



# Prairie View

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### **Clinical Psychologist Joins Prairie View Staff**

NEWTON, Kan. – Dr. Deborah Ellerbusch, LP-T, a clinical psychologist specializing in child, adolescent and family therapy, as well as psychological/neuropsychological testing, recently joined the Prairie View staff.

After beginning her career in early childhood education, Ellerbusch realized many children, adolescents and families needed help, and that she enjoyed helping people. She earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Calif., while working as direct care staff in a residential group home. She earned both her master's and doctoral degrees from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles.

While in graduate school, Ellerbusch worked with adults in an outpatient setting, with children and adolescents in outpatient and inpatient settings through the University of Southern California (USC) and with cancer and sickle cell clients at a children's hospital in Long Beach, Calif.

In addition, she was a member of a research team at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), doing neuropsychological testing with children who were schizophrenic and had epilepsy. She also conducted research at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on adult and adolescent bipolar disorder.

Ellerbusch's internship was done at Lakeview Specialty Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Wisconsin working in a residential facility and day treatment program with children and adolescents who had brain injuries.

Most recently, she lived in northeastern Montana on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and worked with children and adolescents of the Sioux and Assiniboine tribes, providing therapy in their four different schools on the reservation.

Ellerbusch was drawn to Prairie View because of the wide range of services, including the special purpose school, residential treatment program and outpatient services.

“Everyone who works at Prairie View is professional, friendly and has the client’s best interest in mind,” she said. “Also, the history of Prairie View and their philosophy on how they treat mental illness with compassion, dignity and respect was something I was attracted to.”

Prairie View is a private, faith-based behavioral and mental health provider, offering a 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 in Newton, including outpatient offices and a psychiatric hospital in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita.