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IMPORTANT DATES

October 2020

- October 1-2** Virtual Model Implementation [Training](#)
- October 2** KVC Grant [applications](#) due
- October 5-8** PAT National Conference
- October 16** Board Meeting
- October 19** CCTF Quality Subgrant [applications](#) due
- October 27-30** Kansas Breastfeeding [Conference](#)

November 2020

- November 2-13** Virtual Foundational & Model Implementation [Training](#).
- November 4-6** and **November 17-19** Governor's [Conference](#) for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- November 30 - December 11** Virtual Foundational & Model Implementation [Training](#).

The Board has updated the KPATA Strategic Plan! Find the latest version [here](#).

BOARD UPDATE

Meet our new Board President!

Michelle Kelly has a passion for helping families thrive. She has previously served on the KPATA Board as the NE Region director and the President Elect. Michelle is in her 5th year as the Program Coordinator for the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kansas and prior to that served as a parent educator for 9 years. In her free time, Michelle loves spending time with her family including her husband, 18 year old daughter, and 16 year old son and loves a hanging with a good friend or a good book beside a pool or in a coffee shop.



Child Care Aware is hiring!
See positions [here](#).

PATNC HIGHLIGHT

Award Winners



Jennifer Whitney (Olathe) and Amy Bringhurst (Derby; awarded posthumously) have been named Parent Educators of the Year by the National Center! The KCK program has also been awarded the Losos Prize for going above and beyond to support families in their community. Read more about all of their stories [here](#). Congratulations on these outstanding achievements!

Kansas Presenters

- 10/5 9am-3pm Certified Safe Sleep Advocate Training - Danielle Twemlow (Topeka) and Christy Schunn (Kansas Infant Death and SIDS Network)
- 10/6 9-10:15am The Sun is Shining on Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act - Callie Peace (Paola), Nichole Fairley (Topeka), and Becky Peters (Basehor)
- 10/6 1-2:15pm Virtual Service Delivery Panel: The Ups and Downs - Cammie Braden (Keystone) et al.
- 10/8 8:45-10am Beyond Definitions: A Hands-on Exploration of Racial Equity on Home Visits - Suzy Green (Lawrence) et al.



BRIGHT FUTURES UPDATE

This month we have continued to partner with DCF providers and increase referrals, and we are so very grateful for the work of parent educators across the state. If your program would like to participate, there are several benefits, including: trainings, paid affiliate fees, and reimbursement for provided services. The 2020-2021 Assurances can be found [here](#). Please reach out to Becky Peters (bpeters@kpata.org) with any questions.



In August 2020 we served:
97 referrals
133 children across the state

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Southwest Plains Regional Service Center



Founded in 1989, the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center provides resources and support to education professionals in Southwest Kansas. Regarding their recent decision to become an affiliate, Education Consultant and PAT Coordinator Maria Ortiz-Smith said, "We were given the opportunity to collaborate with three school districts on this project. Leadership from all three districts believe in the positive outcomes that PAT will have in their communities. I am excited to use my experience in education and bilingual skills to collaborate with and learn from families!"

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Employment Resources Available Through DCF

The Department for Children and Families provides employment support services to families receiving Cash Assistance or Food Assistance. Find out more: [brochure](#), [flyer](#), [quick facts](#).

