



Prairie View

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Gray Joins Prairie View Residential Staff

Newton, Kan. – Debbie Gray, LMSW, recently joined the Prairie View staff as residential social worker. She will provide individual, family and group therapy for residents of the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

The PRTF offers a highly-structured living environment for adolescents 12 to 17 years of age. Youth are treated by a multidisciplinary team consisting of a psychiatrist, psychologist, ARNP, master's social workers, educators, mental health workers and recreation and expressive arts staff. Also available are the crisis team, adventure course, therapeutic crisis intervention, chemical dependency and sexual health treatment.

“Prairie View has a good reputation in the helping profession and offers a lot of services,” said Gray. “I seriously considered working at Prairie View because of its supervision and training program that stood out compared to other agencies. I made my final decision to accept this position because of the people who work on the unit. They are authentic, real and seem to care about the residents.”

After feeling called in graduate school to work with children and families, Gray served as a family therapist in an intensive home-based family preservation program in Chicago. She and her husband served as missionaries in the Philippines for two years, then moved to Southern California where she was a child abuse investigator for the juvenile court in Riverside. Most recently, she was program director and assistant professor of social welfare at Tabor College, Hillsboro.

Gray holds a master of social work degree from Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, and a bachelor of social work degree from Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn.

Prairie View is a private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus, including outpatient offices and a psychiatric hospital in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita.