



Fall greetings from all of us at PARS!



Evaluations

We are fortunate to have two Licensed Masters of Addiction Counselors (LMAC) at PARS. Their primary job is to do substance use evaluations. This is done by collecting survey data from the client, followed by an interview with the individual. Evaluations are available for youth and adults. There are three ways to reach us to schedule an evaluation. Choose the one that works best for you.

Calling - 785-266-8666

Emailing - info@parstopeka.org

Online - [Click Here](#)



Community Training

PARS staff are well versed in several topics and happy to offer training in our community. Most recently, our staff were trained on recognizing overdose symptoms and administering naloxone.

Naloxone is an over-the-counter medication administered if an opioid overdose is suspected. We can provide this training to groups in our community through a generous grant from Kansas Fights Addiction. Kansas Fights Addiction is funded through opioid settlement funding.

If you would like to be trained on this valuable lifesaving measure, please get in touch with our office at 785-266-8666.



Gratitude

Small non-profit organizations are dependent on every dollar we can bring in. Most recently, we have received grants from Walmart, Patterson Legal Group, and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Walmart grant will assist us in purchasing naloxone for distribution in our community. The Patterson Legal Group gift will allow additional

support to youth through our evaluation program. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation grant will assist us in getting a new program, Teen Intervene, off the ground with the youth served through our agency.

Walmart (SW Wanamaker)

(\$2,000)

Patterson Legal Group

(\$500)

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

(\$2,000)





Cornhole

Earlier this month, we were thrilled to host our first fundraiser since 2019. We kept it small to see how it would work, and it was a great success! We want to thank the following individuals/businesses for their generous contributions to PARS and this event!

Aaron Starr

Azura Credit Union

Baldwin Baggers

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas

Cashmere Popcorn LLC

Central National Bank

Circle Coffee

CoreFirst Bank & Trust

DJ Live - John Handy

Dustin Holthaus

Fidelity State Bank & Trust

Hazel Hill Chocolate

Heartland RADAC

Heather and Katie Chilgren

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 304

Lisa Boyle

Luke Thompson Coldwell Banker American Home

Mirror, INC

Neb Cabrilo
Network Computing Solutions
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Sam's Club
Sonic
Tana Griffith
The Hive Creative Workshops
The Sweet Tee / 8 Iron Therapy
Topeka Police Department
Wendling, Noe, Nelson & Johnson LLC



Community Prevention Specialist

Did you know that our Community Prevention Specialist is in Shawnee County schools almost every day of the week? Last year, over 4,000 youth were educated about the impacts of substance use on their minds and bodies. We are fortunate to have funding to go to schools in Shawnee County due to grant funding. Our schedules fill up quickly, so please let us know soon if you'd like a specialist to visit your school.



With recent homicides, it is not unusual for us all to feel nervous and uncertain about what is happening in Topeka. Sometimes, we need clarification on how we can help improve the situation. The PARS staff encourages citizens to get to know their neighbors and keep their eyes open for unusual situations. If you see something unusual or unsettling, please report it to the police department. Please get in touch with our office if you would like us to come out to your neighborhood and speak. We are happy to coordinate the opportunity to speak for you to talk with community officers from the Topeka Police Department or representatives from the Topeka Fire Department about topics concerning your neighborhood. Thanks to those of you who have had us out to speak, we have enjoyed those conversations and the opportunity to learn more about your neighborhoods.

We hope to see all of you at our November 7th community education event! Icy Challenges, Hot Solutions: Winter Prep.



Icy Challenges, Hot Solutions: Winter Prep

Presented by



Winter preparedness ensures your safety, well-being, and comfort during the colder months. Learn some key steps you can take to be prepared for winter.



Sunflower Foundation
5820 SW 6th Ave, Topeka, KS
November 7th
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Free and open to the public!

Speakers:

Jake Henry - Shawnee County Department of Emergency Management
Lt. Mitch Paige - Topeka Fire Department

Mark Your Calendar!

Click on the event for more information/registration.

October 26 - Alcohol and Drug Information School - \$180

November 7 - Icy Challenges, Hot Solutions: Winter Prep - FREE

November 8 - Drug Trends Training - \$100 (Includes 6 CEUs!)

November 14 - Ethics and Confidentiality - \$75.00 (Includes 3 CEUs!)

November 16 - Alcohol and Drug Information School - \$180

November 17 - Escuela de Información sobre Alcohol y Drogas - \$180

November 28 - Drugs In The Age Of Fentanyl - FREE

December 14 - Alcohol and Drug Information School - \$180



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