

Center for Urban Studies

The Center for Urban Studies continues a long standing mission of applied research and community service begun by Dr. Hugo Wall, Wichita State University professor and founder of the Center. Faculty, staff, and graduate assistants associated with the Center respond to requests of public officials and community organizations to conduct research, offer training and professional development, and provide technical assistance and consultation.

Historically, the Center primarily served public agencies and community organizations in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Today, the Center extends its services to elected officials, state and local public managers, community organizations, and professional associations throughout Kansas.

The Center for Urban Studies seeks to enhance the quality of public affairs by assisting public officials and community organizations to meet the challenges of governance and improve service delivery. This assistance takes the form of:

- leadership development for locally elected officials
- customized leadership, executive management, and professional development.
- facilitation of governing body retreats and community forums
- education and certification for members of professional associations
- Internet training and technical assistance
- consultation on community goal setting and strategic planning
- community and organizational surveys
- applied research on issues identified by state and local officials