

Kansas Guardianship Program

June 2021



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you know someone who might be interested in volunteering with the KGP, please contact the regional staff in your area or call the Manhattan office, 785-587-8555.



Welcome to New Staff at KGP

In December of 2020, Susan Seiter, joined the KGP staff. She is responsible for a 12-county region in southeast Kansas and works from the Kansas City KGP office. She brings to the KGP a wealth of work experiences, one being a long tenure at the American Red Cross.

In June of 2021, Nancy Mayberry joined the KGP staff. She is responsible for a 30-county area in southwest and south-central Kansas. Nancy has worked with individuals with developmental disabilities, behavioral health challenges, those in senior living, and veterans. She has also been a KGP volunteer for 18 years.

WELCOME Susan and Nancy!



Farewell to KGP Staff

As we welcome new staff to the KGP, it is important to give honor and thanks to those leaving the agency for their respective retirements. Both Pat Wemmer and Barb Longhofer represent the very best of the spirit of the KGP!

Barb joined the KGP in January of 2013 and covered the southeast region of Kansas. Those who worked with Barb experienced someone dedicated to the work of advocacy through guardianship and serving others. She found something to celebrate in each person she met. Barb brought much JOY everywhere she went and left light in her path.

Pat Wemmer joined the KGP in January of 1989 and served Wichita, Winfield, Newton, and surrounding counties for 32 years. GRACE and KINDNESS inhabited all her work. Pat always sought the best interest of the individuals served while finding ways to assure collaboration amongst a group of people. She had the largest area of coverage of the state and somehow always managed to have everything in order. Pat guided innumerable people working through guardianship issues, KGP and otherwise, and has been a steady voice of advocacy in her region for 32 years! The number of lives she touched in those 32 years leaves an imprint that goes well beyond the KGP.

We thank both staff for their work and the gifts they shared with the KGP and the State of Kansas!

The highest form of knowledge is empathy, for it requires us to suspend our egos and live in another's world. It requires profound purpose larger than the self kind of understanding. — **Plato, The Republic.**

Stipend Payments Via Bank Direct Deposit
Notify the KGP Business Office of Account Changes

To ensure stipend payments made by direct bank deposits are sent to the appropriate account, accurate bank account numbers are needed to assure the direct deposit will be completed.

Please contact Chris Radeke in the Business office at cradeke@ksgprog.org or by calling 785-587-8555 with bank account changes, in addition to any other contact information changes.

Would you like to convert to direct deposit for your stipend checks? If you receive a paper check and would prefer to receive the stipend payment by direct deposit, contact the KGP Business office, cradeke@ksgprog.org.



KANSAS RESOURCE GUIDE FOR COVID-19

With an overwhelming amount of information related to COVID-19 available in the news and on social media, it is important to stay informed using trusted and reliable sources. Sharing accurate and timely information and resources can alleviate stress and anxiety and reduce the spread of misinformation.

This [Kansas Resource Guide for COVID-19](#) is meant to share accurate information and resources for the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of Kansas citizens. It is a result of a collaborative effort between state agencies such as the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. This resource guide can be shared with state, local, or community partners to increase both knowledge and availability of resources and services during COVID-19.

In this guide you will find information and resources related to various topics, like: COVID-19, Mental Health, Substance Use, Anti-Violence, Parenting, Household, Agriculture, Information, and Business and Legal.

If you have questions or feedback about the resource guide please [email](#). For general questions about COVID-19 call the KDHE Hotline at 1-866-534-3463, M-F 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sat. 10 am - 2 pm, and Sun. 1-5 pm.

Source: KDADS website

Best Practices for KGP Volunteers

A KGP volunteer complies with the laws and court orders of the guardianship

A KGP volunteer conducts themselves honestly, responsibly, ethically and lawfully

A KGP volunteer treats individuals they serve with dignity and Respect

A KGP volunteer involves the individual to greatest extent possible in decision making

A KGP volunteer strives to choose the best and least restrictive alternatives concerning the individual

A KGP volunteer helps identify the goals, needs and preferences of the individual

A KGP volunteer promptly reviews requests for consents and provides, or refuses, in a timely manner

A KGP volunteer safeguards the individual's right to privacy through confidentiality

A KGP volunteer avoids conflict of interest at all times

A KGP volunteer be aware of financially related matters affecting the person

A KGP volunteer safeguards the person by observing personal, physical health and safety precautions through interactions with the individual



KGP MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly report forms are specific to the Kansas Guardianship Program and are to be filed each month whether a volunteer is receiving the monthly stipend or not.

The importance of the monthly reports include:

keeping the KGP informed of what is occurring with the individual served by the volunteer and the KGP,

serving as a trigger for the stipend payment to be made to the volunteer,

apprising the KGP of systemic issues which extend beyond the individual served.

The stipend is generated upon the receipt of the monthly report and are made twice a month—once at mid-month and once at the end of the month.

Monthly reports become a permanent part of the individual's KGP file.

If you experience issues filing monthly reports, please contact the business office or regional staff.

