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WHKDFY & UPCOMING EVENTS



Kansas Racial Equity Collaborative

*Pursuing Racial Equity in Kansas
Child Welfare: A Collaborative Effort*

WHY?

Black and brown children are in the foster care system at double the rate they are in the population. Data also shows once these children are in foster care, they have worse outcomes and experiences.

The Racial Equity Collaborative is a statewide effort to understand the history of racial inequities in child welfare and to define the problem through a shared language, so we all advocate for racial equity.

Join them for their upcoming reflection ceremony on Sep. 14th @ the Kansas Capitol Building, 1st floor at 3:30 pm.

- **24 new referrals**
- **113 active referrals**
- **37 participating programs**



Bright Futures Success Story

This month the family achieved their goal of moving into a house. The boys are both achieving many of their milestones by grasping objects, beginning to roll over, smiling at family members, and reaching out for one another. Mom reported that they are sleeping well and almost through the night. Dad started a new job and feels that it may be more secure than the one he had previously. Mom reported that Birth to 3 was impressed with some of the activities the family has been doing through the BF program- making the accordion book and the mobile. Mom sent PE a video of one of the children batting at the hanging toys, which was a new milestone that she was working with him to accomplish. Mom would like to get her HS diploma and PE shared with her about the Wichita Public Schools Chester E Lewis program- she has enrolled for this August! Mom is currently talking with her boss about working from home so that she can still be with the boys but is also looking at childcare options in case that doesn't work out.

Monthly Reports Reminders

- Please send your mileage as an Excel file rather than a pdf or jpeg. If you are not able to do that, please expand any boxes with writing so that we can easily read it.
- Please remember to scan actual receipts.
- On the form under training hours, we have asked that you include each parent educator's name and the number of training hours you are claiming for each PE for the month.

Please Join Us

BRIGHT FUTURES

VISIT TRACKER – SETTING UP A SITE/FUND CODE FOR
BRIGHT FUTURES FAMILIES

*Webinar will be recorded

QUICK WEBINAR – September 26th – 2:00 – 2:45

[Link to join the webinar via ZOOM](#)



BRIGHT FUTURES

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

* PLEASE CC HILARY ON ALL
COMMUNICATION TO DCF SO THAT SHE
CAN PROVIDE NEEDED SUPPORT AND IS
KEPT IN THE LOOP (hkoehn@kpata.org)

* LET HILARY AND/OR DCF KNOW WHEN YOU
ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY REACHING A
FAMILY

* ASK FOR ASSISTANCE WHEN NEEDED
- THE KPATA TEAM IS HAPPY
TO HELP!

SUPPORTING FAMILIES



**JOIN TOPEKA PAT IN THE CELEBRATION OF PINE
RIDGE'S 10TH YEAR, AS WELL AS THE
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOPEKA HOUSING
AUTHORITY, TOPEKA UNITED WAY, TOPEKA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PARENTS AS TEACHERS AMONG OTHERS**



Dear Pine Ridge Partnership friends,

The Pine Ridge Prep Preschool Class of 2035 invites you to celebrate the school's TENTH YEAR of operation this fall!

Because of partners like you, nearly 500 families have benefitted from the high-quality preschool education and family experience at Pine Ridge Prep. That means you helped hundreds of kids get ready to succeed in kindergarten when they likely would have had no other early education options.



Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the Pine Ridge Prep Preschool 10th Birthday Party!
Friday, September 16, 2022
4:30PM-6:30PM
Pine Ridge Prep Preschool
1110 SE Highland Ave.
Topeka, KS 66605

No RSVP required, just come over and join the fun! If you have questions, please email Principal Gabrielle Tanner at gtanner@tps501.org.

We hope to see you on September 16!





KPATA is Hiring Educators for the Bright Futures Program



- **Focus Areas:**
**Western KS and
Wichita**
- [View the Job
Description Here](#)
- [Apply Here](#)

For More Info



Contact Hilary
Koehn

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**Join!
us!**

REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS

\$35/hr

IN ADDITION TO
MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT

KPATA Affiliate PE to serve Central KS - focus being for individuals in the Wichita to NC Kansas area; there is a need for additional capacity in the Wichita/McPherson/Harvey County and Salina/NC Kansas areas.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

<https://docs.google.com/.../16Z3BwAkm7mY0DsCfgOqoKFg.../edit>

APPLY HERE:

<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/employment-application/>

FREE TRAINING

September 15th
200 E. Sherman
Hutchinson, KS

9:00- 5:00
Lunch provided

REGISTER NOW >



*It has been said that the 3rd time is the charm.
If we can avoid illness, inclement weather, and
another pandemic surge, please join us!*

Overall wellness starts with the mouth.
Parent educators play an important role by
supporting parents' desire to learn how to
raise children cavity-free...and ready to learn.

Topics Include:

- Oral Health during Pregnancy
- Infant Oral Health
- Oral Disease Prevention
- Dental Visits
- Teething
- Weaning
- Oral Habits
- Special Needs

Hands-on activities
Easy to use resources
Boost your confidence
Inspire change



Workshop Facilitator:
Kathy Hunt, RDH, ECP II

REGISTER



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PLEASE JOIN US!

BEHAVIOR CHECKER® WEBINAR



OCTOBER 4TH
1:00 - 2:00 PM

TELL ME MORE...

Join us to learn more about a new resource for Kansas PAT families and educators! This resource will provide support in order to "help raise children with love and limits".

Access to Behavior Checker will provide family support in the following areas:

- Gaining an understanding and information about a specific child behavior
- Parenting information and resources to support behaviors
- Additional information about developmental milestones

Register by clicking on this link:
[HERE](#)



Self-Talk • Empathy • Teach

Research indicates that:

1. positive self-talk
2. empathy
3. teaching appropriate behavior, rather than punishing inappropriate behavior

...all help to build positive relationships, promote attachment and manage behavior issues. We have labeled these the "3 steps to a Healthy Mind S.E.T.", and have made them the core of every prescription in Behavior Checker. How to remember to use this Healthy Mind S.E.T. every day when caring, supporting and protecting children? Remember "S" means Self-Talk, "E" means Empathy and "T" means Teaching.

Breastfeeding & Maternal Mental Health Training



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.

Mark Your Calendars

THURSDAY, SEPT 22ND
1-2:30PM

-Zoom registration link coming soon-

building a social media presence



How can you increase engagement from your audience and build a larger audience for better recruitment?

How can I create a consistent appearance?

- Use a program like Canva to find great templates for your posts.
- Use less text in actual images, more in the captions.
- Use only a few fonts for posts to create cohesive looking imagery.

How can I create frequent posting with my schedule?

- Use Meta (Facebook) scheduling to pre-schedule posts in advance for the week/month
- Create a strategy with your team focusing on the areas you'd like to push (group connections, parent tips, developmental information, etc.)

Still time...
REGISTER TODAY!



2022 KANSAS HOME VISITING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

September 7th + 8th

Registration opens **August 1st**

12:30-4:30PM

Learn more at **kshomevisiting.org**

Registration & Agenda:

[https://kshomevisiting.org/
kansas-home-visiting-conference/](https://kshomevisiting.org/kansas-home-visiting-conference/)



\$650,000+

If accepted as proposed, the FFPSA grant submitted for FY24 will make available an increase of \$651,587 to KS PAT programs who have signed assurances and provide home visiting services to Bright Futures families.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

September 2022

- 7/8: Kansas Home Visiting Conference**
- 15: Teeth for 2 Training in Hutchinson**
- 16: KPATA Board Meeting**

October 2022

- 4: Behavior Checker Training**
- 20: Postpartum Depression Training**
- 21: KPATA Board Meeting**

