

**September 4, 2009**

## **Welcome Home!**

The bi-monthly Newsletter of the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition

### **A Word from the Chair: Randy Crandall**

We are very excited to have two new staff persons at the KSHC office. Diane Etzel-Wise is the newly hired Executive Director for the Coalition and started full time in mid July. She has been a direct service provider and a supervisor at three Kansas Community Mental Health Centers, an educator and a researcher at University of Central Missouri, and an educator / researcher / doctoral student at the University of Kansas - School of Social Welfare. Diane has served on regional, state and national boards and committees in various leadership roles. Check out the Executive Director's Update for more info from Diane!

Barbara Ballentine is the new BoS-CoC Coordinator and began full time on August 1. Barbara brings a resume full of experience in grant writing, fund development, management, creativity, and diversity to the Coalition! She is also an educator at Washburn University and an accomplished artist. Check out her column beginning mid September in the KSHC newsletter!

Shane Barkley is a contract staff member who works with Supported Housing Fund requests at the [info@kshomeless.com](mailto:info@kshomeless.com) address twice a week. He provides very valuable data entry support to KSHC and all agencies who receive Supported Housing Funds.

We are looking forward to an OUTSTANDING Housing and Homelessness Summit scheduled for October 29 and 30 in Topeka. We have a good mix of national speakers and local and Kansas based "blue ribbon" projects that we believe will be of interest/value to our partners. This is our Tenth anniversary Summit and we are looking forward to renewing friendships and meeting new partners from across the State. Please watch our website [www.kshomeless.com](http://www.kshomeless.com) for information about and on-line registration for the Summit that will be posted soon.

Randy

## **Funding Opportunities!!**

### **ED**

Department of Education

Centers for Independent Living CFDA 84.132A Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49286>

Department of Education

Centers for Independent Living CFDA 84.400 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49287>

### **HUD**

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Assisted Living Conversion Program (ALCP) Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49301>

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49303>

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49304>

## **Executive Director's Update: Diane Etzel-Wise**

Greetings from Diane Etzel-Wise at the office of the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition in Topeka! In addition to Randy's introduction, I want to tell you that I am working on my PhD in Social Welfare and teach research at the KU program for undergrad social work students at the Kansas City Kansas Community College campus. I also function as the State Partner for the National Low Income

Housing Coalition. Some of you might have encountered me in one of my previous roles and I am happy to be able to serve you in a new role with the Coalition!

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Check out a preliminary program for the Summit in a special edition newsletter! Coming next week! Thanks to the Summit Planning Committee for all their hard work, especially, Christy McMurphy, SRS!!!

Keep in touch! Let us know what you want in your newsletters!!

**Diane**

**BoS-CoC Coordinator's Column: Barbara**

## **Ballentine**

Look for words of wisdom from Barbara beginning in our next newsletter, mid September!!!

## **Resources**

### **National Low Income Housing Coalition**

<http://www.nlihc.org/template/index.cfm>

### **KSDE Education of Homeless Children and Youth**

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<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=372>

### **National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)**

[www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche)

### **National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)**

[www.naechy.org/index.html](http://www.naechy.org/index.html)

### **National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)**

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/>

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/2453> (Read Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' interview Q & A on homelessness with NAEH!!!)

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/tools/housingfirst>

### **KidsCount from Annie E. Casey Foundation**

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2009/Default.aspx>

## **Announcements**

# **NATIONAL SUMMIT ON HOMELESS VETERANS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is sponsoring a National Summit on

Homeless Veterans entitled, "Ending Homelessness Among Veterans in Five Years," on November 3-5, 2009 at the Wardman Marriott Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20009. This summit will bring together specialists in homeless prevention and intervention services from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); other federal departments and agencies; tribal, state and local governments; community organizations; and other stakeholders.

The VA encourages homeless service providers to attend and present at the conference. Persons interested in attending must complete the attached registration form before the October 16th deadline. Persons also interested in presenting at the conference should visit their website for the Summit Abstract Instructions document.

## **Autism Across the Life Span: A Conference for Professionals and Families November 6-7, 2009**

**Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center  
Wichita, Kansas**

<http://www.kcart.ku.edu/autism-across-lifespan/index.shtml>

the first statewide conference hosted by Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training (K-CART) at the University of Kansas. Developed for professionals and families. Early Registration for Autism Across the Lifespan ends October 5, 2009.

**By October 5 - After October 5**

**Professional registration      \$130 - \$150**

**Family member\* registration    \$60 - \$80**

**Student registration                \$60 - \$80**

\*A limited number of scholarships for family member registration fees are available. One per family. Five conference strands (Community Living, Employment, Transition, Social Skills/Behavioral Supports and Early Education) feature programs and approaches with a record of success. The rich conference agenda includes nationally recognized speakers, family members, individuals with autism spectrum disorders, educators, autism specialists, clinicians, representatives from state agencies and rehabilitation specialists who will share

their experiences and varying perspectives. Exhibits will provide information about programs and services available to Kansans with autism spectrum disorders.

### **Our Events**

Tenth Annual Summit on Homelessness and Housing  
October 29 and 30, 2009  
Topeka Ramada Conference Center

Celebrating the Past \* Preparing for the Future  
Preliminary Program coming in a special edition  
newsletter next week!!!

**Diane Etzel-Wise, Executive Director  
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