

TO OUR LEGISLATORS: THANK YOU, FROM THE CENTER

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH IN KANSAS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to **Representatives Sherri Brantley, Brett Fairchild, and Senator Tory Marie Blew** for their support of mental health services during this year's legislative session. In a budget season where proposed funding changes created uncertainty for behavioral health providers across the state, your willingness to listen, ask questions, and support continued investment in mental health services made a meaningful difference for Kansans.

Over the past several years, Kansas has made significant progress in strengthening its behavioral health system through the implementation of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model. This approach has expanded access to care, increased service availability, strengthened crisis response systems, and improved coordination between providers, hospitals, schools, and community partners. As a result of these efforts, Kansas has moved from ranking 51st in the nation in mental health support to 18th, reflecting the impact of sustained legislative commitment and thoughtful policy decisions.

Continued investment in men-



tal health services helps ensure that individuals and families can access care when they need it most – whether through crisis services, therapy, substance use treatment, school-based support, or community programs that reduce stigma and encourage early intervention. Stable funding also allows providers to recruit and retain qualified professionals, expand access in rural communities, and build programs that strengthen the overall health of Kansas communities.

Your support during this legislative session helps preserve this progress and demonstrates a shared commitment to the wellbeing of Kansans. Mental health care is not only a healthcare priority – it is an investment in stronger families, healthier communities, and a

more resilient Kansas.

Thank you for your leadership and for recognizing the importance of protecting and strengthening mental health services across our state. Your partnership helps ensure that hope, help, and healing remain accessible to those who need it most.

*With sincere appreciation,
The Center for Counseling team*



HELP US IMPROVE.
TAKE OUR SHORT COMMUNITY SURVEY BY
CLICKING THE BOX BELOW.

**CLICK
HERE**

THE CENTER FOR
COUNSELING AND
CONSULTATION
5815 Broadway
Great Bend, KS 67530

CONTACT

saraa@thecentergb.org
www.thecentergb.org
620-792-2544

988 | SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE