



# Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

~ To lead our community in eliminating the suffering of abused children. ~

## ***The Mid-Month Memo***

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Via Christi Health  
Wesley Medical Center  
Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center  
Wichita Police Department

## ***Introducing Our New Therapist***

Born and raised in Wichita, Sarah Bahns, LMFT, earned her undergraduate degree from Wichita State University and her Master's of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy at Friends University, obtaining her license in 2010. Sarah has worked with Severely Emotionally Disturbed children and their families through COMCARE as a case manager and been an Attendant Care Worker for preschool aged children in the Proud Of Me Program. Her career as a therapist began with children and families in a Psychiatry Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) where she worked for five years. Sarah later provided in-home therapy to families in Sedgwick County through abuse/neglect referrals from the Department for Children and Families. Sarah is passionate about finding her clients' strengths and building on those to achieve goals that are meaningful to the client for recovery. Trained in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, & Sand Tray therapy, Sarah finds those methods effective in her work with children. She values using alternative methods for clients to express and process their trauma. Sarah enjoys time with her husband and their two small children. When she has time for herself, Sarah enjoys fitness workouts, crafting, and scrapbooking. Sarah is excited to work with the CACSC in helping to empower abused children & their families to regain control of their lives.

## ***For Your Calendar***

January 22, 2016: ICT-S.O.S Event: An Evening with INK 180,  
6:00 PM at GracePoint Church; <http://ictsos.org>

January 26, 2016: Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center's Lunch  
and Learn: Supporting Disclosures of Sexual Abuse, 12-1  
PM; [www.wichitasac.com](http://www.wichitasac.com)

April 13/14, 2016: 19th Annual Crime Victims' Rights  
Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka

May 23, 2016: "Change A Child's Life," Golf Tournament,  
Willowbend Country Club

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### *January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month*

Spurred by the drive and guidance of concerned organizations, National Human Trafficking Day was declared by Congress in 2007 and is observed annually on January 11. Beginning in 2011 by Presidential Proclamation, January was designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Child sex trafficking is a form of child abuse. Defined as the recruitment, harboring, provision or transporting of someone under age 18 for commercial sex acts, child sex trafficking can include such occurrences as providing a teen with a place to stay in exchange for sex, coercing a child or teen to engage in sex acts for a web cam or pornography business, a crime organization bringing children into the country to have sex with customers, or parents arranging for buyers to have sex with their children for drugs. The EMCU Human Trafficking investigators saw 64 cases of child human trafficking in 2015.

In 2013, Kansas enacted comprehensive legislation that strengthened efforts to stop human trafficking, focusing on teens as victims of a crime rather than as criminal participants in prostitution, providing for harsher penalties for purchasing sex and exploiting victims, and allowing fines to be used for human trafficking victim assistance. An important piece of this approach is providing education and resources to law enforcement, social service agencies and the public. Our community has several opportunities this month to learn more about human trafficking.

### *Wichita Area Human Trafficking Prevention/Education Events scheduled this month:*

On January 22, 6-9 PM at GracePoint Church, 9035 W Central, ICT-S.O.S, in partnership with the Wichita Police Department, Exploited & Missing Child Unit and GracePoint Church, is proud to host an evening with Chris Baker of Ink 180. Chris is a Chicago-area tattoo artist who has been featured in national media. Ink 180 provides free cover-ups & tattoo removals for trafficking survivors and former gang members. This event includes a screening of a documentary film about Ink 180 with commentary afterward by Chris, and discussion by a panel of local professionals working in the Wichita area to fight human trafficking.

The WSU Center for Human Trafficking announces several events open to the public, some of which require registration:

- January 26, 5:30 PM at WSU Old Town, 238 N Mead, "A Path Appears" - documentary screening and discussion. Free event with no registration required.
- January 28, 6:00 PM at Eastside Community Church, 14242 E 21st St N, "Engage, Act, Abolish: Doing No Harm in the Anti-Trafficking Movement" - a discussion on intentional engagement in the anti-trafficking movement. Free event, but space is limited; register at <http://eccwichita.com/Engage>.
- January 29, 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM at the WSU Metroplex, 5015 E 29th St N, "Engage, Act, Abolish: Moving Toward an Effective Anti-Trafficking Response" - 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Conference, Registration and fee required: <http://www.wichita.edu/conference/humantrafficking>

If you suspect child abuse or neglect call 911 or 1.800.922.5330

**"The purpose of child advocacy centers is to provide a comprehensive, culturally competent, multidisciplinary team response to reports of child abuse, in a dedicated, child-focused setting."**

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