



APRIL 2023



AVAILABLE FOR ORDER
AT THE KPATA
CONFERENCE OR APRIL
17TH ON BONFIRE!

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FUN
CUTE
COMFY



NEW
NEW
NEW

YOU
WANT
ONE!



NEW
NEW
NEW

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSES

SUCCESS STORY

Mom is currently closing on a new house. She is very excited about being able to purchase her own home and having more space for them as a family. She was also promoted at work and due to a change in her shift and being able to work from home, she shares positive progress for their family routines and schedules. These successes for Mom are showing increased family well-being for the whole family system. [Baby] continues to meet milestones and show progress in all areas of development.

- 15 NEW REFERRALS
- 115 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 38 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



2023 KPATA CONFERENCE

[HTTPS://KPATA.ORG/2023-KPATA-CONFERENCE](https://kpata.org/2023-kpata-conference)

Deadline APPROACHING



**Heroes.
Hurdles.
Hope.**

2023 KPATA CONFERENCE
WEBSTER
CONFERENCE CENTER
2601 N. OHIO ST.
SALINA, KS

APRIL 17TH

1:00 pm – 4:15 pm

APRIL 18TH

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

KPATA Membership Meeting
1:00 – 2:00 pm



KEYNOTE

**Stephen P. Zwolak,
M.Ed.**



REGISTER

Please register by **April 3rd**
by completing the form [here](#).

Cost to attend:

IN-PERSON

\$70 for KPATA members and \$110 for
non-KPATA members

VIRTUAL

\$40 for KPATA members and \$80 for
non-KPATA members



**AVOID A LATE FEE
AND REGISTER
TODAY!**



REGISTER HERE BY APRIL 3RD

2023 KPATA CONFERENCE

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Please join us!

KPATA DINNER
SOCIAL

Martinelli's Little Italy
Monday, April 17th 6pm - 8pm
158 S Santa Fe Ave, Salina, KS 67401

Classic family style meal which will
include (at each table):
fresh salad, alfredo pasta with
chicken, red meat sauce with pasta,
and dessert

*GLUTEN free option is available

COST: \$20/per person (this includes
dinner, tax and tip)
Drinks will also be available for
purchase individually.

RSVP

Please complete here:
<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/2023-kpata-social-rsvp/>



Transportation Options

EASY AND AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
BEST CAB COMPANY

BEST CAB SALINA IS A TAXI SERVICE SERVING SALINA
KS AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL US AT (785)827-
7433

UBER/LYFT UBER.COM LYFT.COM OR APP



RSVP TO JOIN US HERE



ISO BLUE RIBBON AFFILIATES



EITHER THE SUPERVISOR OR A TEAM WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BLUE RIBBON PODCAST EPISODE RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY IN THE SELF-STUDY PROCESS. WE WOULD GIVE YOU THE QUESTIONS AHEAD OF TIME SO IT WOULD NOT BE AN *ON THE SPOT* INTERVIEW. OUR PODCASTS ARE BITE-SIZED SO IT WOULD BE NO LONGER THAN ABOUT 12 MINUTES. PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR JOURNEY WITH OTHERS. WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, EVERYONE IS BETTER.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

BTW... WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A FEW AFFILIATES THAT HAVE NOT GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS OR JUST BEGINNING THE PROCESS, TO SPEAK TO THOSE FEARS.

THERE'S A CHANCE FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE!

JUST LET ME KNOW AND I CAN SUPPORT YOU ALONG THE WAY.

**PLEASE CONTACT
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IF INTERESTED**

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Child Abuse & Neglect

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST A VIRTUAL TRAINING MODULE

APRIL 20th 1:00 - 2:00

ADRIANNE RALSTON

Kansas Children's Service League



**CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
APRIL 20TH
1:00PM - 2:00PM
REGISTER HERE**

Details of Training:

Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition, Reporting & Supporting

Kansas law states that most professionals who work with children, including medical professionals, social workers, nurses, educators and others, are mandated reporters and are required by law to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect. This presentation will address areas of risk and protective factors, definitions of child abuse and neglect per Kansas law and provide examples of signs and symptoms. Participants will also learn the appropriate responses to suspected abuse or neglect, discuss what to do in the event of child disclosure and understand Kansas mandated reporter laws. This training is approved by KDHE for 1.0 child care licensing hours.

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZIQFUCSPZOPHNQTYUFJMMMLY4EYMQHTY-JX](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/REGISTER/TZIQFUCSPZOPHNQTYUFJMMMLY4EYMQHTY-JX)



KPATA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

A Virtual Training
Session

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER -
IMPACT ON PARENT CHILD
ATTACHMENT**

MAY 17TH 1:00 - 2:30 PM



**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER:
SUPPORTING FAMILIES
MAY 17TH**

**1:00PM - 2:30PM
REGISTER HERE**

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you have questions, please contact Hilary Koehn
at hkoehn@kpata.org.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

NOW ON MAY 4TH

1:00PM - 2:30PM

DETAILS ON REGISTRATION COMING SOON!



SURVEY

In order to attend the May Racial Equity training, we will need you to complete this survey here:

<https://kpata.wufoo.com/forms/kpata-racial-equity-questionnaire/>



**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**



 **kpata**
KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS
KPATA VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSION
with Karen Howard

Crossover Partners

RACIAL EQUITY AWARENESS & PRACTICES

FREE FOR KPATA MEMBERS

**THIS TRAINING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY TO
MAY 4th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm**

Please watch for the registration link to come out soon!

**WE REALLY NEED YOUR INPUT TO PROVIDE
A HIGH QUALITY TRAINING. PLEASE HELP
US OUT BY COMPLETING THE SURVEY BY
APRIL 7TH!**

TAKE THE SURVEY HERE

2022-2023 TRAINING CALENDAR

TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2022-23

JULY

podcast

PRACTICE SELF-COMPASSION

7/28 1:00-2:30 PM

AUGUST

Teeth for Two
- Oral Health
Coalition -

8/18 PAOLA, KS
9/15 HUTCHINSON, KS

SEPTEMBER

BREASTFEEDING &
MATERNAL MENTAL
HEALTH

- KS BREASTFEEDING
COALITION -
9/22 1:00-2:30 PM

OCTOBER

Postpartum
Depression

- Next Steps After
Screening -

10/20 1:00-2:30 PM

NOVEMBER

ACES
TRAINING
- KCSL -

11/17 1:00-3:00 PM

DECEMBER

POSITIVE
SUPPORTS
Impact On
Family
Well-Being

12/15 1:00-3:00 PM

JANUARY

ORAL
HEALTH

1/19 1:00-2:30 PM

~~FEBRUARY~~ POSTPONED
TO MAY

Racial Equity
A FOUNDATION
OF
UNDERSTANDING

5/4 1:00-2:30PM

MARCH

Domestic Violence

- IMPACT ON YOUTH -

3/2 1:00-5:00 PM

APRIL

Child Abuse
& Neglect

KCSL

4/20 1:00-3:00 PM

MAY

Substance Use
Disorder

Supporting
Families

5/17 1:00-2:30PM

JUNE

No Training
This Month



SCREEN AWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTION KIT



fairplay
childhood beyond brands



TECHNOLOGIES CHANGE. CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS DO NOT.

**THE SCREEN AWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTION KIT
PROVIDES:**

- EASY TO PRINT AND SHARE GUIDANCE FOR PRIORITIZING HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN A SCREEN SATURATED WORLD
- STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING SCREEN USE (FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS)
- RESEARCH-BASED INFORMATION ON IMPACTS OF SCREEN TECHNOLOGIES
- RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING SCREEN AWARENESS AT HOME AND IN THE CLASSROOM
- ACCESS THE MATERIAL HERE

[HTTPS://FAIRPLAYFORKIDS.ORG/PF/ECKIT/](https://fairplayforkids.org/pf/eckit/)

CONTACT KIM WHITMAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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DCF UPDATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW POLICY BELOW PERTAINING TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF ONE YEAR OLD.



2116 REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF ONE

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF ONE ARE OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. CONNECTING FAMILIES TO SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ALONG WITH PROVIDING RESOURCES ARE CRITICAL IN HELPING FAMILIES BUILD LASTING SAFETY.

PARENT SKILL BUILDING

IF A FAMILY WITH A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF ONE IS INVOLVED IN AN ASSESSMENT FOR ABUSE/NEGLECT, FAMILY IN NEED OF ASSESSMENT (FINA) OR PREGNANT WOMAN USING SUBSTANCES (PWS), THE CPS SPECIALIST SHALL ENGAGE THE FAMILY IN A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES AND NEEDS USING THE PPS 2019 KANSAS DCF CONVERSATION NOTE TO DISCUSS THE FAMILY'S WORRIES, WHAT IS WORKING WELL AND DEVELOP NEXT STEPS. TO SUPPORT THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE FAMILY THE BELOW RESOURCES AND INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE FAMILY TO ASSIST THEM IN UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF PARENT SKILL BUILDING PROGRAM(S). THE CPS SPECIALIST SHALL ASSIST THE FAMILY WITH A REFERRAL TO THE PROGRAM OF THE PARENT'S CHOICE.

THE PPS 2014 A REFERRAL FOR SERVICES MAY BE USED TO MAKE THE REFERRAL IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE FAMILY DECIDES FOR DCF TO REFER THEM TO THE SERVICE, AS OPPOSED TO THE FAMILY REFERRING THEMSELF.

THE CPS SPECIALIST SHALL FOLLOW UP WITH THE FAMILY AND/OR SERVICE PROVIDER TO ENSURE THE FAMILY CONNECTED SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE SERVICE AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE SERVICE IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILY.

PARENT SKILL BUILDING PROGRAMS INVOLVE COMMUNITY PARTNERS ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD(REN). THESE ASSESSMENTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. PARENT SKILL BUILDING PROGRAMS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO INFANT-TODDLER SERVICES OR HOME VISITOR PROGRAMS.

DCF UPDATES



4 Questions

Asking these 4 questions can help preserve the safety AND relationship of kids with their families. Families create **opportunities** which are supported by **unique relationships**.



Before removing a child from a home, have you asked 4 questions?



1. What can we do to remove the **danger** instead of the child?



2. Can someone the child or family knows **move into the home** to remove the danger?



3. Can the caregiver and the child go **live with a relative or family friend**?



4. Could the child **move temporarily** to live with a relative or family friend?



How Will You See the 4 Questions?



DCF practitioners will ask these questions when **engaging with families**



DCF Court Recommendations



Legal Trainings – past and future



Court and community engagement and discussions

How Can I Use the 4 Questions?



What will I do differently now that I know about the 4 questions?



How can these questions be used in my circle of influence?




Who else do I know that needs information about the 4 questions?



Questions sourced from: *4 Questions, 7 Judges*, an Iowa-based Judicial Pilot Program. Read more in: Tabor, M., 2020. Transformation in Child Welfare. *The Iowa Lawyer*, 80 NS(June 2020), pp.10-12.

THANK YOU CALLIE!



JUST A FOND GOODBYE WOULD BE TO DOWNPLAY CALLIE'S EIGHT-YEAR CAREER AS OUR KEY INFLUENCER KEEPING PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAMS FUNDED IN KANSAS. A GRAND FAREWELL WOULD BETTER MATCH THE COMMITTED EFFORTS SHE PUT INTO HER WORK DURING HER KPATA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TENURE. ONE EXPERIENCED BOARD MEMBER REMARKING ABOUT KPATA'S PAST AND PRESENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SAID,

“KPATA HAS EMPLOYED UNICORNS (UNIQUELY INSPIRED, TALENTED PEOPLE); CALLIE IS A UNICORN WITH SPARKLES!”

COMMUNITY PARTNERS COMMENT ON HER STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS, HER APPROACHABILITY AND AVAILABILITY, THE GOOD RAPPORT SHE HAS BUILT WITH LAWMAKERS, AND HER SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION. “SHE HAS EARNED A GOOD REPUTATION WHICH HELPS GET THINGS DONE.”

CALLIE, THANK YOU FOR EIGHT YEARS OF GETTING THINGS DONE IN KANSAS.

MANY HEARTFELT FAREWELLS AND GOOD WISHES ARE SENT TO YOU FROM PAT PROFESSIONALS, EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS AND FROM KANSAS FAMILIES—YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

PAT IN THE KS LEGISLATURE

FUNDING ADVOCACY UPDATE

We are still waiting for action on the proposed \$1.3 million increase in funding for the Parents as Teachers programs in Kansas. The House version of the budget has eliminated this funding request with a budget asking for flat funding for Parents as Teachers. The enhancement request IS included in the Senate budget and therefore is able to be part of the conference committee.

There is still time to contact your legislators and **ask them to support the Senate budget that includes a \$1.3 million enhancement to the PAT programs in Kansas.**

[Find your legislators here](#)

Please reach out to Callie Hoffman (choffman@kpata.org) or Hilary Koehn (hkoehn@kpata.org) with any questions.

Thank you for your support.

DON'T FORGET



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL MEMBERS MEETING

Tuesday April 18th, 2023
1pm - 2pm

Webster Conference Center
Salina, KS

see you soon!

kpata.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 17TH & 18TH - KPATA CONFERENCE
- 20TH - CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT TRAINING
- 21ST - KPATA BOARD MEETING

MAY

- 4TH - RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING
- 17TH - SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TRAINING
- 19TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING