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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

August 1, 2023

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

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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 cosleeping. 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

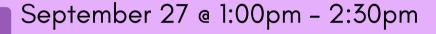


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KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST A VIRTUAL TRAINING MODULE

September 27th 1:00 - 2:30 PM

DANIELLE TWEMLOW

Topeka Parents as Teachers

REGISTER NOW



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TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2023-24

Podeast: 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 Familes

12/14 1:00-3:00 PM

JANUARY

Prioritize PLAY

Lifelong Importance

1/18 1:00-2:30 PM

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

4/18 1:00-2:00 PM

Substance Use
Disorder

Part 2 - DCCCA

5/16 1:00-2:30PM

JUNE

No Training in June

INDICATES A PATNO QUALITY
STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT



2024 KPATA STATE CONFERENCE Save the date!



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

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>

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

