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**MENTAL HEALTH  
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**HIGH-DEMAND**  
Job in Kansas 



**In this episode,** Cool Careers Correspondent Emmy visits CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness in Emporia to learn about a job that helps kids and adults manage their emotions: a mental health provider. She joins Marah, a clinical social worker, and the two discuss what led to Marah’s interest in this field, why the job is so important and how to get started in this meaningful career.

Mental health providers deliver treatment and help people work through their emotions. Some experts specialize in areas like helping people with substance abuse issues or behavioral disorders.

**Typical Education Required For This Job:** BACHELOR’S DEGREE

## Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

**1.** What’s one other therapy career mentioned in this episode?

  

**2.** Look at the colored map showing the prevalence of mental illness and access to care. What color is Kansas on the map?

**3.** On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning “no way” and 10 meaning “this seems like a great job for me someday,” how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

1            2            3            4            5            6            7            8            9            10

*Definitely not*

*Maybe*

*I'm super interested*

**4.** Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

  
  

**5.** Find the Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder and Mental Health Counselor page on the **HirePaths.com** website. What’s the growth projection for this job both in Kansas and nationally?