

The Canvas

RAINBOWS
bringing potential to life



Letter from the President



Targeted Case Management

(TCM) refers to case management for specific individuals and for Rainbows that means children and youth who have been identified as having developmental disabilities. TCM is

commonly understood to assist individuals and their families in securing medical and other health services necessary for appropriate care and treatment. This could include helping locate needed services, pinpointing financial resources, identifying providers, and monitoring the provision of care. Families often need items such as bath chairs, ramps, wheelchairs, home modifications, iPads, and adaptive toys. TCM staff also attend meetings at schools to be an advocate for the child. The Developmental Disability system is complex even for the most seasoned user. TCM staff help families navigate through it.

Rainbows provides TCM in both Butler and Sedgwick Counties. Rainbows is the largest provider of TCM services for children and youth in the state. We are currently serving a total of 473 children and youth – 100 in Butler County and 373 in Sedgwick County. Three sources of

funding for these services are Medicaid, United Way of the Plains for those children who do not have Medicaid, and agency fundraising.



Proceeds from Rainbows' Blarney Breakfast on March 16 help support TCM services. In addition, because of Blarney Breakfast we are also able to help in the purchase of needed items for three children we serve. We are excited that Colton age 12 will receive an iPad and keyboard case; Dylan age 12 will receive an adaptive tricycle; and Kai also age 12 will receive a portable ramp. Presentations to these three young men and their families will occur at the Breakfast.

I hope you can join us at Rainbows' 43rd Blarney Breakfast presented by Spirit AeroSystems and Barb and Arlo Casper along with event partners Chi Epsilon of ESA Sorority, Armstrong Chamberlin, Chris Cakes, Docuplex, Dunkin' Donuts, Entercom, KAKE TV and Old Chicago East.

Deb Voth, President

New Board Member



Rainbows is pleased to welcome Julie Gentile to the Board of Directors. Julie recently moved to Wichita and quickly became involved in the community. "I love Wichita. It's such a vibrant community full of strong leaders and wonderful organizations, like Rainbows". Julie has always been involved in children's initiatives, serving on The Board of Trustees for the Cincinnati Country Day School in Ohio and on the Board of Advisors for Greens Farms Academy in Connecticut.

Julie and her husband Tom have three children – Caroline, Stephanie and Charlie. They have lived in new environments all around world, including London, Paris and Australia. In her spare time Julie enjoys tennis, cooking and reading. She also enjoys chasing the family's two black Labrador retrievers.

Endowment Impacts Future

Did you know 1,016 babies with special needs are born each year in Sedgwick and Butler Counties? Did you know you can impact the future of those children by making a gift to Rainbows United Charitable Foundation endowment fund? An endowed gift will ensure babies born today with special needs will receive the individual help they need to succeed and thrive.

Rainbows provides services to children with special needs, ages 0-21 and their families across 11 different programs. Rainbows served 3,262 individuals in 2017 and provides services to more children and youth with special needs than any other non-profit agency in the area.

Income from endowed funds supports existing services at Rainbows as well as service enhancements, making the agency less vulnerable to adverse effects of fluctuations in other established funding streams.

Gifts to Rainbows United Charitable Foundation endowment fund are accepted at any time. By supporting Rainbows United Charitable Foundation, you are assured that your valuable gift will benefit children for many years to come.

RAINBOWS
Charitable Foundation

FY 2017

3,262

Children Served, ages 0-21 (Unduplicated)

In response to a reallocation of funds, less screenings were completed for FY2017.

Number of children by service and age

Targeted Case Management

0 - 21 **535**

Infant/Toddler Services Sedgwick County

0 - 3 **1,559**

Bright Beginnings Butler County

0 - 3 **272**

Mental Health Services

0 - 5 **541**

Autism Waiver Services

0 - 8 **13**

Child Care and Preschool

0 - 5 **86**

Community Based Education/ Training Services

3 - 5 **83**

Specialized Foster Care

0 - 21 **20**

Case Management

0 - 21 **2,366**

Family Support Services

5+ **193**

Connecting Point

0 - 8 **611**

Children received screenings

0 - 5 **1,097**

Children who received an assessment/evaluation

0 - 5 **1,473**

2018

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Koch Industries Helps With New Software

Thanks to Koch Industries Rainbows is one step closer to implementing new client management software which replaces the seven disparate databases currently in use. The new software will allow staff to be more productive in their roles, decrease data entry errors, centralize record keeping, and give families we serve more options for communicating with us.

The implementation of client tracking software that is configurable and user friendly will create a bottom-up approach to innovation by putting sophisticated tools in the hands of Rainbows staff and encouraging them to use it to improve the quality of their interactions with families. "With 95% of families served where they live and play, staff will be able to spend more of their time engaged in one-on-one care", said Debbie Mai, Vice President of Programs and Services.

Funds from Koch Industries were used to help purchase the new software. In January, Rainbows began the 9 month process to build and implement the software. Thank you Koch Industries for investing in Rainbows future.



Training and implementation kicked off with Netsmart and Rainbows Super Users January 18, 2018. Lindsey Martin, Social Worker; Emma Low, Targeted Case Manager; and Susan Harsh, Butler County Infant/Toddler Services Coordinator participated in the training.