



## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

We hope that you will be able to join us for our upcoming member meeting.

The KPATA annual member meeting will be held on September 18th from 12:00-2:00 via Zoom. We will be sending out a link for the zoom meeting through MailChimp so please watch for that at a later date. This meeting will include the election of the KPATA board and we encourage all members to participate!

Renew your membership for 2020-2021 [here](#).

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# BRIGHT FUTURES UPDATE

The Bright Futures Program is funded by KPATA's Family First Prevention Services Act Grant from the Kansas Department of Children and Families.

In July 2020 we served:  
87 referrals  
87 adults and 117 children across the state

This has been a busy month for our Bright Futures staff! We have hosted a Reporting Webinar for PAT Coordinators and a Virtual Q&A session for DCF providers. Each event was well attended and provided excellent information and resources. The resources from the reporting webinar can be found [here](#).

We continue to see a steady stream of referrals throughout the state and are excited to have new programs signing assurances to serve Bright Futures Program families. The month of July also included the first referral for a pregnant or parenting foster youth in the state of Kansas to receive FFPSA services!

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

A few funding opportunities were sent out in the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund's weekly newsletter that we wanted to specifically share with KPATA Members:

### Quality Enhancement Subgrants

The Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund will be awarding \$1,700,000 in quality enhancement subgrants to Kansas communities and early childhood care and education providers. Applications will open Sept. 16, 2020 and are due Oct. 19, 2020. Join us for a pre-grant webinar THIS Thursday - two times are available:

Thursday, September 3rd at 12pm - [Click here to Register](#)

Thursday, September 3rd at 7pm - [Click here to Register](#)

### The Technology for Families Program

This provides connectivity, equipment, and devices to support virtual access for families receiving home visiting services. Please note: The application period has been extended for this program. Applications received by the first review deadline (8/28) will be notified of funding Sept 8-15. Applications received by the second review deadline (9/11) will be notified of funding Sept 22-29.

Click [here](#) to register for the "All in for Kansas Kids Newsletter"

# KPATA STAFF

In July we added new staff and wanted to take some time to introduce you to all of our KPATA staff as we are also bringing in new members!

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## **Callie Peace, Executive Director**

Callie has been the Executive Director of Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA) for 5 1/2 years. She has also worked as the Director of Parents as Teachers for the Paola Parents as Teachers Consortium, which includes eight school districts since 2011. Before that she worked as a PAT Parent Educator for seven years. Her first post college job was as the Assisted Living Team Leader for the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community. It is her passion to help children, families and early childhood educators and to make Kansas the best place to raise a child.



## **Becky Peters, Bright Futures Program Director**

Becky is beginning her second year as Program Director for KPATA's Bright Futures Program. She also works as the PAT Coordinator for the Basehor-Linwood School District and as a development consultant. Becky has been involved in PAT as an enrolled family, parent educator and coordinator! Throughout her career she has worked with schools, non-profits, and churches. She is passionate about creating programs and systems that support families and children.



## **Hilary Koehn, Bright Futures Quality Implementation Director**

Hilary is an early childhood professional who believes strongly in providing high-quality, intentional support to early childhood staff, students, and families in Kansas. 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 Kansas Parents as Teachers Association as the Quality Implementation Director and has been with PAT for over 12 years. She also works with El Dorado PAT and is an early childhood consultant.



## **Julie Youngers, Administrative Assistant**

Julie Youngers is a recent psychology graduate of the University of Missouri with a background in infant development research. In her free time, Julie can be found reading, dancing, traveling, or refining her chocolate chip cookie recipe. Julie is excited to join the KPATA Bright Futures team and looks forward to serving young children and their families in Kansas!



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Your voice matters.

Please make sure you are registered to vote and encourage those you work with to register as well. (This is a great resource connection!) Kansas offers online voter registration. You can register by mail to vote in Kansas by printing a voter registration form, filling it out, and mailing it to your local election office. You can also register to vote in person if you prefer.

## Dates and deadlines:

Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

The deadline to register online to vote is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

The deadline for registering by mail to vote is (postmarked by) Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

The deadline to register in person to vote is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

The deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by) Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

The early voting period runs from Wednesday, October 14, 2020 to Monday, November 2, 2020 at 12 p.m., but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

## Who can vote:

To register in Kansas you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kansas
- be 18 by the next election
- have completed the terms of your sentence if convicted of a felony; a person serving a sentence for a felony conviction is ineligible to vote
- not claim the right to vote in any other location or under any other name
- not be excluded from voting by a court of competent jurisdiction

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September 2020

KPATA Member Meeting: September 18, 12pm-2pm

Virtual Kansas Home Visiting Conference: September 28 - October 1, 2-4pm

This forum is FREE and open to any professional working in the field of home visiting.

## October 2020

Virtual Model Implementation Training: October 1-2

PATNC Conference: October 5-8

## November 2020

Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect:

November 4-6 and November 17-19

Virtual Foundational & Model Implementation Training: November 30 - December 11