



Prairie View

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Prairie View Hutchinson Office Moves to New Location

Newton, Kan. – In response to the ever-growing need for behavioral and mental healthcare services in south central Kansas, Prairie View’s Hutchinson office recently moved to a larger facility, located in the former Hutchinson National Bank building at the intersection of Second Avenue and Main Street.

“We are excited to have a more visible presence in the downtown district,” said Pamela Burns, vice president of outpatient services. Prairie View first began serving the community when it opened its first Hutchinson office in January 1997.

The new facility allows for more office space for clinical staff, a conference room for meetings and trainings offered to business, industry and the community, and a special area for play therapy.

Prairie View Hutchinson had 8,680 patient visits in fiscal year 2009. This figure includes individual, family and group therapy clients, as well as evaluations and medication checks.

“We are fortunate in our Hutchinson office to have clinical staff with expertise in treating all ages: children, adolescents, adults and older adults,” said Burns.

Twelve people are employed at this location, including a physician specializing in medication assessments and monitoring, licensed professional clinical staff and support staff.

The Hutchinson office serves as a direct EAP provider for 31 companies and is an affiliate provider of 19 national EAP providers.

Substance abuse clinical assessments, referral and individual and group treatment for both adolescents and adults are offered in this location as well, using evidence-based treatment and best practice methods. Approximately 80 to 90 clients are served per month in the substance abuse program in Hutchinson, and 1,200 clients are served in the program system-wide per year.

Prairie View Hutchinson provides a wide range of clinical services for older adults experiencing emotional difficulties such as depression, anxiety, agitation, confusion and other conditions related to life stressors. Psychological evaluations, individual therapy, medication assessment and management and consultation with families are offered. Staff also conduct on-site evaluations and treatment of residents at six long-term care facilities in Hutchinson.

“One of Prairie View’s most important goals is to provide competent, compassionate services to persons struggling with life difficulties, and our outcomes studies and patient satisfaction surveys indicate this compassionate competence is the experience of most persons seeking our services and care,” said Shirley Faulkner, director of substance abuse and employee assistance programs (EAP).

For more information, call the Prairie View Hutchinson office at 620-662-4700.

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.