



CALL FOR ARTISTS



Youth Application Packet
Deadline: April 12



2024 Call for Artists

About the Exhibition

Wyandot Behavioral Health Network is hosting an art exhibition during Mental Health Awareness Month to stART the conversation about mental health through art. We are searching for community artists of all ages who have a message to share about mental health. It is our mission to lift up diverse perspectives, engage our community in honest conversation about mental health, create change and raise awareness through art. We are calling for artists to submit their mental health-related art work. We would be honored to lift up your child's voice through this curated exhibition.

The stART the conversation art exhibition will take place on Friday, May 17, at 613 N 6th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, as part of the Downtown KCK Third Friday Art Walk in Strawberry Hill.

How to Enter

All artists in the Greater Kansas City area are invited to enter their artwork for inclusion in the stART the conversation art exhibit. In order to include the perspectives of as many artists as possible, we will only be accepting one piece of artwork per artist due to spatial limitations. In the event that the number of received submissions exceeds spatial capacity, determinations regarding inclusion of artwork in the exhibition will be made based on the artwork's connection to mental health as evidenced by the artist statement included in the entry materials.

New in 2024, we are including an option to apply to be a Featured Artist. Artists selected as Featured Artists may have the option to submit additional artwork (if space allows), have their artwork featured on Wyandot BHN's social media channels ahead of the exhibition and/or speak during the event program on May 17.

Young artists interested in submitting their work for inclusion in the exhibition should completed the attached youth entry form and additional releases with permission and assistance from a parent/guardian. There is a separate entry form for artists aged 18 and older. Entry forms must be submitted no later than Friday, April 12.

All visual artwork entries must be dropped off at 757 Armstrong Avenue no later than Wednesday, May 1, unless alternative drop-off arrangements are made with event organizers. Completed entry forms may be dropped off at 757 Armstrong along with artwork or submitted via email to communications@wyandotbhn.org no later than April 12. As part of your child's entry materials, please email 2-3 photos of their artwork to communications@wyandotbhn.org.



Art Exhibition Youth Entry Form

Deadline to Enter: Friday, April 12, 2024

Youth's first name: Youth's age:

Pronouns: Parent/Guardian full name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Phone number: Artwork title:

Brief Description of Artwork (Please include artwork's relation to mental health)

Apply to be a Featured Artist

Artists selected as Featured Artists may have the option to submit additional artwork, have their artwork featured on Wyandot BHN's social media channels ahead of the exhibition and/or speak during the event program on May 17. Those selected as featured artists will be notified by April 30.

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Please check this box if your child is interested in being a featured artist.

If applying to be a featured artist, please write 3-5 sentences explaining how art has impacted your mental health:

Please email 2-3 photos of your child's artwork to communications@wyandotbhn.org as part of your entry materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Informed Consent Form

Purpose:

stART The conversation is an art exhibition by Wyandot Behavioral Health Network (Wyandot BHN) to raise awareness of and destigmatize mental health. This exhibition is rooted in the empowerment of people with lived experience in the mental health system. The artwork displayed in this exhibition belongs to the artist. The artwork will be dropped off for exhibition and picked up at an agreed upon date. It is also required to complete an art entry form for each artwork entered. While the purpose of this exhibition is empowerment, advocacy, and destigmatization, you are encouraged to consider the risks, benefits, and how the public consumption of your artwork may impact your mental health.

Risks:

Artwork is deeply personal and may explore sensitive topics and experiences. Wyandot BHN cannot guarantee who will be present at the exhibition or how your artwork will be perceived by the public. In the public space, people may take photographs or videos of your work that may be posted online or in other public media spaces. In past years, the exhibition has garnered attention from local news outlets. This may result in news outlets speaking about/videotaping/photographing your artwork exhibited. While artworks are accepted from all community members, display of your artwork in an exhibition by Wyandot BHN may result in assumptions about you being a client of Wyandot BHN, resulting in confidentiality risks. Wyandot BHN offers no warranty and will accept no responsibility or liability for any claims, damages, losses, expenses, costs, or other general liabilities that may occur to artwork or personal property before, during or after said event. All participants accept responsibility for the care of any art whether displayed or not.

Benefits:

The mission of this exhibition is to lift up diverse perspectives, engage our community in honest conversation about mental health, create change, and raise awareness through art. Participation can be a healing and empowering experience. You may find yourself empowered, validated, and supported by the conversations and reactions to your artwork. This may result in feelings of fulfillment and purpose and an increase in self-esteem, self-worth, and self-acceptance. This exhibition could also be utilized as an opportunity to be better known by your support network and community. The exhibition of your artwork may empower others who relate to your work to open up about their own experiences.

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), acknowledge that I have been informed of the purpose, risks, and benefits of my child's participation in the stART the conversation art exhibition.



Release of Artwork

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), consent for Wyandot Behavioral Health Network to use, display, and/or photograph the artwork created by _____ (youth's name) for the following purposes:

Please initial all that apply:

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***Exhibition:** I agree to have my child's artwork and any associated artist statement displayed publicly as part of the stART the conversation art exhibition at 613 N 6th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, on May 17, 2024.

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***Promotion of Exhibition:** I agree to have my child's artwork and any associated artwork description featured on Wyandot BHN's communications channels (social media, website, newsletter, etc.) ahead of the exhibition as part of Wyandot BHN's promotional efforts.

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***Promotion of services:** I agree to give Wyandot BHN the right to use my child's artwork to promote future services through its various communications channels (social media, website, newsletter, etc.).

* I acknowledge that I have been informed of the circumstances in which artwork, from both clients and non-clients of Wyandot BHN, will be used in exhibition and/or promotion of the exhibition and future services. I have been informed of the purpose, benefits, and risks of the display of artwork.

I grant this consent as a voluntary contribution in the interest of mental health education and advocacy. If applicable, any artwork will be displayed in a respectful and professional manner. If I choose to revoke this consent at any time in the future, such revocation can become effective by writing "Revoked" on this form, with the date and signature.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date