



# AUGUST 2023



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Don't forget to purchase  
your KPATA Membership /  
Training Pass for the  
2023-2024 Program  
Year!

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August 1, 2023



HELLO  
August



## A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE
- YOUR KPATA REGIONAL DIRECTOR WILL SHARE 5 FOCUS POINTS WITH YOUR REGION FROM EACH BOARD MEETING

Dear KPATA Members -

*I hope that your summer has been full of adventure, messy watermelon faces and ice cream smiles! I have definitely enjoyed my time together with my family and I can't believe that August is already here. I am excited to share some KPATA updates and information with you as we wrap up these summer months.*

*KPATA has been busy working to review the member feedback and we have learned the following...*

*Areas of Strength:*

- KPATA State Conference
- Online Trainings

*Areas for Improvement:*

- Clarity about the role that KPATA provides with advocacy
- Social media presence and information
- Connections/support across the state

*We appreciate this feedback and we will continue to strive for the highest level of quality while supporting leadership, professional development, and advocacy to build quality programs throughout Kansas. Please reach out to Janet Cody or Hilary Koehn if you are interested in joining a KPATA committee or if you have additional ideas about how KPATA can best support you and your program.*

*Regards,*

*Hilary Koehn*

Hilary Koehn  
Interim Executive Director



# BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSES

## SUCCESS STORY

[Mom and partner] are doing a great job with child. When I'm there for our visits Mom is 100% engaged in our visits. Mom is on the floor playing and asking questions about the activity and child's development. Child has no developmental concerns. Mom set her family goal to get child's room set up and create an environment that would be inviting and safe for him. Mom was able to complete all the setup and complete the goal that was set for a month within a week because it was important to her and for child. Child is no longer co-sleeping. He is sleeping in his own bed. Mom is able to provide for child and meet all of his needs. Partner and Mom brought child to the family picnic at the [Local] Zoo that was put on by [Local] PAT. Mom and partner engaged with other families. At first Mom struggled letting child run and play in fear he would be hurt. Her anxiety was visibly high but she was able to let go so of it. I applauded her as we stood there and watched child laugh and play with some other little kids. I encouraged Mom to let child take the lead and just follow him.

She did a fantastic job.

- 17 NEW REFERRALS
- 116 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 38 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



# Upcoming Trainings

## Safe Sleep Training

*Attendance at only one session is required but it is being offered twice to accommodate schedules.*

August 31st @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm

# REGISTER HERE



**SAFE SLEEP TRAINING**

 **kpata**  
KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST A VIRTUAL TRAINING MODULE**

August 31st 1:00 - 2:30 PM

**MEG YENSER**  
Haysville Parents as Teachers

**REGISTER NOW** 

**[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZUSD2GRDSSG9FYE-PAEOUT-00B0E04GYX6](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tzUSD2GRDSSG9FYE-PAEOUT-00B0E04GYX6)**

**THE SAFE SLEEP INSTRUCTOR TEAM IS HOSTING A VIRTUAL COURSE ON “WRESTLING WITH SAFE SLEEP.” WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE TO DISCUSS THIS LIFE SAVING TOPIC. IN THIS TRAINING, PARTICIPANTS WILL BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) AND SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH (SUIDS), THEIR DEFINITIONS, AND WHAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE SLEEP RELATED INFANT DEATHS. PARTICIPANTS WILL EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE SLEEP RELATED DEATHS SUCH AS: SMOKING CESSATION, BACK SLEEPING, PROPER TEMPERATURE CONTROL, ENCOURAGING BREASTFEEDING, PROPER USE OF PACIFIERS, CREATING A SAFE SLEEP POLICY, AND SUPPORT INFORMATION FROM THE KIDS NETWORK. THIS IS VITAL INFORMATION FOR ALL STAFF TO HAVE SO THEY CAN SHARE WITH CLIENTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS. INFORMATION HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCLUDE THE MOST RECENT AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS RECOMMENDATIONS.**



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**DANIELLE TWEMLOW**  
Topeka Parents as Teachers

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**[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZ0TC--QRDIPHTYP9IEQ1KVOENY5QYSD\\_2HQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567)**

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# Upcoming Trainings

## TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS  
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2023-24

JULY  
**Podcast: The Science of Intimacy With Our Kids**  
UNRUFFLED - JANET LANSBURY  
7/20 1:00-2:30 PM

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER  
**SAFE SLEEP III**  
8/31 1:00 - 2:30PM  
9/27 1:00 - 2:30PM

SEPTEMBER  
**"Literacy Loving" Home Visits**  
9/21 1:00-2:30 PM

OCTOBER  
**Perinatal Mental Health**  
10/19 1:00-2:30 PM

★ NOVEMBER  
**Racial Equity**  
Choose Your Own Session Series  
\*Will Start in November  
11/16 1:00-3:00 PM

★ DECEMBER  
**AUTISM**  
*Within Families*  
12/14 1:00-3:00 PM

JANUARY  
**Prioritize PLAY**  
Lifelong Importance  
1/18 1:00-2:30 PM

★ FEBRUARY  
**Intimate Partner Violence**  
Collaboration in Communities  
2/15 1:00-2:30PM

MARCH  
**Screen Time**  
Talk About the Impact  
3/7 1:00-2:30 PM

★ APRIL  
**Child Abuse & Neglect**  
KCSL  
4/18 1:00-2:00 PM

★ MAY  
**Substance Use Disorder**  
Part 2 - DCCCA  
5/16 1:00-2:30PM

JUNE  
**No Training in June**

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY  
STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT





## 2024 KPATA STATE CONFERENCE

*Save the date!*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**KPATA STATE  
CONFERENCE**

**APRIL 23–24, 2024**

Webster Conference Center  
Salina, KS

More details coming soon!



# KANSAS HOME VISITING CONFERENCE



**Registration is now open for the  
2023 Virtual Kansas Home Visiting Conference**

**August 29 - 30**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**





# What Has KPATA Done For You?

\$544,815.68

In total KS Parents as Teachers programs who have signed assurances with Bright Futures (the KPATA program that serves DCF-referred families at risk of having their children removed from the home) have been reimbursed over a half million dollars for the services they provided during FY23.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 21ST - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 31ST - SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

### SEPTEMBER

- 15TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 21ST - LITERACY LOVING HOME VISITS TRAINING
- 27TH - SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

