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**COMCARE of Sedgwick County Joins the Voices of Recovery
to Build a Stronger, Healthier Community**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – COMCARE of Sedgwick County will recognize September 2006 as the 17th Annual celebration of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This year's theme, "Join the Voices of Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community," will celebrate people and families in recovery from substance use disorders and who have overcome stigma, discrimination, and other barriers to treatment and recovery support services.

To coincide with Recovery Month, the Kansas Citizen's Committee of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse in Collaboration with Addiction and Prevention Services will host the 2nd Annual Recovery Conference, September 13th – 15th, at the Broadview in Wichita, Ks. The conference invites all persons or families in recovery, faith based organizations, social workers, addiction and mental health counselors and other professionals to attend. For more information regarding this conference contact KANSAS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP AT 1-800-206-7231.

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Throughout September, events nationwide will encourage everyone to address their community's need for substance abuse treatment, overcome the barriers that prevent people from seeking help, and ensure access to local treatment facilities.

It is estimated that in Sedgwick County, 12,300 people have an alcohol problem and 9,500 have a current drug problem. Alcohol remains the number one substance abuse problem in Sedgwick County and is attributed to nearly 35% of all treatment admissions. Marijuana accounts for 30% of treatment admissions. Other drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine, and prescription medication account for the remaining 35% of treatment admissions. Nineteen percent of all treatment admissions were among youth under the age of 17 with 75% of them reporting marijuana was their drug of choice.

If you or someone you love is concerned that they may have an alcohol or drug problem, there are resources in Sedgwick County to help. To begin, call 660-7540. Your call will be kept confidential.

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