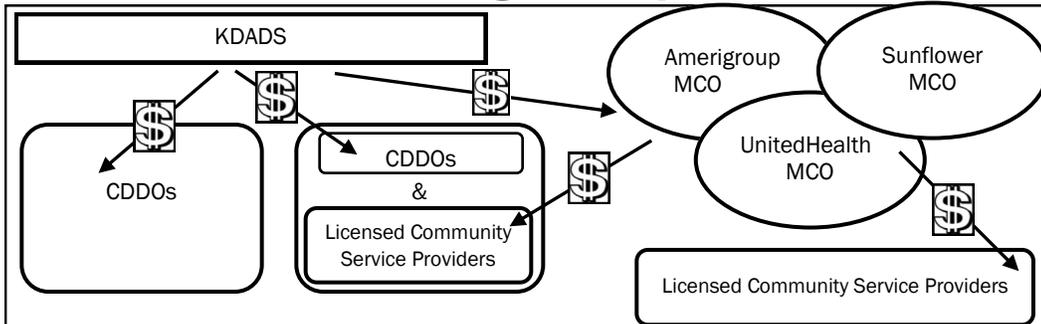
# NCTC NEWS

Nemaha County Training Center, Inc. Newsletter

Volume 24, Issue 2

August 2014

## KanCare Changes Impact NCTC



Beginning in February 2014, the State of Kansas began to administer disability services funded by Medicaid funds through a program known as KanCare. KanCare delivers whole-person, integrated care through three managed care organizations (MCOs), including Amerigroup of Kansas, Sunflower State Health Plan, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) provides both per-person-per-month payments to MCOs to coordinate disability services and also administrative funding to Community Development Disability Organizations (CDDOs). MCOs provide fee for service payments to licensed community service providers for services including case management for individuals affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Nemaha County Training Center (NCTC) is a CDDO as well as a Community Service Provider as illustrated in the center box in the flowchart above. In the transition to KanCare, NCTC now must coordinate with both KDADS and all three MCOs to provide services to individuals in Nemaha County. The increased complexity of the system and changes in the development of KanCare have created delays in payment for services and have led to changes as NCTC accommodates the new system. NCTC has been working directly with KDADS and MCOs to correct any issues that have arisen. NCTC Executive Director Alice Lackey stated "I remain cautious and a bit uncomfortable as all of the State's Medicaid funds (federal funds and state matching funds) have been handed over to three for-profit insurance companies to manage. These Medicaid funds amount to billions of dollars that had been managed by the State to meet the support needs of the elderly, the physically disabled, the intellectually and developmentally disabled, people effected by a mental illness, and people with head injuries. We will continue to do our best with what we get." For additional resources regarding KanCare, including news and advocacy opportunities, contact NCTC or follow the InterHab blog (<http://www.interhab.blogspot.com>). A forum for sharing KanCare experiences has also been created at <http://www.kancareddwatch.com>.

## NCTC Online

Nemaha County Training Center has an increased online presence! NCTC launched a new Facebook page and a new website. The NCTC Facebook page features NCTC news and events, including job opportunities. To like NCTC, go online to <https://www.facebook.com/nemahacountytrainingcenter>. The NCTC website remains at [www.nemahactc.org](http://www.nemahactc.org) with a new look. The new site is easy to navigate and provides information about NCTC services.

### ABOUT NCTC

Nemaha County Training Center, (NCTC), incorporated in July, 1975, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, qualified charitable organization; serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in Nemaha County. NCTC is an Equal Employment Opportunity Agency. No one is denied training, assistance or employment due to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or political affiliations. NCTC is funded in part by KDADS/CSS. NCTC News is published by the Nemaha County Training Center, Inc.

### MISSION STATEMENT

"Assisting people with disabilities in their quest for achieving informed lifestyle choices."

### BOARD MEMBERS

- Bruce Bachman, President
- Dawn Hueske, Vice President
- Shana Steinlage, Treasurer
- Mary Schmitz, Secretary
- Sharon Ennkeing, Member
- Tara Hundley, Member
- Sarah Henry, Member
- Cheryl Mishler, Member
- Don Strathman, Member
- Deb Henry, Member
- Roxie Schmitz, Member
- Jana Strahm, Member

### Executive Director

Alice Lackey

### Inside this issue:

KanCare Update	1
NCTC Online	1
Consumer Advisory Council	2
Right Stuff Thrift Store	2
Sabetha Day Services	3
Thank You's	4

# NCTC Consumer Advisory Council Creates a Dialog



CAC members (from left): Mary Feek, Vicki Sessions, Sherri Rothers, Jane Schmelzle, Greg Grimm and Becky Schmelzle

The Consumer Advisory Council plays an important role in creating a dialog between the individuals served by NCTC and NCTC Executive Director Alice Lackey. Meeting monthly, at sites alternating between Seneca and Sabetha, the Consumer Advisory Council brings together representatives from both vocational and residential programs in Seneca and Sabetha to discuss issues impacting NCTC.

Each meeting is facilitated by a rotating chairperson from among the Council members, allowing individuals served by NCTC to gain leadership responsibilities and communication skills. The NCTC Consumer Advisory Council operates with a professional atmosphere, following an agenda and keeping minutes, allowing for Council members to gain experience following the structure of a formal setting. Throughout the meeting, Council members report on all NCTC programs, discuss legislative advocacy, report on any issues regarding building and equipment, are updated on staffing changes and upcoming events. This exchange of information creates opportunities for individuals served to advocate for themselves with direct access to NCTC administration.

# The Right Stuff Thrift Store Continues to Grow

The Right Stuff Thrift Store, owned and operated by NCTC, creates an opportunity for community members to donate items they no longer need to be purchased by thrifty shoppers with all proceeds supporting Nemaha County Training Center. The Right Stuff Thrift Store also provides wage earning job opportunities for individuals served by NCTC.

Since opening in 2000, The Right Stuff Thrift Store has become a success. Through the innovative management of Amanda Hill, The Right Stuff Thrift Store has been enjoying recent growth due to changes in operation, as well as the addition of specials, including sales of selected departments, clothing bag sales, and storewide specials.



In addition to the income generated for NCTC by The Right Stuff Thrift Store, the business provides an important opportunity for individuals served by NCTC to earn wages while working in the store, and also gain skills that could help support their employment in the future.

Sherri Rothers is one of the individuals who receives services at NCTC and also works at The Right Stuff Thrift Store. Sherri enjoys her work, consistently asking when it will be her turn to come to the store and work. When asked about her job at The Right

Stuff Thrift Store, Sherri said “I like it.” She also stated that tagging was her favorite part of her job. The store uses a system of color-coded tags to price clothing items. Sherri knows which tag to select based on the type of item, whether she is making her way through a rack of women’s capris or children’s clothes. Sherri precisely selects the proper tag, and attaches the color tag to the item’s cloth tag with a plastic tag fastener. She works quickly and efficiently, moving through her tasks with quiet energy. The Right Stuff Thrift Store plays an important role both for NCTC and the individuals served.



Sherri Rothers tags items at the Right Stuff Thrift Store.

# NCTC Spotlight on Sabetha Day Services

The NCTC Day Services Program located at 329 North 11th Street in Sabetha provides life skills training, work skills training and employment services to individuals affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities. Currently 21 individuals receive services through the Sabetha Day Services Program.

Life skills training assists individuals with developing social, self-help, recreational, leisure, healthy living, communication and education skills. Work skills training assists individuals with developing skills needed to achieve the level of employment they desire. Employment services provide individuals the support needed to gain the level of integrated community they desire. Training and support includes preference and skill assessment, developing resumes, filling out applications, securing a job, and maintaining a job.

The Sabetha Day Services Program is unique as some of the individuals are served through a partnership with Lakeside Terrace. Lakeside Terrace is an intermediate care facility providing treatment and residential services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lakeside Terrace purchases day services for their residents from NCTC.

In addition to the activities that occur within the center, site supervisor Shannon DePrey works with NCTC staff to ensure community activities and special events are a regular part of the schedule in Sabetha.



Individual served by NCTC Day Services and NCTC staff from Sabetha pose during a trip to the Topeka zoo.



Hannah Pfrang (left) and Doris Haug work through laundry as part of the wage earning opportunities at NCTC.

## Employment Opportunities at NCTC!

Join our team! Information regarding employment opportunities at NCTC are posted online at [www.nemahactc.org](http://www.nemahactc.org), along with instructions on how to apply! NCTC will not discriminate against anyone based solely upon race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, handicap or age.



## Support NCTC Through Donation of Items to The Right Stuff Thrift Store!

Items may be donated to the Right Stuff in Sabetha 24 hours a day at its location at 307 S 9th Street in Sabetha. Items may also be donated at the NCTC Main Office at 12 South 11th in Seneca through the white trailer at the rear of the building.



NCTC is proud to announce a new service! NCTC will begin a secure shredding pick-up service for businesses in both Seneca and Sabetha. For additional information and pricing, contact Gena in Seneca at (785) 336-6116 or Susan in Sabetha at (785) 285-1607.

**New NCTC  
Commercial  
Shredding Service!**

## NCTC Offers Special Occasions Rental

NCTC offers a variety of special occasions rental items for events. For a pictures and items descriptions, go online to <http://www.nemahactc.org/special-occasion-rental> or call (785) 336-6116 for additional information and pricing.





"Building on Abilities"

Nemaha County Training Center, Inc.  
12 S 11th Street · Seneca, KS 66538  
(785) 336-6116 or nctc@bbwi.net



Returned Service Requested

Visit our new website  
[www.nemahactc.org](http://www.nemahactc.org)



**Follow NCTC on Facebook!**

To keep up with NCTC news and events like us at  
[www.facebook.com/nemahacountytrainingcenter](http://www.facebook.com/nemahacountytrainingcenter).

**Thank You For Your  
Contributions!**

- Marcia Aul
- Margaret "Joyce" DeBord
- Sally Lauer
- Dean & Berneta Shults
- Dorothy Pearl Murphy
- Seneca Wholesale
- Robert & Joyce Roeder
- Seneca Lions Club
  
- Memorials:
- Aurelia Heinen
- Dan Kohake