Dustin Jensen Adams joined the nonprofit Metropolitan Energy Center in 2004, where he currently serves as Associate Executive Director. He directs the Kansas City regional implementation of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program – a joint effort by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy to improve the energy efficiency and safety of existing housing. Since 2007, the local ENERGY STAR program has received sponsorship from the Kansas Corporation Commission, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and local utilities – most significantly KCP&L and Missouri Gas Energy. The program has grown from five contractors completing 100 retrofits per year to more than 50 contractors completing over 100 retrofits per month.

Most recently, Jensen managed the development of Project Living Proof – a demonstration home that showcases green, energy efficient and healthy options for home remodeling and building. He also assumed the management of a one-stop-shop for consumer outreach and customer incentives under Energyworks KC – an ARRA funded initiative through the DOE Better Buildings program.

Jensen holds associate degrees in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technologies, and Stationary Engineering. He was recognized by the Udall Foundation for his undergraduate work in Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. Jensen is now a regular instructor for building professionals seeking national certification or participation in local programs, such as Efficiency Kansas. He is an adjunct professor with the Energy Performance and Resource Management program at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.
Amy Falk
Executive Director
Caritas Clinics, Inc.
Kansas City

Amy Falk joined Caritas Clinics as Development Director in 2001, transitioning to Executive Director in 2006. She has supported Caritas Clinics since 1989, as a volunteer, board member and now staff member. Caritas Clinics, Inc. is comprised of Duchesne Clinic in Kansas City, Kansas and Saint Vincent Clinic in Leavenworth, Kansas. These clinics provide primary health care services to the uninsured poor of Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties.

Amy is a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU), serving as treasurer and chair of its Finance Committee and a member of the Legislative Committee. She is also a member of the Mid-America Regional Council Safety Net Collaborative; member and vice-chair of the Wyandotte/Johnson County Safety Net Coalition; treasurer and board member of the Kansas City, Kansas Women’s Chamber of Commerce; and past president, vice president and member of the Kansas City, Kansas Neighborhood Housing Services Board of Directors.

Amy is a graduate of Washburn University, with a degree in communication studies. She has also completed multiple leadership programs including Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System Leadership Academy (The Academy Fellowship – The Advisory Board Company), Leavenworth-Lansing Leadership Program, and Kansas City, Kansas Leadership 2000.

Heidi Foster
Chief Executive Officer
Rawlins County Dental Clinic
Atwood

Heidi Foster serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Rawlins County Dental Clinic, a nonprofit safety net dental clinic serving 18 counties in Northwest Kansas. While only in Kansas since 2006, Heidi stepped into a process that had been in development for more than six years to establish a community dental clinic for Rawlins County. In one year, she helped establish a clinic with three operatories, recruit a dentist and opened the door for patients. She fulfilled the role as one of the dental hygienists until she found funding to recruit another full-time hygienist. Now, only 18 months after opening, the clinic is expanding to a new building and adding a full-time dentist.

Heidi serves as a spokesperson for oral health in Northwest Kansas, speaking at service clubs and community organizations. She is a member of the Oral Health Kansas Board of Directors and the Kansas Action for Children workgroup to study the development of a midlevel dental provider in Kansas. As an active member of the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU), she meets with legislators and participates in KAMU’s advocacy program.
Stephanie Fuhrmann
Forensic Interviewer
Crisis Center of Dodge City
Dodge City

Stephanie Fuhrmann works as Forensic Interviewer for the Crisis Center in Dodge City. In this role, she provides a variety of services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She was also recently named Forensic Interviewer at the Meadowlark Child Advocacy Center, where she will be performing interviews of children who have been victims and witnesses of crimes.

Stephanie is a Young Leader for the United Way of Dodge City. Previously she has served as the teen librarian at the Dodge City Public Library.

Stephanie earned her Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, and her bachelor’s degree in communications from Culver-Stockton in Canton, Missouri.

Cara Greve
Director, Workforce Center
Kansas Hospital Association
Topeka

Cara Greve led the creation of the Kansas Hospital Workforce Center in 2008 and has directed its operations while on staff at the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) since that time. Development of the Center began in 2007 while Cara managed a health care workforce development grant she secured for the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF). Her current role involves working through KHA and KHERF to build collaborative partnerships, implement innovative workforce development strategies, and advocate on behalf of Kansas community hospitals.

Before joining KHA, Cara served as the policy analyst and government affairs liaison at the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU). Her responsibilities while at KAMU included analyzing implications of state and federal regulations and policy decisions in order to advocate for safety net health care organizations in Kansas.

In 2004, Cara was retained to begin developing the KU Law externship clinic. The program now incentivizes KU law students to pursue pro bono legal work with nonprofit organizations in exchange for course credit.

Cara holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Baker University, a master’s degree in health services administration from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Kansas School of Law and has been admitted to the Kansas Bar.
Julie Govert Walter
Executive Director
North Central - Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging
Manhattan

Julie Govert Walter has served as Executive Director of the North Central - Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging since 1989, where she works with seniors and grassroots organizations in 18 counties of north central Kansas to plan, coordinate and provide community services for older Kansans and family caregivers. Prior to joining the Area Agency on Aging, Julie was a coordinator for UFM Community Learning Center and, in that position, launched the Lou Douglas Lecture series on Public Affairs.

Julie served as a delegate to the 1995 and 2005 White House Conferences on Aging, chaired the Department on Aging’s Statewide Task Force on Information and Assistance Services and provided federal testimony to the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Aging on the role of Area Agencies on Aging. She has testified on older workers employment to the U.S. House Select Committee on Aging. She is past president of the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association and held leadership positions as a board member of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, including chair of Grassroots and Policy Committees. Currently she is president of the Kansas Center for Aging Policy, a member of the Kansas Older Worker’s Task Force and a member-at-large with the Kansas Health Policy Authority Advisory Group.

Julie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history from Kansas State University, where she has also undertaken graduate work in journalism and mass communications.

Greg Hennen
Executive Director
Four County Mental Health Center, Inc.
Independence

Greg Hennen serves as Executive Director of Four County Mental Health Center, Inc. He first was employed by the organization in 1989 as an outpatient therapist. Throughout his 22 years of service with Four County MHC, he has developed and coordinated a variety of clinical treatment programs and has also served in several administrative roles including Director of Coffeyville Branch Office, Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Director and his present role as the agency’s Executive Director. Over the course of his career, Greg has been active in both professional and community activities including, Kansas Psychological Association, Menninger Foundation, Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, USD 446 Advisory Committees, Independence Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Gideons International, and a variety of church leadership and service committees. In addition to his work at Four County MHC, he previously worked at Norton State Hospital and as a non-licensed psychological assistant in a Kansas City private consulting practice.

Greg obtained his bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of South Dakota, a master’s degree in clinical psychology from Pittsburg State University, and a master’s degree in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota.
Vickie James is the creator and national director of Healthy Kids Challenge (HKC), an award winning national nonprofit with a school/community based approach for children’s health. Vickie originally created HKC in 1998 for *Cooking Light* magazine.

Utilizing current best practices and recommendations from leaders for kids’ health, such as USDA, CDC, NIH, and AAP, HKC focuses on increasing opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity for children in an effort to make healthy living a habit. Vickie is a nationally recognized facilitator in the field of school wellness and child nutrition and has worked with hundreds of schools and community youth programs across the country. Her current work includes initiatives to align with First Lady Michelle Obama’s national campaign for ending childhood obesity, Let’s Move.

Healthy Kids Challenge was the selected 2003-04 American Dietetics Association Anita Owen Award Recipient for Most Innovative Educational Program. Vickie has been the Recognized Young Dietitian and the Distinguished Dietitian for Kansas; the KSU 2001 Alumni Fellow for the College of Human Ecology, and the 2003 KSU Alumni Entrepreneur Award recipient. She was honored in 2003-04 by the American Dietetic Association Foundation by being named the national award winner for Excellence in Community Dietetics. Vickie volunteers her time serving her alma mater, Kansas State University, where she earned her degree in dietetics. She has served on both the University and College Alumni boards as well as developed two courses for the dietetics degree program. Her passion remains mentoring KSU dietetics students.

Schaunta James-Boyd has over 19 years of experience in the area of health care. She currently serves as Executive Director of the E.C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic, where she has worked for the past ten years. Under her guidance, the clinic has developed several programs aimed at encouraging healthy lifestyles behaviors. The Clinic serves not only as an access point to health care, but a home where patients are empowered to make life changing decisions through hands-on education and skills development regarding adoption of healthy lifestyles and various medical conditions.

Schaunta is also committed to community engagement. Some of her involvement has included: 2010 Leadership Wichita, Dental Champions Class of 2009-2010, Board of Directors of the NonProfit Chamber of Service, Business Plan Advisor for the Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas, member of the Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition, member of the Healthy Congregations Committee of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, member of Unicare.
Community Advisory Committee, chairperson of NE Community Partners Project and past president and current parliamentarian of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Schaunta is a graduate of Wichita State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Service Organization and Policy, with a minor in Spanish.

Rebekah Jones  
Office Manager/Tribal Victim Assistance Program Manager  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police  
Mayetta

Rebekah is the Office Manager / Tribal Victim Assistance Program Manager for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Police Department. She began her career with the Tribal Police Department in 1998 as a Dispatcher and assumed the role of Office Manager in 2001. In 2006, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation received a three-year grant to establish the Tribal Victim Assistance Program, which Rebekah was asked to manage. The program has steadily grown and become established, adding a full-time Victims Outreach Advocate in March of 2010. Today the program serves the four tribal communities in northeast Kansas, including the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas, and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, as well as members of federally recognized tribes living near the reservation communities.

Rebekah attended Haskell Indian Nations University from 1992 through 1994 and graduated with highest honors earning an Associate of Arts degree, with an emphasis in Social Work. Fifteen years and three kids later, she enrolled at Washburn University, where she is now a senior Bachelors of Social Work student, completing her practicum at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Social Services – Child and Family Services Team. She was recently inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. Rebekah expects to graduate in May of 2011 with her Bachelor of Social Work and will immediately begin work toward her Master of Social Work degree.

Anna Lambertson  
Executive Director  
Kansas Health Consumer Coalition  
Topeka

Anna Lambertson brings ten years of experience in advocacy and health and human services to her new role as the Executive Director of the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition (KHCC). She was previously KHCC’s Director of Development and Public Outreach. Prior to joining KHCC, Anna managed the Limited English Proficiency Access Program for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, serving as the state liaison for a translation contract and monitoring agency budgets for those services. Anna’s background also includes managing the Esperanza Program at Keys for Networking, Inc., where she coordinated training and services for Spanish-speaking families. Her passion for advocacy stems from her experience at Community Living Opportunities, Inc., where she provided mentoring services and training in independent living to adults with moderate to severe developmental disabilities.
Anna is a Core Group member of the national Dignity in Schools Campaign (DSC). In that role, she spearheads national advocacy and membership development initiatives, including the National Conference and National Week of Action. Anna previously served as Chair of the Topeka Human Relations Commission.

Anna holds a bachelor’s degree in French and international studies and a master’s degree in international studies, both from the University of Kansas. Her studies also include two years at the University of Franche-Comte in Besancon, France. She also completed a Certificate in Advertising and coursework in business and marketing from the Graduate School of Management in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

Eunice Lee-Ahn
Medical-Legal Partnership Fellow
University of Kansas School of Law
Lawrence

Eunice Lee-Ahn is the 2010-2011 Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) Post-Graduate Fellow at the University of Kansas School of Law. A recent graduate with a joint degree in law and social welfare, she brings the social work perspective to the practice of law as well as to the supervision of law students in Family Health Care Legal Services Clinic of the University of Kansas School of Law.

For her social work practicum, Eunice was trained as a mental health case manager intern at Kansas City Free Health Clinic and a social work administration and advocacy intern at Phoenix Family Housing in Kansas City, Missouri, a nonprofit organization that provides onsite social services to HUD and Section 8 housing communities. In law school, she worked as a summer intern in the Civil Defense Unit of the Missouri Public Defender Office in Kansas City and as a Rule 719 Certified intern at the Douglas County Legal Aid Society, an in-house legal aid clinic of the University of Kansas School of Law, representing clients in municipal court cases and juvenile justice cases.

Eunice received her bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan), her master’s degree in Korean studies from Yonsei University (Seoul, South Korea), and Juris Doctorate and master’s in social welfare degrees from the University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas).
Lalo Muñoz  
Executive Director  
El Centro of Topeka  
Topeka

Lalo Muñoz currently serves as Executive Director of El Centro of Topeka. As Executive Director, he is responsible for program administration and development, budget and finance, fund development, communications and staff development. El Centro of Topeka has been serving the Topeka and surrounding Latino community for more than 38 years, offering social services to those in need. Recently, Lalo assisted El Centro of Topeka in hosting an annual health fair that targeted the medically underserved Latino community. Prior to joining El Centro of Topeka, he has worked in various nonprofit agencies in the Topeka area, honing his skills in program management, fund raising, event planning and administrative leadership.

In 2008, Lalo founded L.I.N.K.(Latino Informational Network of Kansas), a grassroots, statewide organization advocating on legislative issues affecting Latinos in the state of Kansas. Working in coordination with individuals across the state, Lalo and others have been successful over the past three years in creating a tolerant environment for Latinos and immigrants in Kansas. In 2010, Lalo was recognized at the MANA de Topeka Latina Awards for his political work in the Kansas Legislature and the positive impact it has had on the Latino community.

Lalo, a Topeka native, attended the University of Kansas, majoring in American Studies.

John Washington  
Superintendent  
Garden City Recreation Commission  
Garden City

John H. Washington has served as Superintendent of Recreation in Garden City since 2002, where he is responsible for the overall operation of public recreation. Along with developing recreational opportunities, he monitors facility projects for the Garden City Recreation Commission, and the City of Garden City. Prior to assuming his current position, John has worked for the Garden City Recreation Commission since 1984. Growing up around construction, he worked in many communities around the Wichita area while attending college, was a substitute teacher for Wellington High School and worked ball field maintenance for Wellington Recreation Commission during the summers.

John is a past member of the African American Advisory Commission, appointed by both Governor Graves and Governor Sebelius, a board member of Finney County Convention and Tourism, a member of the Finney County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, a KSHSAA Volleyball Official, a USSSA Softball Official, a certified pool/spa operator and member of the National Recreation & Parks Association and the Kansas Recreation & Parks Association.
Mark Wiebe
Director of Public Affairs
Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Health
Kansas City

Mark Wiebe became Director of Public Affairs for the Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Health in 2009, after spending 14 years as a reporter for The Kansas City Star. At Wyandot, the designated mental health center for Wyandotte County, Wiebe has overseen the advocacy and public policy efforts of an organization with more than 500 employees. In that role, he oversaw the Kansas City area’s campaign to pass Kansas Amendment No. 2, a measure to protect the voting rights of people with mental illness.

As a reporter for The Star, Wiebe covered Wyandotte County government and wrote a weekly column that tackled a host of issues, from the challenges confronting the county’s newly consolidated governments to the city’s effort to revitalize its blighted urban core. Prior to that, he worked on a FEMA-funded recovery project after the county’s 1993 floods and taught children with autism at a school in Chicago.

Mark has a master’s degree in English from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a bachelor’s degree from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.