

**Social Work Practice Professional
Pam Sanford, LCSW**

Pam Sanford grew up in Atlanta, Georgia during the 60's and 70's at which time the civil rights movement was prominent in the news and in conversation.

The injustices driven by racial prejudice made an impression upon her. She moved to Oklahoma in 1974 and majored in Art-Filmmaking at OU.

After graduation she worked at Griffin Memorial Hospital as an aide, feeling immediately at home. She became very focused on a career working with adults with mental illness. She returned to OU and received her MSW in 1982 and began working at Transition House. In 1986 she moved to New Haven, Connecticut and administered a social program for adults in recovery from mental illness.

Upon returning to Norman, Oklahoma in 1990, she had her daughter and began working as a social worker at Griffin Memorial Hospital. In 1991 she had her son, and then in 1994 began working as director of Thunderbird Clubhouse. At the time, the Clubhouse was under the auspices of Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center. In 2000 the Clubhouse was awarded a contract with the OK Department of Mental Health and became a free-standing, non-profit Clubhouse. She resides in Norman with her partner Lisa Krieg and their excessive number of pets.