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UPCOMING EVENTS

# Office Hours

Open to all coordinators for a chance to ask  
questions and clarification about Bright  
Futures program.

Friday, October 29th  
1-2PM

Meet with **Hilary Koehn**,  
BF Implementation Director  
& **Becky Peters**,  
BF Program Director

[meet.google.com/qks-ikrb-tai](https://meet.google.com/qks-ikrb-tai)

- 10 new referrals
- 92 active referrals
- 36 participating programs



## BF Success Story: LCNCK

As a BF Parent Educator, I was able to connect my BF family with an employment opportunity that would pay for Mom to get a CNA license. I was then able to connect her to our local community college to find and enroll in the coursework. Mom is working hard to complete the class in order to make a better wage that will help provide for her family. She is also looking forward to having a career instead of a job.



UPDATED  
POSTING



Bright Futures  
Affiliate Program

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT EDUCATOR FOR KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES?

### THE GOAL:

We will work to provide home visits to at-risk families in areas of Kansas that consistently receive a large number of Bright Futures referrals from DCF and where there is no capacity with the local program. Families will receive visits once a week for the first 3 months and then a minimum of twice a month for the remainder of a year. This position will be part-time (max. of 10hrs/week) and can be completed in addition to a current role as a certified parent educator.

Previous certification as a parent educator from the Parents as Teachers National Office is desirable. **We welcome all candidates to apply and are expanding the search for educators that can provide services to all areas of Kansas.**

If you are interested, please complete this form to apply:

### APPLICATION

Parent educators will work as a KPATA employee and will be provided with essential home visit materials in order to provide PAT Bright Futures Home Visits with full fidelity to the PAT model.

If you have questions, please contact

Hilary Koehn at [hkoehn@kpata.org](mailto:hkoehn@kpata.org)

The job description can be viewed here:

### JOB DESCRIPTION



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KPATA IS PLEASED  
TO HOST

# OAE REFRESHER

A VIRTUAL WEBINAR  
TRAINING OPTION FOR  
THOSE WHO HAVE  
PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED  
OAE TRAINING



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**OCTOBER 21ST 1:00-2:30 PM**



This training is intended as a refresher for parent educators who have been previously trained to conduct an OAE screening. We will watch a series of short videos and have time for discussion with our peers.

Training is Free for KPATA Members.  
If you would like to attend please complete your registration by accessing the included link.

If you have questions, please contact Hilary Koehn  
at [hkoehn@kpata.org](mailto:hkoehn@kpata.org).

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtf-uoqzgpE9UxoyRJuM8v0RVNe7ydCps6>

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TO HOST  
IN-PERSON

# OAE TRAINING

FOR NEW  
PARENT EDUCATORS

**OCTOBER 21ST 11:30 AM**

**200 EAST SHERMAN  
HUTCHINSON, KS 67501**



This training is intended for new parent educators who have not previously been trained to conduct an OAE screening. You will need to bring an OAE machine and tips to practice screening. The training is limited to 12 participants.

Training is Free for KPATA Members. If you would like to attend please complete your registration by accessing the included link. Please note that in-person trainings are subject to change due to individual community COVID regulations and restrictions. If a training is cancelled, you will be notified by email.

If you have questions, please contact Hilary Koehn at  
[hkoehn@kpata.org](mailto:hkoehn@kpata.org).

<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/oae-training-for-new-parent-educators-102121/>



KPATA is pleased to host a virtual training session on October 28th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm:

## Supporting Parent Educators in Times of

# CRISIS

This training is for coordinators and lead parent educators & is free for KPATA members.

If you would like to attend please complete your registration by accessing the included link.

If you have questions, please contact Hilary Koehn at [hkoehn@kpata.org](mailto:hkoehn@kpata.org)

Training provided by Jessica Mostaffa, LPC, IMH-E® III





KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST A VIRTUAL  
TRAINING SESSION

# NAVIGATING CRISIS

WITH FAMILIES -  
RESPONSE AND CARE

NOVEMBER 18TH 1:00 - 4:00 PM

TRAINING IS FREE FOR KPATA MEMBERS AND WILL BE  
PROVIDED BY JESSICA MOSTAFFA, LPC, IMH-E\* III.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PLEASE COMPLETE  
YOUR REGISTRATION BY ACCESSING THE INCLUDED  
LINK. THIS TRAINING IS DESIGNED FOR  
PARENT EDUCATORS AND  
PROGRAM COORDINATORS/LEADERS.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
CONTACT HILARY KOEHN AT  
HKOEHN@KPATA.ORG.



## PARENT SURVEY

The University of Kansas is surveying parents and caregivers in Kansas to help learn about service needs for families with children across Kansas communities.

The information you and others provide will be used to develop new services and remove barriers to accessing existing services so Kansas children and families can thrive in their communities.

The survey should take about 15 minutes.



### TO TAKE THE SURVEY:

1. Scan QR code (left), or;
2. Go to this web address:  
<https://redcap.ittc.ku.edu/surveys> and enter code:  
**N3A4M97KA**

PARENTS WILL RECEIVE \$10 FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY

## LOCATION

Surveys are administered in English/ Spanish at your local DCF office, Family First provider offices, and online. Scan the QR Code below/visit the link to take the survey online.

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must be a parent or the primary caregiver of a child or youth in Kansas.

## CONTACT

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**Link to access survey:**

**<https://redcap.ittc.ku.edu/surveys>**

**Code: N3A4M97KA**

# WHAT HAS KPATA DONE FOR YOU? *R-E-S-P-E-C-T*

By the 1990s Kansas saw a burgeoning group of vocal and impactful 501(c)3 organizations banding together to champion early childhood initiatives in Kansas. Lynn Owen, then state Director of KS PAT, was our effective and respected voice in Topeka, but as a state employee, she could not be the voice of Parents as Teachers outside the halls of state government. Home visiting, a proven method for fostering positive outcomes in young children, warranted an organized voice but who/what would be the face of the PAT voice? KPATA filled this need: a 501(c)3 organization flexible enough to influence stakeholders at all levels and be able to reach out for additional funding in support of Kansas families. KPATA gave PAT validity and respect within Kansas and beyond.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### October 2021

October 21: OAE Training for New Parent Educators

October 21: OAE Refresher Training

October 28: Supporting PE's in Crisis Training

October 28 & 29: Virtual Foundational Training

October 29: KPATA Board Meeting

October 29: Office Hours with Hilary & Becky

### November 2021

November 18: Navigating Crisis Training

November 19: KPATA Board Meeting

