



# Prairie View

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### **Prairie View Awarded Sunflower Foundation Grant**

Newton, Kan. – Prairie View will continue to enhance its high level of quality mental health care, thanks to a \$75,000 grant given by the Sunflower Foundation in order to provide two additional Parent Support Specialists.

Prairie View Parent Support Specialists provide families with home-based parental support.

“It is more cost effective and certainly more beneficial for families to receive this type of mental health support than to have a child placed in residential treatment,” said Denise Rhoades, grant writer.

Before the grant, Prairie View’s Parent Support Specialists were spread thin, finding it difficult to meet the growing needs among families that are without some form of waiver. With two more specialists, Prairie View anticipates that a larger group of families will now be reached. Specialists are crucial in assisting families that are hit with pressing issues as well as treatments.

“We have so many parents who don’t have reliable transportation, or they don’t have gas for the car, or their car insurance has lapsed,” said Teresa Adkins, a Prairie View Parent Support Specialist, whose job enables parents with skills to cope and additional ways to ensure a secure living environment.

The Sunflower Foundation grant will be useful to assist in social/counseling services as well as family/child welfare, most likely in low income and uninsured families. Staff salary, benefits, indirect expenses, consultation fees, training, technology, and transportation costs are also among the needs met for the Parent Support Specialists to

perform their job effectively, thus allowing the opportunity to branch out to a bigger population.

The Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansas is a Topeka-based organization with the mission to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans.

Prairie View is a private, faith-based, 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.