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## Susan Redmond-Vaught, Ph.D.

### **Brief Bio:**

Dr. Vaught received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research from Vanderbilt University in 1991. She has been practicing since 1992, and she is licensed in the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. Currently, she is a member of the American Psychological Association. In 1996, Dr. Vaught received the SEAAMR Richard B. Dillard Award For Research In The Field Of Developmental Disabilities. She serves as the Director of the Psychology Department at Western State Hospital, director of the APA-Accredited Western Kentucky Psychology Internship Consortium, and she also provides clinical services to the hospital's Multiple Medical Needs Unit. She is a clinical neuropsychologist, and identifies her theoretical orientation as Cognitive-Behavioral with strong Humanistic leanings. When she's not working, Dr. Vaught helps tend her small family bird farm, chases after an abundance of pets (including a parrot and peacocks), avidly watches college and professional football, and dabbles in photography. Dr. Vaught is also an author, publishing fiction and essays for middle-grade, young adult, and adult readers through houses such as Bloomsbury USA, Random House imprints, and Simon and Schuster. You can read more about her books through her author's website at [www.susanvaught.com](http://www.susanvaught.com).

### **As a Board Member, what do you find the most rewarding - or what are you most hoping to accomplish?:**

I hope to assist with educating providers about the service needs and best practices related to populations who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, establishing CEU offerings to increase services to people who have these issues, and better understanding the professional support needs of practitioners already working with these populations.

### **Why did you decide to become involved as a leader within KPA?:**

I finished out a term for a psychologist who moved into a state government position, then saw an avenue for service contribution.

### **How did you end up in psychology?:**

Truthfully, I could not decide between creative writing and clinical psychology and initially, I allowed graduate school funding to make my decision. Ultimately, I stayed in the field because I like making differences in people's lives, and working with special populations to improve services and quality of life