

Testimony of Chuck McGinnis

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Hi, my name is Chuck McGinnis. I am 52 years old, and a father of three children; Blake 23, Shayde 14, and Tobyn 11. I have worked in the oilfield for the last 30 years. The recent decline in the price of oil has put me out of a job as of January of 2015. I drew unemployment for 6 months until it ran out. Meanwhile, the oilfield is still getting worse.

After steadily looking for a different job, and running out of options, I went to the Hays Department for Children and Families Office and applied for help in June of 2015. Diane Kuhn became my caseworker and has helped me tremendously with all DCF has to offer. In August I started working for the Ellis County Road and Bridge Department. The Kansas DCF continued to help me and my family, even after I got a job, and Mrs. Kuhn stayed in touch. She is always wanting to help in any way possible, along with the purchase of some new steel-toe boots and gas money to get to work.

Again, I am extremely grateful for all Diane Kuhn, and the Kansas Department for Children and Families, has done for my family and I during these difficult times.

Chuck McGinnis