



CALL FOR ARTISTS

—2026 Exhibition —



Application Packet
Deadline: April 10

Artwork Dropoff
April 24

Event Date: May 7

6565 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102



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About the Exhibition

Wyandot Behavioral Health Network is hosting an art exhibition during Mental Health Awareness Month that uses art to stART the conversation about mental health. We invite community artists to submit artwork that explores mental health. The exhibition highlights diverse perspectives and encourages honest, meaningful conversation about mental health. We would be honored to share your work as part of this exhibition. The stART the conversation art exhibition will take place on Thursday, May 7, at Thomas A. Burke Technical Education Center (6565 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102).

How to Enter

Artists in the Greater Kansas City area are invited to submit artwork for the stART the conversation exhibition. To include as many artists as possible, each artist may submit **one piece of artwork**. If we receive more submissions than space allows, artwork will be selected based on its connection to mental health, as described in the artist statement.

Artists may also apply to be a **Featured Artist**. Featured Artists may have their work shared on Wyandot BHN's social media, speak during the event on May 7, and/or be included in an extended exhibition at a Wyandot BHN location for the remainder of the month.

Artists must complete the attached entry form and required releases. Artists under 18 must complete a separate entry form with a parent or guardian's permission. Entry forms must be submitted by Friday, April 10. All visual artwork must be dropped off at 757 Armstrong Avenue by Friday, April 24, unless other arrangements are approved by event organizers.

Entry forms may be dropped off with artwork or emailed to communications@wyandotbhn.org by Friday, April 10.

The exhibition accepts a variety of art forms, including paintings, sculpture, and performance art, as space allows. Artists submitting large-scale or performance pieces must complete the Artwork Accommodations form.

Please email 2-3 photos of your artwork to communications@wyandotbhn.org. Performance artists should submit a video or link (YouTube, Vimeo, or Facebook) to communications@wyandotbhn.org



ART EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM

Deadline to Enter: Friday, April 10, 2026

Youth's First Name:

Youth's Age:

Parent/Guardian Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Artwork Title:

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

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Informed Consent & Release of Artwork

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What Is This Exhibition?

stART the Conversation is an art show by Wyandot Behavioral Health Network (Wyandot BHN). The goal is to help people talk openly about mental health, reduce stigma, and share different life experiences through art. The artwork belongs to the artist and will be returned after the exhibition.

What is Needed to Participate?

- A completed entry form is required with an artwork submission.
- Artwork will be dropped off and picked up on agreed-upon dates.
- Your child's artwork will be shown in a public space.
- Before entering, families are encouraged to think about how sharing artwork publicly might affect their child's feelings and well-being.

Considerations

- Art can be very personal and may include sensitive topics.
- Wyandot BHN cannot control who sees the artwork or how people react to it.
- People may take photos or videos of the artwork and share them online.
- Local news may photograph or talk about the exhibition.
- Some people might assume artists are clients of Wyandot BHN, which could affect privacy.
- Wyandot BHN is not responsible for damage or loss of artwork before, during, or after the event.

Why Participate?

- Sharing art can feel healing, empowering, and meaningful. Artists may feel proud, supported, and more confident.
- Artwork can help others feel less alone and encourage conversations about mental health.
- The exhibition helps raise awareness and build understanding in the community.

Parent/Guardian Permission

By signing the entry form, parents or guardians a) confirm they understand the purpose, risks, and benefits of the exhibition, b) give permission for their child's artwork to be displayed in the exhibition, and c) allow for their child's artwork to be used to promote the exhibition.

Participation is voluntary and meant to support mental health awareness.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date