



**April 10, 2013**

Spring is in the air, but you wouldn't know it this week with the Winter blast that's sweeping through Wichita.

Despite the cold temps and freezing rain, April is typically a time for new growth and opportunities.

ACS has had an exciting opportunity as a nominee for the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards. We made the first round of finalists for the tier one category and find out April 18 if we make the second round of finalists. We are honored to have been nominated and have enjoyed sharing our story with many individuals throughout this award process.

Since summer is just around the corner, so are different schedules with kids home from school, family vacations and extra holidays. Be sure to keep ACS in mind if you need to make any changes to your current care schedule.

All the best,  
Jacque Clifton

### **KanCare Rally this Saturday**

The Advocates in Communities Team (ACT) of South Central Kansas is hosting a rally this Saturday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. at GracePoint Church (9035 W. Central in Wichita) to gain some insight to what is happening in Topeka and how the proposed changes will impact families.

Join us, along with other support groups, schools and churches, to show Wichita how important these issues are to you and our community.

### **Campaign Dedicated to Taking Autism from Awareness to Acceptance**

While April has been known for decades as "Autism Awareness Month," the Autistic Self Advocacy Network is working to rebrand the month as "[Autism Acceptance Month.](#)"

The initiative started two years ago when Paula Durbin-Westby, who has autism, created a Facebook event titled "Autism Acceptance Day." Since then, the grassroots movement has

developed into an annual initiative all about engaging people to take action to support people who are autistic.

How? [Start by signing an online pledge](#) in support of autism acceptance. Then [read more about the campaign](#) devoted to Autism Acceptance Month.

### **New ACS Friday Hours**

Advocate Care Services will start closing at 3 p.m. on Fridays. We apologize for any inconvenience, but please feel free to leave us a message and we will get back to you promptly.