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BECOME A KPATA MEMBER IN 2023-2024

YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023 - 2024 FOR JUST \$40 NOW!

AFTER JUNE 30TH, THE MEMBERSHIP FEE GOES UP TO \$50, SO DON'T DELAY AND SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!

MEMBER REGISTRATION

WHY JOIN? BECOMING A KPATA MEMBER GIVES YOU:

- NETWORKING CONNECTIONS
- FREE / DISCOUNTED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & UPDATES
- PLUS MORE!

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSES

SUCCESS STORY

Major success was getting [child1] to the EC screening and the ball rolling on Pre-K next year for her. [Child1] was flagged for a vision follow-up. That appointment has been scheduled and will happen next week. Mom is working to get immunizations up to date and has an appointment for that next week as well, for both kids getting immunizations. Mom was able to leave [child2] with dad for the screening and focus on [child1] and the report. PE met her there and supported her in the process. Another major goal met was enrolling to finish school. Mom took the initiative to find a second-hand computer and get enrolled in classes to finish her high school degree. Classes seem to be going well, a lot of review right now. [Child2] continues to receive speech services and will be checked by OT at next REACH (tiny-k) appointment. He continues to expand his wordlist at each visit. We were able to do a joint visit this month and hope to collaborate again in the future to ease mom's schedule. Family has instituted a relaxed routine of movie with dad when he gets home to ease stress in the home and connect as a family. Mom feels that [child1] is becoming more self-aware with her purposeful social-emotional teaching of identifying feelings and modeling appropriate behaviors in managing them.

- 6 NEW REFERRALS
- 110 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 38 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



Thank you!

**KPATA CONFERENCE 2023
WAS A SUCCESS!**

**PLEASE FILL OUT OUR
CONFERENCE / MEMBER FEEDBACK
SURVEY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY:**

**CONFERENCE / MEMBER
FEEDBACK SURVEY**

**155 IN-PERSON
ATTENDEES**

**54 VIRTUAL
ATTENDEES**

HEROES. HURDLES. HOPE.

"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people."
— Maya Angelou



**SUPER ORGANIZED,
GREAT VENUE, GOOD
FOOD, FUN NIGHT OUT,
GOOD SESSIONS AND
VENDORS**

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STEVE WAS ENCOURAGING AND INSPIRING. HE MADE THE CROWD LAUGH AND SMILE BUT ALSO PULLED ON EVERYONE'S HEART STRINGS. HIS LEVEL OF ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM HIT THE SPOT.

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**I FEEL LIKE ALL THE SESSIONS I
WENT TO WILL BRING VALUE TO
MY WORK AS A PARENT
EDUCATOR!**

UPCOMING TRAININGS

COMING UP ON MAY 4TH

1:00PM - 2:30PM

REGISTER HERE

**NOTE: THERE IS NO
TRAINING IN JUNE.
STAY TUNED FOR OUR
'23-'24 TRAINING
CALENDAR!*



MAY 17TH
1:00PM - 2:30PM
REGISTER HERE

POSTPONED



KPATA VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSION
with Karen Howard



RACIAL EQUITY AWARENESS & PRACTICES

FREE FOR KPATA MEMBERS

MAY 4th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

REGISTER HERE



**KPATA IS PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE**

**A Virtual Training
Session**

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

MAY 17TH 1:00 - 2:30 PM



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.

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER EVENT



VIRTUAL OPTION TO ATTEND IS AVAILABLE STATEWIDE!



REGISTER HERE



PLEASE NOTE ABOUT CRIB AVAILABILITY: BRIGHT FUTURES FAMILY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE CRIBS WHETHER ATTENDING VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON. MIAMI COUNTY IN-PERSON ATTENDEES ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CRIBS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



MIAMI COUNTY COMMUNITY

BABY SHOWER

FREE EVENT FOR ALL NEW OR EXPECTING MOMS AND FAMILIES OF MIAMI COUNTY



JUNE 10TH
VENDOR BOOTHS: 9-10AM
SAFE SLEEP CRIB DEMO: 10-11AM
HILLSDALE LEARNING CENTER
22795 W. 255TH ST.
PAOLA, KS 66071

SAFE SLEEP
BREASTFEEDING
MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH
TOBACCO CESSATION

PLEASE RSVP BY USING THE QR CODE BELOW



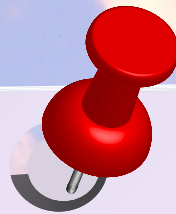
FREE:
PACK-N-PLAY AND SLEEP SACK
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

MUST ARRIVE AT EVENT BEFORE 10AM TO VISIT VENDOR BOOTHS AND THEN WATCH THE SAFE SLEEP CRIB DEMO TO QUALIFY

FREE CHILD CARE AVAILABLE



Save The Date



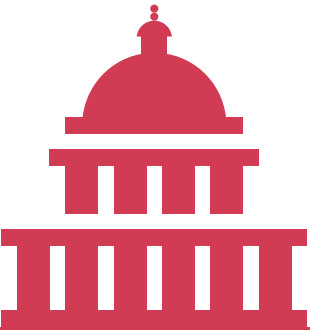
BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM MEETING

JULY 11TH, 2023
1:30PM - 2:30PM

VIRTUAL

REGISTER HERE

***Please note:** Attendance is required for programs participating in Bright Futures. If you are unable to have a representative from your program attend at this date / time, the meeting will be recorded for later viewing.



UPDATE FROM THE STATEHOUSE

From Kansas Action for Children:

Lawmakers began discussions on the K-12 budget early in the session, but waited until the very last day to pass a final bill. Waiting this long forces lawmakers to vote for legislation that combines harmful policy with crucial school funding. There is no time for more debate, no time to fix a bill, and no time to express objection to any of the numerous policies injected into a funding bill.

House Sub. for SB 113 combines 11 different policy pieces with the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) budget, leaving lawmakers in a difficult situation. For those who objected to the policy, they only had this bill as their option to fund K-12 public schools.

Base special education funding of \$520 million was inserted into the bill after lawmakers were unable to pass their voucher plan. **This does not include the Governor's request for annual increases of \$72 million, leaving districts to fill the funding gap like they have been doing for years already.**

While we outlined the details of the policies in the K-12 funding bill last week, a major change was made to gain votes. **The "parent portal" piece of the legislation, requiring school districts to create a new section on their websites for all district approved curriculum, was removed.** This change apparently made it more palatable for lawmakers as the bill passed the House **83-37** and the Senate **23-16**. The bill is now on its way to the Governor.

We appreciate the contact that you made with your legislators and we encourage you to invite them to attend a home visit or a group connection as you strive to educate them about the importance of Kansas Parents as Teachers funding and the impact that home visiting has on families residing in Kansas communities!

Please reach out to Hilary Koehn (hkoehn@kpata.org) with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of Kansas Parents as Teachers programs!

WHAT HAS KPATA DONE FOR YOU?

Kansas PAT programs' staffing ranges from 20+ employees to one employee.

Small program parent educator/coordinators wear ALL the hats and that's a heavy lift! That one person works to serve their community's families' needs while striving to meet the 21 Essential Requirements that are best practice for PAT high quality operations. KPATA has stepped up to help small programs. A mentoring and reflective supervision component has been approved by KSDE and is provided to small PAT programs that request it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

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

JUNE

- 16TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

JULY

- 11TH - PROGRAM MEETING: SAVE THE DATE!