

Nancy Jensen is a person with lived mental health experiences, a mental health advocate and author of the book "The Girl Who Cried Wolf". Nancy is a survivor of the brutal conditions of the Kaufman House, which made national headlines for its abusive treatment of people with mental illness. Nancy was the first former resident of the Kaufman House to call the state of Kansas and report about the horrific abuse occurring at the Kaufman House. Although the State of Kansas failed to close down the Kaufman House or free any of the victims, Nancy remained vigilant. Nancy worked closely with the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system, the PAIMI program, and prosecutors to hold the Kaufmans accountable. Nancy then worked with the P&A to change laws in order to prevent future abuse and neglect. They successfully changed guardianship laws, closed loopholes to ensure licensure of all facilities, and created an Abuse Unit. For her advocacy efforts Nancy was honored by SAMHSA with a Voice Award. Nancy was presented her Voice Award by Academy Award nominated actress Mariel Hemingway in a ceremony in Los Angeles. Nancy is a certified peer specialist and peer trainer. She utilizes her lived experiences to improve the lives of people with mental illness. She lives in Wichita, Ks.