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Office Hours

No official office hours with Hilary Koehn
in December; but always feel free to reach
out & ask questions anytime to:

Hkoehn@kpata.org

New Office Hours day & time will be
announced for January ASAP!

EXAMPLES OF DCF MONTHLY REPORTS

- (Child's name) birthweight was 7#14oz, 2 weeks checkup he weighed 8#6 and they go to the doctor tomorrow (10/22/2020) for his one-month checkup.
- The family relies on friends and family for transportation as they are still waiting on a settlement/insurance from their car wreck in May.
- Mom shared that she is going to check with the pediatrician tomorrow about changing (Child's name) formula, she is concerned he is more constipated than he should be, due to the low number of poopy diapers and the harder consistency of them. If so, hopefully the doctor will write a script for it so it will be covered by WIC.
- Mom was really encouraging Tummy Time, even if (Child's name) fussed while doing so. Mom had propped a book to give (Child's name) something to look at, we created a black and white accordion folded photo prop for him today. PE encouraged 5 minutes of every hour he's awake as a goal. Mom is so cautious to only let him sleep on his tummy during the day and while she is awake and supervising...to the point of having dad pick him up off the floor as PE was leaving, because (Child's name) was asleep and they would be going to the back of the house when PE left.

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ABOVE ARE SOME IDEAS OF WHAT CAN BE SUBMITTED TO HELP ENSURE QUALITY REPORTING TO DCF EACH MONTH- THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR WORK!

- 13 new referrals
- 95 active referrals
- 36 participating programs



BF Success Story: Greenbush

Just as we were connecting with a new referral, the father suddenly became a single dad of a NICU newborn. When he brought his daughter home, he had to completely start over with home furnishings, baby supplies, and manage the care by himself. I was able to help him get in touch with a few resources to get needed baby items like bottles, clothing, diapering supplies and a stroller. He has been able to get his own place and is working on finishing setting up his home, obtaining child care and a job. He says "Parents as Teachers has played a significant role in helping me as a single father. I've learned a lot and I have also become a much better father." His daughter is doing very well. She is on track with development, dad is learning to read her cues and recognize her cries and is enjoying ideas for new activities to try to keep her motivated to learn."

Welcome Jacki Himpel



New Bright Futures Program Director

Jacki has been involved with Parents as Teachers for over 30 years serving as a program liaison, enrolled parent, parent educator, lead educator and then a coordinator for the past 15 years. She started a new role as the Bright Futures Program Director in late 2021. During her time with PAT she was named National PAT Parent Educator of the Year in 2003; had two staff members named National PAT Parent Educator of the Year in 2016 and 2021; and her program received the Losos Prize for Innovation in 2020. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas and lives in Basehor, Kansas. She enjoys spending time with her husband, three children, daughters-in law and granddaughter.



The Benefits of Risky Play in Early Childhood

JANUARY 20TH

1:00 - 2:30
**FREE VIRTUAL
TRAINING FOR
KPATA
MEMBERS**

Often, we as adults interrupt moments of play that we interpret as "risky". In this presentation we'll unpack the types of risky play, how to assess risk in play environments and how to facilitate play so that children have opportunities to learn with more autonomy and self direction.

*This training will be provided by
Jennifer Whiteford Houk - Parent Educator
To register to attend this training, please click on the link below.*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZAudO6qgTopHdTTQE4f-XZk4xMOUC6GGJ1t>

*For questions about this training, please contact Hilary at
hkoehn@kpata.org*



FREE TRAINING

January 26th
22795 W 255th St
Paola, KS

9:00- 5:00

Lunch provided

Register Soon!

Training is limited to
30 people

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for mom and baby

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Seeking Social Media Lovers

THIS YEAR, THE KPATA BOARD HEARD FROM MEMBERS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE MORE SUPPORT IN HOW TO LEVERAGE SOCIAL MEDIA IN THEIR PROGRAMS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, AND OR TIKTOK OR ARE WILLING TO LEARN. THE COMMITTEE'S GOAL WILL BE TO DEVELOP TOOLS FOR PROGRAMS TO USE TO UTILIZE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR RECRUITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THEIR PROGRAMS. THE HOPE WOULD BE TO PRESENT THE GROUP'S WORK AT THE KPATA CONFERENCE IN APRIL. THE GROUP WILL MEET 1-2X PER MONTH AND WORK TO ACCOMPLISH TASKS BETWEEN MEETINGS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE OR JOINING THIS WORK WE WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL! CONTACT MICHELLE KELLY @ MKELLY@BLUEVALLEYK12.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

December 2021

December 2: Positive Behavior Supports Training

January 2022

January 13: Teeth for 2 Training in person- Hutchinson

January 20: Risky Play Training

January 21: KPATA Board Meeting

January 26: Teeth for 2 Training in person- Paola

January 28: Office Hours with Hilary Koehn

