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## NIS WILBUR NAMED ICPATL CHAIR FOR 2020-21

Nis Wilbur, Kansas PAT state leader with KSDE, has been named Chair of the International Council of Parents as Teachers Leaders, a group of 38 PAT leaders representing 26 states and countries, through September 2021. She explains, "Our goal is to broker the connection between PATNC and the programs we work with and to support one another as we tackle similar work across the globe. We want to make home visiting an accessible, positive, and smooth experience for all involved. I hope to lift up some of the amazing work we do in Kansas, such as KCK's work with the Edinburgh, and some of our challenges, such as those in a rural program staffed by a sole employee."

Support KPATA in your year-end  
giving! [kpata.org/donate](https://kpata.org/donate)

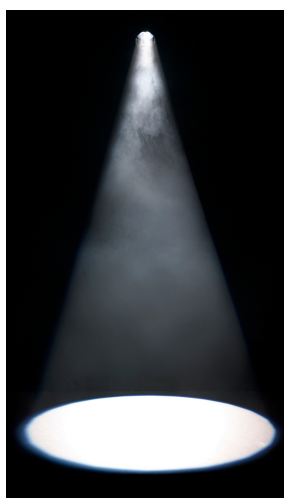
# CONGRATS TO NEW BLUE RIBBON PROGRAMS

15 Kansas programs were awarded Blue Ribbon status in 2019!

- USD 323 Rock Creek
- USD 458 Basehor-Linwood
- USD 259 Wichita
- USDs 308, 309, 313 Hutchinson
- USD 437 Auburn-Washburn
- USD 349 Stafford
- USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton
- USD 333 LCNCK
- USD 232 DeSoto
- USDs 373, 460, 440 Harvey County
- USD 273 Beloit
- USD 266 Maize
- Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium
- Keystone Learning Services
- Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (Greenbush)



Know someone who would be great for the KPATA board? SW and NW Regional Director positions are open! Contact Callie Peace ([cpeace@kpata.org](mailto:cpeace@kpata.org)).



## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: NORTHWEST

Through the Bright Futures program, KPATA partners with the Kansas Department for Children and Families to provide intensive PAT services to families at imminent risk of entering foster care. A DCF supervisor in Northwest Kansas recently gave kudos to the PAT services in her region: "The (PAT) program is wonderful as the families that accept this service learn bonding techniques, stages of developmental growth, and proper care for newborns. The home visitor teaches all this and more with the curriculum. The biggest thing that I've noticed is how they work on the bond between the parent and the child. That bonding needs to happen early and I've seen some good successes." Way to go NW Kansas PAT programs!

## BRIGHT FUTURES UPDATE

In September, we continued to partner with DCF providers and gained 16 new referrals, and we are so very grateful for the work of Parent Educators across the state. One program shared they were able to keep a family together during the mother's incarceration a result of the cooperation between the Parent Educator and CPS worker. We are always hearing wonderful feedback about programs across the state!



Participating programs are reimbursed for expenses incurred while serving Bright Futures families, such as renewal fees, supplies, postage, training, and reflective supervision. Please reach out to Becky Peters ([bpeters@kpata.org](mailto:bpeters@kpata.org)) if your program is interested in participating.

In September 2020 we served:  
91 adults  
102 children across the state

## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### 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 5** Virtual Advocacy workshop (first of several)

**November 13** Kindergarten Readiness Summit

**November 20** Board Meeting

**November 30** Supporting High Risk Families: Home Visitor Safety & Domestic Violence FREE virtual training.

### December 2020

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

**December 18** Board Meeting

**December 31** Early Bird registration deadline for National Home Visiting Virtual Summit