



Kansas Rehabilitation Association

Please join us!!!!

KRA Fall Training Workshop

“Reentry, Risk Reduction,
and Offender Workforce
Development”

November 7, 2006
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Holiday Inn Holidome
Topeka, KS

Please contact Wendy Parent at wparent@ku.edu or
(785) 864-1062 for more information.



Workshop Description

Kansas Reentry and Offender Workforce Development

Many community rehabilitation programs are asked to serve individuals with disabilities who are legal offenders. Offenders are often at a disadvantage and frequently lack job skills or the cognitive ability to find and keep meaningful employment. Efforts are underway in some states to address this issue, one of which is the Offender Workforce Development Specialist training program offered in Kansas. This training effort emphasizes strategies such as skills and interest assessments, addressing barriers to employment, and enhancing job search skills. When these strategies are coupled with community resources and a comprehensive job development and employer relations programs, offenders can get and keep jobs, and become a productive part of the community. This session will share an overview of training efforts and highlight some specific examples how this information has been used to impact on services delivered to this especially challenging population



Workshop Agenda

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9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Registration and Coffee/Pastries
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Welcome - Wendy Parent, KRA President Opening Remarks - Michael Donnelly, Director, Kansas Rehabilitation Services
10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon	Panel: Overview of the Re-Entry Process Moderator - Margie Phelps, Director of Release Planning, Department of Corrections Panelists - Leslie Huss, Coordinator of Forensics, Social & Rehabilitation Services; Shannon Tillis, Assistant Reentry Director, Kansas Department of Corrections; Jonathan Ogletree, Director of Shawnee County Re-entry Program; Sally Frey, Sedgewick County Re-entry Program Director
12:15 Noon to 1:15 PM	Luncheon Awards Presentation
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM	Panel: Practical Application and Illustrations Moderator - Jim Chastain, Offender Workforce Development Program Manager Panelists - Margaret Haghirian, Director of the COR-Pathways Program, Lansing Correctional Facility; Erin Easter, Rehabilitation Counselor, Kansas Rehabilitation Services; Allison Stewart, Manager, Workforce Development Center, Hutchinson Community College



Information

Registration Fees:

KRA Members	\$30.00
Non-Members	\$75.00
Students	\$10.00

Registration Includes:

- One Day Training
- Luncheon & Awards Presentation
- Morning Refreshments
- CRC Credits
- Networking Opportunities

Location:

The training workshop is being held at the Holiday Inn Holidome, 605 SW Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66606, (785) 272-8040.

A room block has not been established for this one-day workshop. Please contact the hotel directly for lodging requests.

For more information on Topeka lodging, restaurants, map, and visitor information, please visit: www.topeka.org

If you have any questions, please contact: Wendy Parent at wparent@ku.edu or (785) 864-1062.

The Kansas Rehabilitation Association (KRA) is a private, non-profit state chapter of The National Rehabilitation Association (NRA).

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Registration

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company/Org: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Needed Accommodations: _____

All special accommodations must be expressed by October 31st.

Please check one:

_____	KRA	\$30.00
_____	Non-Members	\$75.00
_____	Students	\$10.00

Registration can be done on-line and sent to STLM@srs.ks.gov.

Must be received by November 2nd to receive lunch.

Mail Payment to: Terri Mattison
Career Development Center
901 Westchester
Salina, KS 67401
(785) 826-8000 ext. 229
Make checks payable to KRA.



Speaker Profiles

Jim Chastain

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Jim is the Program Manager for the Kansas Offender Workforce Development Specialist program. Jim's current position requires that he coordinate the efforts of many individuals and agencies involved in providing Offender Workforce Development Specialist services. This includes working with existing partners to deliver training; networking to build offender workforce development resources; program development; skill enhancement of practitioners; working with commerce and industry; working with reentry and risk reduction initiatives; and identifying research and data collection needs related to Offender Workforce Development in Kansas.

Jim has worked in the area of field corrections in Kansas for over 25 years. During his years with the Kansas Department of Corrections, Jim has worked as a Parole Officer, Training Officer for Parole Services, Program Auditor and Parole Supervisor prior to accepting his current position as Offender Workforce Development Specialist – Program Manager.

Jim received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology with a minor in Psychology from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas in 1982. In October 2003, Jim completed the Offender Workforce Development Specialist training provided by the National Institute of Corrections and completed Instructor training through the National Career Development Associations in May 2004. Since completing OWDS Instructor training Jim has coordinated for rounds of OWDS State Partner Training in Kansas, which has led to an addition of over 70 State Partner trained OWDS practitioners in Kansas. Jim has also assisted as an instructor in the OWDS National Training effort sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections and the national Career Development associations since spring of 2005.

Erin Easter

Erin is a Rehabilitation Counselor for Kansas Rehabilitation Services (KRS). She currently covers McPherson and Rice Counties. In addition to covering those two counties, Erin takes referrals from Hutchinson Correctional Facility, Reno County Community Corrections and Reno County Court Services. Erin has been with KRS since October 2003.



Erin received her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas in 2000. In May 2003, she received her Master of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling also from Emporia State University. Erin completed the Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) training in June 2005 and in August 2005 completed the OWDS Instructor training. Erin also has a Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credential which she received in December 2005.

Sally Frey

Sally Frey earned her Bachelor's in Psychology from Wichita State University, and masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Friends University in Wichita. She has previously worked as the Assistant Director of Prevention & Community Services with the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL). Sally spent thirteen years with KCSL in various positions, where she developed several programs, supervised staff, worked closely with many community partners, and participated in contract programs with corrections agencies in the community. She helped develop and implement programs serving juvenile offenders and offering parenting courses for parents involved with the correctional system.

She came to work for the Kansas Department of Corrections in January of this year as the Sedgwick County Re-entry Program Director. She has been successful in getting this program off the ground and after only nine months has created a team that has gotten the program to over 50% capacity.

Margaret Haghirian

Maggie Haghirian is the Director of the COR-Pathways Program at Lansing Correctional Facility. Maggie's current position is working with inmates with a severe mental health or medical issue. She assists the inmates and their families with obtaining resources that are necessary to assist with transitioning back into the community. Prior to accepting the position at the facility she worked at the Wyandotte County Parole Office as a Parole Officer I and Parole Officer II for 4 years.

She received an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Corrections and Juvenile Delinquency from Missouri Western State College.

Leslie Huss

Leslie is the Coordinator of Forensics for Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), Division of Health Care Policy in Topeka. Her current position includes work with multiple systems to address the issue of individuals with mental illness becoming involved in the criminal justice system. This includes jail or arrest diversion programs,



law enforcement training on mental illness, mental health services within a jail setting, and re-entry of offenders with mental illness from both jails and prisons.

Leslie received her BA in Social Work in 1988 from Colorado State University and her MSW from the University of Kansas in 1992. She worked as a foster care and child protective service social worker for SRS from May, 1988 to August, 1990. From 1994-2002, Leslie was employed as a social work team leader for Shawnee County Health Agency and Shawnee County Department of Corrections. During her time with Shawnee County, she worked in Home Health as a medical social worker, facilitated a stroke support group, and coordinated Project ACCESS, a social work and nursing case management program for individuals over 60. At the end of her tenure with Shawnee County, she served as the first full-time social worker for the Shawnee County Adult Detention Center where she developed protocols and policies regarding mental health care and suicide prevention for those incarcerated.

Jonathan Ogletree

Jonathan is the Director of Shawnee County Re-entry Program. He currently supervises a staff that delivers comprehensive re-entry plans for individuals releasing to Shawnee County. The program works with a several community partners in order to have a continuum of care provide for their participants.

Jonathan has worked in the field of corrections for the last 17 years. He has held positions such as Correctional Officer, Corrections counselor and Unit Team Manager prior to accepting the position as Director of Shawnee County Re-entry.

Allison Stewart

Allison is the Manager of the Workforce Development Center at Hutchinson Community College. Hutchinson Community College is the Local One-Stop Operator and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Contractor for a nine county area. Allison's current position requires coordination of One-Stop services and oversight of WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Case Management. This involves working with a variety of community agencies to make sure that their services are accessible, as well as providing direct services to individuals seeking employment. It also involves providing services to local businesses, which includes initial screening of applicants and providing rapid response activities.

In 2004, Allison became a certified Offender Workforce Development Specialist and began providing employment services to offenders, both prior to and after release. She has been involved with several initiatives with the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Allison teaches an Employability Skills class for Pre-Release and helped to write a



proposal to house a Career Resource Center within the Facility. In 2005, Allison was trained as an Offender Workforce Development Specialist Instructor for the state of Kansas, and now assists in delivering the training to other practitioners across the state.

Allison received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas in 2004. In addition to her OWDS certifications, she is also a Global Career Development Facilitator, and belongs to the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals.

Shannon Tullis

Shannon Tullis is the Assistant Reentry Director with the Kansas Department of Corrections. She worked at Lansing Correctional Facility for almost 5 years as a Correctional Counselor & then the Release Planning Coordinator before accepting the Assistant Director position.

She received an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections from Washburn University.

Please remember to submit your scholarship applications, and award and officer nominations by October 31, 2006.

Forms can be obtained from wparent@ku.edu or the KRA website at www.kansasrehab.org

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