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McLain Certified as Autism Specialist

Newton, Kan. – Nicole McLain, LMLP, of Prairie View received certification from the state of Kansas as an autism specialist to assist autistic individuals and their families.

“Being certified as an autism specialist allows me to provide therapeutic services in the homes of families who have a child or individual with an autism spectrum disorder,” McLain said.

This spectrum of disorders includes Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome and Pervasive Developmental Disorder.

McLain uses screening tools to assess autistic individuals’ development needs, helps the individual with a variety of skills and crafts plans for behavior and long-term implementation.

These include “fine and gross motor skills, self-help, basic language, academic adjustment, and receptive and expressive labeling,” McLain said.

“I set up behavior plans for children with autism, train parents and staff to implement the plans and oversee the treatment of these individuals throughout their lives.”

As one of 20 certified specialists in the state, McLain has documented over 2,000 hours of work with autistic children.

Alongside certification as a specialist, McLain also received three separate certifications for family assistance through the Home and Community Based Services Waiver from the state of Kansas: Family Adjustment Counselor, Respite Service Provider and Parent Support Provider.

McLain is hopeful and excited about her certifications and the ability to use them.

“The state has founded an outstanding program to assist children and individuals who have an autism spectrum disorder, and it is free to families who qualify,” McLain said. “It is an exciting program that is going to really make a difference in the way that each of these children interacts in the world. It is an amazing feeling to be a part of a team that’s primary focus is to better the lives of others.”

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.