Keeping Up With Care

Kansas Experience

Please Welcome Gianna Hochstetler to KABC!

Hello! My name is Gianna and I moved to the Sunflower State in August of last year. I’m from Northern Indiana and moved to Lawrence to attend grad school at KU’s school of social welfare.

Lawrence’s small-town vibe, celebration of local artists, and its history of abolition made me feel right at home. I received my undergraduate degree at Goshen College in Goshen Indiana with a Peace, Justice, and Conflict studies degree. My education at Goshen
College helped me develop an anti-oppressive, pro-social justice lens which continues to guide the work I do today.

I am excited to continue developing my advocacy skills here at KABC as an intern for the 2022-2023 academic year. In addition to contributing to the ins and outs of KABC, I look forward to facilitating workshops in partnership with the Survivor Health Network grant that I received from AmeriCorps. These workshops will focus on education and prevention around elder-care abuse and intimate-partner violence.

Community Events

Every 2nd Monday of the month from 4-5 PM, Visiting Nursing Association and Senior Resource Center for Douglas County hosts "Death Cafe" located at 745 Vermont Street in Lawrence. At "Death Cafe", people join in an open discussion about death.

Click the flyer above for more information
There is No Place Like Home But “Home” Is Not an Address

We invite you to register and join us:
September 22, 2022
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Nursing home regulation requires person-centered care.

“Person Centered Care”
Means to focus on the resident as the locus of control and support the resident in making their own choices and having control over their daily lives.

Kansas Office of Public Advocates
Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Find us on Facebook

The Kansas Long-Term Care Ombudsman invites you to join in this conversation about Person-Centered Care:
Thursday, September 22nd
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Click the photo to register!

Upcoming Events

Annual Membership Meeting & Caregiver Training

Friday, September 9th
1:30-3:00 PM
200 Maine St.
Lawrence, KS 66049

Click the picture below to register.
Stand By Me 2022

KABC's Annual Fundraising event is coming soon!

Sunday, October 9
2:00 PM- 4:30 PM
Maceli's Banquet Hall
1031 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, KS 66044

You can help us make elder care better.

[Learn how you can sponsor Stand by Me]

KABC hosts free trainings year round. If you're interested in KABC presenting to your group email [info@kabc.org](mailto:info@kabc.org) or call the office at 800-525-1782

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, click the button below. If you prefer, you may mail your check to:

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Advocacy in Action
KABC presents FY 2023 Budget Recommendations

Dan Goodman had the opportunity to present FY (Fiscal Year) 2023 budget recommendations to Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) leadership. KABC's recommendations included:

1) Adequate funding to support administrative costs associated with the potential passage of Charlie's Bill (formerly HB2004).

2) To expand case management services to the Frail Elderly, Physically Disabled and Brain injury waiver populations.

In addition, KABC supports the additional request made by Oral Health Kansas and increased rates for direct care service providers.

Read the full testimony: KABC Budget recommendations for FY 2023

Dan Goodman standing outside the Department for Children and Families Administration Building

Resources

How Much Does Assisted Living Cost?
This life-changing decision carries with it many responsibilities, emotions and financial considerations. Learning about the costs of assisted living and the financial strategies that might be available to help cover the costs of a specialized facility can increase the well-being of your loved one—and give you confidence as you find the best new place to call home.

Read more: How Much Does Assisted Living Cost?

2021 Cost of Care Survey

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*Materials Available from Webinar on Advocating for LGBTQ+ Residents*

Materials are available from the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC) and Consumer Voice's webinar, "Voices for Equality: Advoacting for LGBTQ+ Residents." This webinar served to equip attendees with an understanding of the challenges LGBTQ+ residents face, build familiarity with federal, state, and local policy, and help attendees walk away with resources on LGBTQ+ inclusion, such as the new Long-Term Care Equality index (LEI), a national LGBTQ+ benchmarking tool.

Get the recording and materials

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*Long COVID Resources for Advocates from National Center on Law & Elder Rights*

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently developed two reports that outline the Biden Administration’s plans to address Long COVID and associated conditions. The National Research Action Plan on Long COVID discusses current research and outlines future areas of study to better understand prevention and treatment of Long COVID.

The Services and Supports for Longer-Term Impacts of COVID-19 Report includes resources for people impacted by Long-COVID and COVID-19’s broader effects, including mental health and substance use and loss of caregivers and loved ones.

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*Kansas Receives Money Follows the Person Planning Grant*

On August 22, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), awarded approximately $25 million in planning grants to five new states and territories to expand access to home and community-based services (HCBS) through Medicaid’s Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration program.

Awards of up to $5 million are being announced for Illinois, Kansas, and New Hampshire, as well as for American Samoa and Puerto Rico – the first time MFP grants have been made available to territories. These awards will support the early planning phase for their MFP programs.

To read more from CMS:

HHS Expands Home and Community-Based Services in Five New States and Territories for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
Help end the practice of temporary aides with a gift to KABC.

KABC is fighting for aides to have all the resources they need to give safe and better care.

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Support KABC at No Cost!
Did you know that Amazon donates a percentage of each item purchased through their website to a charity of your choice? Before you click that “Buy Now” button, designate KABC as your Amazon Smile charity and better elder care with every purchase!

Before your next shopping trip to Dillon’s, be sure to designate KABC as your Community Rewards Charity to improve elder care as you shop. Click the photo to sign up and designate KABC as your charity of choice!

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KABC maintains password-protected computerized data files regarding financial support. We do not sell or share our membership list or member financial information with any other agency, and will not divulge any personal information about any members, contributors or contacts without express written permission.

About Kansas Advocates for Better Care

KABC is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to improve long-term care for older adults in Kansas. Our mission is achieved through public policy advocacy, trainings and education, and by providing guidance & support to older adults and their families who need help with long-term care issues.

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