

CWA OF KANSAS QUARTERLY REPORT



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Informing, Inspiring and On The Move!

A Note From the State Director Barbara Saldivar



There is a Place For You in CWA of Kansas

It is with great anticipation that we release the first quarterly report regarding what Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Kansas has been involved with so you can be informed, prayerful and active.

So far, my greatest joy this year has been the ladies on our steering committee. We are a team of six, all volunteers, all passionate for our state and country, and all understand that the Scripture is the foundation of all we do through the ministry of CWA of Kansas. I am grateful to God for each one of these talented ladies.

Linda Highland is our Special Advisor. She is at the Capitol on a regular basis because her husband, Ron Highland, is the representative from District 51. Linda pulled together a group of like-minded organizations that met once a week during the legislative session to discuss bills that were of concern to them. CWA of Kansas benefited greatly from

leading this group.

Lisa Huesers is our Education Specialist. Lisa is an excellent advisor on education. She has done much research on student data collection and what is being taught. She has written an article in support of keeping home schools free from unnecessary governmental involvement.

Phillis Setchell is our Events Coordinator. She is our go to person for information concerning past history. Phillis is very knowledgeable about how socialism has attacked our country and about issues regarding the LGBT community. She has been very helpful with confirming our special guest for the CWA section of the Awakening.

Michelle Schroeder is our Legislative Liaison. She has been at the Capitol almost every day this session. Her past experience as an assistant to the speaker, working with campaigns, and her ability to be effective at the Capitol has been invaluable.

Linda Caswell is our Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator and Sex Trafficking Specialist. For many years, Linda has worked in the ministry of rescuing trafficked women. She has started two homes for victims and has ministered to those in substance abuse. As she travels across the state ministering in various capacities, she promotes the establishment of CWA of Kansas chapters. Be sure to note on page 6 the Awakening in Sedan, Kansas, an event that she and her husband Leon are putting together.



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Marcia Kessler is our Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator. Through the years, Marcia has diligently promoted encouragement and prayer for our state legislators. This is an invaluable ministry of CWA of Kansas.

I thank God for these wonderful women He has brought to work along side me.

Homeschooling on The Line

In May HB 2425 had a hearing in the House Federal and State committee that prompted us to become alert.

2017 State Legislative Session Recap

Barbara Saldivar, State Director

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Kansas 2017 legislative session will have concluded. As you may know, we ended with a huge tax increase. Conservative leaders fought hard not to pass it but lost. The governor vetoed it, and then it was overridden. While the tax bill and budget are not included in our core issues, the process of passing the tax bill took a lot of the time. Therefore, there was not much time left to work on other things.

CWA of Kansas has been a strong presence at the capitol. We participated and led coalition meetings, testified on behalf of legislation, sent out e-alerts, met with legislators and their staff, led prayer time in the capitol chapel once a week, and did much more.

We have taken a stand on a variety of issues such as parental rights, abortion, privacy in public restrooms, pornography, sex trafficking, assisted suicide, and homeschooling.

Parental Rights

SB 85, "Healthcare and information

During the hearing, the Wydanotte County District Attorney gave testimony that was very concerning and may very well affect home-schooling. This is the reason for the articles regarding home-schooling issues.

There is a Place For You

Finally, let me encourage you. I know that you may be busy; you may not know where to begin; you may be tired, and you may think you are too old or too young for this battle. I know how you feel! I thought that the organization I founded to build a memorial wall for the unborn 14

years ago was all I could do. Then the Lord laid the story of the Prayer of Jabez on my heart. "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!" (1 Chronicles 4:10). Then I was invited to a local CWA Prayer/Action Chapter, and I became very involved with CWA, and today, here I am doing something way out of my comfort zone. The battle is not about what you can't do. It is about what God can do through you. There is a place for you in CWA of Kansas. You are needed.

requirements concerning the withholding of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation from minors." This bill is also known as "Simon's Law." It will enact new statutes regarding life-sustaining treatment for patients younger than eighteen years of age. Under this bill, parental consent is required before a do-not-resuscitate order is issued by medical professionals. This bill was needed. There have been incidents in the past where doctors have put a do-not-resuscitate order on the records of a child without the parents' consent. I [testified](#) before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs in support of SB 85. **Status:** The bill passed both the House and Senate, and Gov. Brownback signed it into law. **Praise:** Thank the Lord for the passage of SB 85.

Disclosure Act Concerning Abortion

HB 2319, "Regulating abortion practice; requiring certain physician information to be provided under the woman's-right-to-know act." It would add a requirement to the



CWA of Kansas Testifies Before the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee in Support of SB 85

Women's Right to Know statute to report information concerning the abortionist who will be doing the procedure on the client. I submitted a [written testimony](#) to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs in support of HB 2319.

Status: The bill passed both the House and Senate, and Gov.

Brownback signed it into law.

Praise: Thank the Lord for passage of this bill, also.

Privacy Act

HB 2171, "Student privacy and protection act." Kansas needs a Privacy Act that covers all public restrooms. We must ensure the safety of children in public restrooms, locker rooms, and showers. They should not be exposed to the opposite sex in private facilities. As you may know, [we encouraged](#) CWA members and

friends to support Rep. Trevor Jacobs' (R-District 4) petition in this regard.

Status: Referred to Federal and State Affairs Committee. It did not get a hearing. Rep. Jacobs (R-District 4) attempted to add the Privacy Act as an amendment to a bill. To our disappointment, it was determined as ungermane. Rep. Jacobs challenged it but was voted down. Pray: Pray that this issue will come up in the 2018 legislative session.



Kansas House of Representatives

Pornography

HR 6016, "Recognizing that pornography is a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms." CWA of Kansas

supported this resolution by approving and promoting it. Status: Thankfully, it passed! Praise: Thank the Lord for the passage of HR 6016.

Assisted Suicide

HB 2120, "Kansas death with dignity act." CWA of Kansas was poised to oppose this bill. Status: Referred to House Health and Human Services. It did not get a hearing. Praise: Thank the Lord that HB 2120 did not get a hearing.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

HB 2123, "An act against discrimination and acts supplemental thereto, relating to sexual orientation

and gender identity." CWA of Kansas was poised to oppose this bill. Status: Referred to House Federal and State Affairs. It did not get a hearing.

Homeschooling

HB 2425, "Adding household members to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect." While this bill did not specify homeschool families, shockingly homeschool was discussed in the testimonies. CWA of Kansas was poised to oppose this bill. Status: There was a hearing on May 16 in House Federal and State Affairs. The bill was not worked. However, there are rumors of making home school restrictions a "special project" by certain legislators. We will be keeping a close eye on this within the 2018 legislative session. Pray: Pray that this does not develop into an attack against homeschooling within the 2018 legislative session.

Kansas Schools Focusing More on Unhealthy Lifestyles and Less on Healthy

An examination of how the Kansas Communities That Care Survey does just this
Linda Highland, Special Advisor

What you think about and speak about, you bring about. I don't know about you, but when I was a child, we were taught in health class about healthy food, exercise, safety, first aid, and more. Yes, schools today still teach those things, yet now it's more about what *not* to do, like drugs and alcohol. Now, schools often glorify unhealthy lifestyles like homosexuality. In addition, the schools today are more concerned with social and emotional skills. *Way too often students are taught what NOT to do, instead of what TO do.*

Where our thoughts and words are focused is where our actions begin to take place. Isn't this true? Think about the way we raise our children. Children learn best by example when

we train them in the positive behaviors we want them to emulate and reward them when we see those positive behaviors emulated. Focusing too much on the child's bad behavior reinforces the recurrence of that very behavior because the child wants the parent's attention. For some children and youth, bad behavior is where we find most of the attention and focus in Kansas schools.

For example, take the *Kansas Communities That Care Survey* (KCTC survey). The KCTC survey is a federal program funded by Kansas and is given to public-school children in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. It has been surveying Kansas students since 1994. (To learn more and to read the

survey go to kctcdata.org.)

The survey starts this way, "This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers." Read for yourself a few of the questions: Question 38: "How old were you when you first smoked marijuana, smoked a cigarette, had more than a sip or two of beer, wine or hard liquor, began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, got suspended from school, got arrested, carried a handgun, attached someone with the idea of seriously hurting them, and belonged to a gang?"

Question 48: "How many times in the past year have you been suspended from school, carried a handgun, sold illegal drugs, stolen or tried to steal a

motor vehicle such as a car or a motorcycle, been arrested, attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them, been drunk or high at school, taken a handgun to school, been involved in a fight on school property, been offered, sold, or given drugs on school property?"

How does a child process these kinds of questions, and their answers, when they answer that they have been drinking since they were 12? Remember, "there are no right or wrong answers." Plus, they have been told every possible way to gamble, party, and steal, and we are only half way through the test. Other questions ask in-depth about every possible drug available. Some others ask how easy it would be to get cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines. If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one? Where did you usually get and drink your beer, wine or hard liquor? Leaving nothing to chance exposure; every sixth grader has lost all innocence after just reading the questions. Take question #102 for example (see below).

They ask probing questions about the parents. Do you feel close to your mother and your father? Do you enjoy spending time with them? Are there arguments in the home? What on the list of bad behaviors are the

brothers and sisters doing? If you carried a handgun without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?

What is the outcome for students taking this survey with no right or wrong answers? Well, after statistical analysis, it may be determined that the students in the school district have problems so serious that the next obvious step must be drug testing. So, the answers did matter after all! If they come up positive on the real drug test with consequences, it could mean being suspended, having it reported on their school record for at least two years, and being removed from extracurricular activities. The positive things in life are taken away! A father, whose son came up positive, stated that his son totally withdrew emotionally from school after that.

Now, don't hear what I'm not saying. It's not that our children shouldn't be taught about the dangers of drug abuse. The issue is with percentages. Our schools, and the KCTC survey, have gone way too far to the point that the children don't know the basics of a good healthy lifestyle. They've become so in tuned with self that they are becoming narcissistic and care only about how life affects them and not others.

Take Action:

- ◆ If you are a parent of a school aged child, notify your child's school in writing that you do not want them to participate in the KCTC survey. In 2014, Kansas passed SB 367, which created the Student Data Privacy Act. Section 5 states, "No test, questionnaire, survey or examination containing any questions about the student's personal beliefs or practices on issues such as sex, family life, morality or religion, or any questions about the student's parents' or guardians' beliefs and practices on issues such as sex, family life, morality or religion, shall be administered to any student enrolled in kindergarten or grades one through 12, unless the parent or guardian of the student gives written permission for the student to take this test, questionnaire, survey or examination." Watch for this paperwork to come home with your child. It is often given in the beginning of the year. Though this is the law, we are finding that it is often overlooked.
- ◆ If you decide that you will not be subjecting your child to surveys, social and emotional programs, sex education, and other teaching your family finds objectionable, let them know

your wishes in writing. Do not hesitate to ask questions and ask for copies of curriculums. Do your best to get involved with the school.

102. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin)? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- I did not drink beer, wine, or hard liquor during the past 30 days
- I bought it in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
- I gave someone else money to buy it for me
- I borrowed it from someone else
- A person 21 years old or older gave it to me
- I took it from a store or family member
- I got it some other way

Awakening in Sedan, Kansas



*Three days of gospel music,
testimonies and lots of prayer*

**Friday, June 23 -
Sunday, June 25**

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lou Todd Memorial Arena
Fairgrounds
Sedan, KS 67361

No cost.

Musicians from Lawrence, Kansas;
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sedan,
Kansas and more will be
performing.

All are welcome! Church groups,
Youth groups, individuals, families!

CWA of Kansas on stage

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

CWA of Kansas is honored with a time slot of 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon on the Saturday, 24. We look forward to introducing CWA of Kansas and how they can get involved. Plus, as our guest, we are privileged to have Dennis Jernigan sharing his testimony and ministering in song. Known primarily for his worship music, Dennis Jernigan is also known for having walked away from his former homosexual lifestyle. Married now for 33 years to Melinda, they live in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where they are now welcoming grandchildren.

Be sure to look for our CWA information table.

Questions? Contact Linda Caswell at ldcaswell@gmail.com or 210-725-8171.

Grief-Driven Homeschooling Allegation Misguided and Unproven

Lisa Huesers, Education Specialist

Over the last couple of years, the tragedy of a young boy's life has been revealed. In late 2015, in Wyandotte County, Kansas, the remains of a 7 year old boy were found. His name was Adrian Jones.

Understandably, this tragedy has impacted many. Our hearts and prayers continue to go out to the Jones family.

The maternal grandmother, Judy Conway, has chosen to fight to improve the system for kids, like Adrian, who somehow slip through the cracks. Though her fight is understandable, at this point, unfortunately, it is grievously misguided. You see, in Conway's quest to improve the system, a puzzling correlation has been made to homeschooling families.

With the assistance of state legislators and the media, Conway is questioning whether better regulation of homeschooling is necessary. She is advocating for background checks, annual academic reporting, and an annual interview of the child.

Let's look at some of the facts. "The system" of outside-the-family-intervention had been activated. Whether it failed or succeeded is yet unknown. Caution should be taken to leap to the conclusion that state intervention systems failed, and that more state interventions and state authority is necessary. Unfortunately, just because this tragedy happened to Adrian, it doesn't automatically call for additional "system interventions". Bad acts by some do not automatically necessitate the whole-scale monitoring and invasion

of privacy. Sometimes, bad things happen.

The millions of people in situations like those of Adrian's father, Michael Jones, mother, and extended family have not automatically resulted in the same tragedy as Adrian's. Should all bail bondsmen, his father's occupation, be assumed to be like Mr. Jones? Should all step-mothers be automatically subject to state oversight under the assumption that the same thing could happen to step-children, like Adrian? Should all persons renting homes be subject to state oversight? Should we assume that all kids of mothers whose parental rights have been revoked are at risk of being abused and murdered, and must have state intervention? Should it be assumed that any parent not allowing a grandparent the ability to see her grandchildren needs state intervention to ensure the child's safety? Should all grandparents denied visits with their grandchildren be held accountable for not assuming a crime is being committed and for failure to ask for state intervention? We can go on and on. You know, and I know, this would be ludicrous.

Conway is asserting that Adrian's dad and step-mother used homeschooling to prevent anyone from knowing what they were doing to Adrian. Can we assume that this is the motive of homeschooling parents and therefore mandate state intervention? In regards to this family, both KDCF and MDSS had been notified, but we await proof "the system" failed. Almost daily, we read of teachers and staff of public schools (subject to background checks) being charged with crimes

against students within their schools. How can parental background checks and a flagging system in addition to that of current state agencies more readily serve families and their children? Doesn't this require automatically assuming that all homeschooling families are assigned the attributes of the Jones family? Are we correspondingly assuming that all parents must be background checked, finger-printed, and subjected to "friendly" state visits once they become parents?

The correlation of homeschooling to Adrian's tragedy is as strong as bail bondsmen being correlated to Adrian's tragedy. Per Conway, "All I want is some oversight and accountability." The accountability

rests with those who committed the horrific acts to Adrian - his father and step-mother. Justly, they are being held accountable for their actions. And, if the facts reveal, possibly others will be held accountable as well. Instituting unjust requirements on a category of the population, in response to an unproven causation, only results in draconian regulations; subjecting all to the same strictures due to the weakest link only takes down the strong and good of people and society.



The loss of a child, damage to a child or a child suffering illness is a pain so deep that it cannot be fully expressed. Again, we pray for the children and all members of Adrian's family. We pray that God's comfort and peace be extended to them in their sorrow, that His grace and mercy allow them to walk in His light, and that Adrian is with Jesus and they will all be re-united.

Unfortunately, we live in a world racked by the evils of the Evil One. Thankfully, our merciful God sent our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to save us from this world.

Concerned Women for America's Seven Core Issues

Family- Defending marriage as between one man and one woman

Sanctity of Human Life- Protecting life from conception to natural death

Education- Reforming public education by returning authority to parents

Sexual Exploitation- Fighting all pornography, obscenity, prostitution and sex trafficking.

Religious Liberty- Supporting the God-given right of all people to pray, worship and express their beliefs without fear

National Sovereignty- Ensuring that no organization holds authority over the U.S. in any area. Supporting the duty of the U.S. to defend and secure its borders

Support for Israel - Supporting Israel in policy and prayer.



Giving to CWA of Kansas is a great opportunity to keep a strong, consistent, conservative voice at the state capitol and across the state. Whether we are testifying at the state capitol, strategizing in coalition meetings with other organizations, meeting with legislator or their staff, representing CWA at different events, educating and activating our members through e-alerts and newsletter—it is because of gifts of all sizes that we are enabled to do this work.

CWA of Kansas is on the move, won't you join us?

We are all volunteers, and all contributions go directly towards the work at hand.

[Donate online](#) or send a check to CWA of Kansas, P.O. Box 8331, Topeka, KS 66608. Make the check out to "Concerned Women for America" or "CWA" and put "CWA of Kansas" on the memo line. (Reminder: if you contribute through one of CWA National's direct mail letters or e-alerts, those funds will be used for national activities, not for state activities.)