



JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



JULIE YOUNGERS

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Julie Youngers is a recent psychology graduate of the University of Missouri with a background in infant development research. Julie also previously served as a summer intern with Harmony Project Kansas City, an organization that provides free music education and instruments to children in Kansas City's Northeast neighborhood. In her free time, Julie can be found playing her flute, dancing, or refining her chocolate chip cookie recipe. Julie is excited to join the KPATA Bright Futures team as an administrative assistant and looks forward to serving young children and their families in Kansas!

REMINDER: RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The membership year runs July 1 - June 30, and the KPATA mailing list will soon be updated to reflect current KPATA membership, so please renew your membership at your earliest convenience.

The membership form can be found at kpata.org/membership.

ABOUT BRIGHT FUTURES

Funded by the Family First Prevention Services Grant from the Kansas Department of Children and Family, the Bright Futures program provides intensive Parents as Teachers services to families at imminent risk of entering foster care throughout the state of Kansas.

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HILARY KOEHN

Quality Implementation Director

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Hilary Koehn, BA in elementary education with specialization in early childhood, is an early childhood professional who believes strongly in providing high-quality, intentional support to early childhood staff, students, and families. In her former role as Early Childhood Lead for Wichita Public Schools, she provided leadership in program development and implementation of early childhood programs, especially Parents as Teachers and At-Risk PreK. Hilary is currently working for El Dorado Public Schools with the Parents as Teachers program to support families with children ages birth-5.

Hilary has had the incredible opportunity over the last 16 years to work in various roles within the early childhood spectrum including classroom teacher, parent educator, curriculum coach and early childhood leadership/management. These different roles and experiences in early childhood programs have enabled her to work with multiple ages of children and parents from a variety of different demographic backgrounds. The vast majority of her experience has been in working with preschoolers and toddlers. She previously served as a member of the Kansas Parents as Teachers Association Board, the Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council and the Kansas Preschool Program Leadership Team.

Hilary believes that by providing parents, educators and program leaders with research based professional development, support and early childhood resources, we can accomplish the mission of strengthening early childhood services across the state of Kansas to better prepare our young students for lifelong success. She is a strong advocate for community partnerships that help early childhood programs to thrive in their communities.

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