

# KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center



KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center was established as a community mental health center in 1963 as a private, non-profit agency that contracts with counties and is licensed by the state.

KANZA began serving Jackson County in 1974. Its initial location was at 204 W. Fourth St. in Holton near the Town Square. After that, it moved to a storefront building on the Town Square.

In the early 1990s, the KANZA Board of Directors, in conversations with the Jackson County Commission, developed a plan to build the current outpatient clinic in Holton at 713 Idaho Ave.

This 2,000 square foot outpatient clinic was built in 1992 and funded by a community development block grant and a loan from Denison State Bank.

It is owned by KANZA's mental health foundation and made available for the center's use. The center outgrew that building prior to 2012 and needs additional space, now provided by the Moser Building in Holton, to house all of its Jackson County services and staff.

The Moser Building in Holton will allow for KANZA to increase the size of its services and the size of its staff in Jackson County.

In August of 2015, KANZA increased the operating hours of its outpatient clinic to five days per week.

KANZA, which has 54 staff members, is led by David Elsbury (CEO), Virginia Freese (Director of Business Operations), Margi Ross (Clinical Director), Lisa Zakutanksy (CSS Director) and Simone McDonald (CBS Director).

KANZA provides a wide range of outpatient and community based mental health services related to outpatient counseling and medication evaluation.

It operates as part of the community's safety net system and is available 24/7 to provide care to persons needing help with mental health needs.

KANZA works closely with area law enforcement agencies, medical providers, emergency room staff, courts and court services, as well as schools and other agencies.

The agency is dedicated to its mission, "Offering Hope For A Healthier Tomorrow."

Regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Contact KANZA by phone at 785-364-4536 or by fax at 785-364-4833. The website for KANZA is [www.kanzamhgc.org](http://www.kanzamhgc.org)



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