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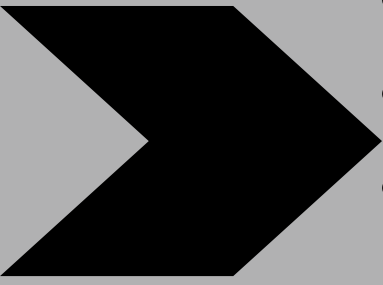
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WHAT HAS KPATA DONE FOR YOU &  
UPCOMING EVENTS

# Office Hours



**Mark your calendars:**  
**Join Hilary & Jacki on the**  
**2nd Tuesday of each month**  
**@ 12PM**  
**Tuesday Feb 8th**

[meet.google.com/eud-iatn-tad](https://meet.google.com/eud-iatn-tad)

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



## SUCCESS STORY

My BF Mom continues to stay sober. She has started meeting with a personal therapist and continues her group addiction therapy as well. She has started working part time and baby is staying with grandma when she works. So far this is working out for them.

When I asked mom what has been most helpful about our time together so far, she stated that she has appreciated me talking about the importance of holding her baby and responding consistently to her baby's cues and how this relates to attachment and brain development. She has been getting messages from those around her that she is spoiling her baby and she has appreciated my encouragement. I have talked to her a lot about tummy time and she has been reluctant to do this saying that her baby doesn't like it. After our virtual visit at the beginning of the month, she sent me photos of him doing tummy time!

*Lighting the  
Spark Again*



*2022 Conference*

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SAVE THE DATE

**"RESPONDING  
TO THE  
BURNOUT"**

KPATA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
APRIL 11TH AND 12TH  
BLUE VALLEY HILLTOP  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
(WE ARE PLANNING FOR A  
HYBRID EVENT AT THIS TIME.  
PLEASE WATCH FOR A  
MEMBERS SURVEY IN EARLY  
FEBRUARY. )





# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

*Parents as Teachers HYBRID Conference  
April 11th & 12th, 2022*

## CONFERENCE FOCUS TOPICS:

- FINDING YOUR SPARK AGAIN WITH:
  - HOME VISIT SUPPORTS
  - ENERGIZING GROUP CONNECTIONS
- MEANINGFUL STAFF MEETINGS THAT SUPPORT ALL STAFF
- PROGRAM PLANNING
- RELAXATION FOR PARENTS AND KIDS (YOGA, FITNESS ETC.)
- EXPLORING THE ARTS (COOKING, PAINTING, SONGS & STORIES)
- TOOLS I USE THAT I LOVE FOR MY PAT JOB!



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH OTHERS?

Are you interested in presenting a 60 minute session on one of the topics above? Do you have another topic in mind that would benefit parent educators across the state? If so, please complete the proposal form below. Proposals should be relevant to the work of parent educators who support children under 5 years of age (including prenatal) and their families.

*Submit a Proposal*

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Due February  
22nd, 2022

Please fill out the proposal form by connecting at the following web address:

<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/kpata-state-conference-call-for-proposals-2022/>

Registration fee will be waived for those who are selected to present. Presenters will be asked to record their session as well as present it live in order to meet the needs of all attendees.

Questions? Please contact Hilary Koehn at [hkoehn@kpata.org](mailto:hkoehn@kpata.org).

The ability to host an in-person conference will be determined by

KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST A  
VIRTUAL TRAINING MODULE

# CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE



FEBRUARY 24, 2022  
1:00 - 3:00 PM

COST: TRAINING IS FREE FOR KPATA MEMBERS  
OR \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS  
KPATA MEMBERSHIP COVERS THE COST OF BRIGHT FUTURES  
PROGRAM TRAININGS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR

TRAINING SESSIONS PROVIDED  
BY LOVING GUIDANCE, LLC

Register for training:

<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/conscious-discipline-training/>

THE ZOOM LINK FOR THIS TRAINING WILL BE  
COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE CONSCIOUS  
DISCIPLINE AGENCY AND WILL BE PROVIDED TO  
YOU SOON!





# join Us!

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PROVIDED BY MELISSA FINNESETH

## MOUTHS IN MOTION

Thursday March 3rd, 2022

\* 1:00 - 2:30 pm \*

MOUTHS IN MOTION IS AN INTERACTIVE CLASS THAT OFFERS PRACTICAL TIPS, GUIDELINES, AND ACTIVITIES TO HELP CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GET THEIR 'MOUTHS IN MOTION.' MANY CHILDREN WHO HAVE DELAYED SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SKILLS, ALSO HAVE POOR MUSCLE CONTROL, LACK OF COORDINATION, OR SENSITIVITY ISSUES. BECAUSE THE SAME MUSCLES WE USE FOR CHEWING, SUCKING AND SWALLOWING ARE ALSO THE MUSCLES WE USE FOR SPEECH, WE OFTEN NEED TO ADDRESS ORAL MOTOR ISSUES IN CONJUNCTION WITH HELPING TO IMPROVE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT. THIS CLASS OFFERS EASY, LOW COST SUGGESTIONS THAT KIDS WILL LOVE WHILE HELPING TO IMPROVE THEIR ORAL MOTOR SKILLS.

Cost: training is free for KPATA members or \$30 for non-members. KPATA membership covers the cost of Bright Futures Program trainings for the program year.

[Register HERE](#)





## **KSDE is hiring!**

### ***Kansas PAT Education Program Consultant***

The Kansas State Department of Education seeks a collaborative team member to lead our agency's Parents as Teachers work. The department would like the successful candidate to assume the responsibilities of the position by July 1, 2022.

You can visit the State of Kansas Career Portal at <https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/> and search for Job ID 202901 to view the posting and to apply. [Direct Link Here](#)

Applications are due Monday, Feb. 28. Any questions related to the application process may be directed to Marisa Seele at [mseele@ksde.org](mailto:mseele@ksde.org) or 785-296-7795.

# INVITING KPATA MEMBERS TO A FRIENDLY COMPETITION



EARN A FREE \$30 TRAINING PASS  
FOR 2022-23

Refer the most new KPATA members for the 2021-22 program year and receive a FREE 2022-23 Training Pass (membership) ... and what the heck, we'll throw in a pizza too!!

The Fine Print

- Competition starts now and ends on April 12 at the state conference.
- The KPATA membership form is located:  
<https://kpata.org/membership/>
- Ask your recruits to list your name in the membership form under "How did you hear about us?"





## Pretty Slick!

KPATA has created a packet of information for families once their children turn 3.

*Families will find answers to :*

- Is my 3, 4, or 5-year-old on target developmentally?
- What car seats are required for my 3, 4, or 5-year-old in KS?
- What does my child need to know before entering kindergarten?
- **Access to packet HERE**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### February 2022

February 8: BF Office Hours with Hilary & Jacki

February 18: KPATA Board Meeting

February 24: Conscious Discipline Training

### March 2022

March 3: Mouths In Motion Training

March 18: KPATA Board Meeting

