

# Heart of Kansas Family Health Care strives to provide comprehensive primary health care service

This past year has had some big changes for Heart of Kansas including additions to the staff resulting in the ability to accommodate

those needing substance abuse counseling. Dr. Jean Pringle has been a local provider for many years now, works at Heart of Kansas

as in internal medicine doctor, and works with adult patients.

A new Nurse Practitioner, Arika Fanshier, has also been added to the

staff. She is straight out of college and is building her base and clientele.

Another new addition is Certified Physician Assistant Charise Oelger. She comes with 13 years of experience in family practice.

The staff has expanded to around 30 people at Heart of Kansas.

On the behavioral health side, they have added J. Mark Blakeslee, a substance abuse counselor and individual and family therapist.

Heart of Kansas caters to everyone's needs whether its mental health counseling or diabetes management, they are there for everyone.

At Heart of Kansas Family Health Care, Inc., their mission is to provide comprehensive primary health care services based upon identified community needs to individuals and families that otherwise would not have access to this care, regardless of ability to pay.

The Heart of Kansas Clinic, formerly We Care Project, Inc., was created in 1989 as the result of a task force formed to look

at needs of the medically underserved in Barton and Pawnee Counties. The Clinic provides health care services to all ages of residents in Central Kansas. All insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and Farm Worker Program participants are accepted. A sliding scale of discounted fees is available to those who qualify.

The clinic is staffed by Jackie Reed, A.R.N.P., who has been with the clinic for 10 years, and Carie Brown, therapist. Reed was hired as the first provider when the clinic opened in 2000. Reed sees patients of all ages, and specializes in the care of women, children and chronic disease. Also included in the staff are therapists Jann Boucher, LPC, LCAC and Rita O'Gwin, LSCSW.

For medical services, all patients are welcome and referrals are not necessary.

Appointments may be scheduled at patients' convenience by calling (620) 792-5700, between 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, includ-

ing appointments over the lunch hour on Thursdays. Evening appointments are also available on Thursdays, until 7 p.m.

Heart of Kansas also provides individual and family counseling therapy services to meet the needs of patients. Marital counseling, substance abuse services, psychological testing, behavior modification, and parenting information are also provided.

All services are provided on a confidential basis to insure the privacy of the patient.

Prescription assistance is provided through two different programs.

The Prescription Assistance Program (PAP) provides medication at very low or no cost to eligible low-and fixed-income patients.

The 340B Prescription program provides medications to patients at a large discount off retail pharmacy prices. The program is available to all patients, regardless of income level.

Heart of Kansas Family Health Care is located at 1905 19th St. in Great Bend. The phone number is (620) 792-5700.



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**Providers**

**Dr. Jean Pringle, MD**  
**Jackie Reed, ARNP**  
**Charise Oelger, PA-C**  
**Arika Fanshier, ARNP**  
**Carie Brown, LSCSW, LCAC**  
**Rita O'Gwin, LSCSW**  
**Jann Boucher, LPC, LCAC**  
**Mark Blakeslee, LCMFT, LCAC**

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Clinic Hours:  
Mon, Tues Wed & Fri  
8-12 p.m. 1-5 p.m.  
Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Patrol and all fire departments and emergency medical services in the County. The Communications Department also dispatches for Kansas Wildlife and Parks, Central Kansas Community Corrections and Juvenile Services.

**Appraiser** – The County Appraiser is an appointed position with the responsibility to discover, list, appraise and maintain records of data relating to all taxable and exempt real and personal property within Barton County.

**Treasurer** – The Treasurer responsible for all other money belonging to Barton County and/or directed by law to be paid to the Treasurer. Per State Statute, the Barton County Treasurer's office is responsible for creating and mailing the annual tax statements and collecting and distributing these tax monies for the State, County, Cities and all other taxing entities that levy Ad Valorem and/or special assessment taxes. The Treasurer's office is also an agent for the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, and is responsible for the titling, registration and all other various motor vehicle transactions for all vehicles owned by the

residents of Barton County.

**County Clerk/Election Officer** – The County Clerk's duties are listed nearly 1,000 times in Kansas Statutes. While it would be impossible to list every duty covered by that office, some duties include – Clerical Duties related to the County Commission, to include minutes; budgeting and financial services; prepared several documents related to taxation. The Barton County Clerk also acts as the Freedom of Information Officer, the Public Information Officer and Election Officer.

**Register of Deeds** – The primary function of the office is the recording of real estate related documents, deeds, mortgages, assignments of mortgages or other interests in real estate, easements, or other documents involving real estate. The register of deeds' responsibility is to "have custody of and safely keep and preserve all books, records, deeds, maps, papers and microphotographs" submitted for recording. The office is also the repository for "maps and plats of cities, subdivisions or additions to the same within the County."

**Attorney** – Advisor to law enforcement; offers victim/witness assistance;

prosecutes criminal, traffic, juvenile offender, child in need of care and care and treatment cases.

**Sheriff's Office** – The Sheriff is an elected official who is responsible for keeping the peace and enforcing the law. In doing so, the Sheriff and his officers and administrative staff provide patrol, investigative, records and detention services. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office provides assistance to municipal police departments within their jurisdictions and assists State and Federal law enforcement agencies.

**Health** – Public health protects and improves communities by: preventing epidemics and the spread of disease; promoting healthy lifestyles for children and families; protecting against hazards in homes, work, communities and the environment; assuring high quality health care services; and preparing for and responding to emergencies.

**Central Kansas Community Corrections** – This intensive probation program serves the Twentieth Judicial District. Although

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