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KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS

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REMINDER

SAVE THE DATE!
KPATA STATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 23-24, 2024

Webster Conference Center
Salina, KS

More details coming soon!



September 1, 2023

Dear KPATA Members -

Fall is right around the corner and I don't know about you but, I can hardly wait! I am excited to share some KPATA updates and information with you as we wrap up the busy month of August.

Our August focus included:

- *Posting the KPATA job openings of Executive Director, Affiliate Coordinator, and Affiliate Parent Educators*
- *Sharing information with PATNC about the FFPSA Bright Futures program implementation including successes and challenges*
- *Joining the KIDS Network in celebrating their 25th anniversary!*
- *Increasing committee members by reaching out to the different KPATA regions*

•HELLO•
September



A NOTE FROM THE
INTERIM EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE
- 2023 KS PAT DATA CAN BE FOUND HERE: [KSDE WEEKLY](#)

As we look forward into the month of September, take a moment to reflect on the enormous impact that Kansas PAT programs had last year - 56,506 personal visits took place during fiscal year 2023! Share this information with those in your community and be proud of the data as it tells the amazing story of Kansas PAT home visiting. The information from KSDE can be found here: [KSDE Weekly](#).

In closing, I challenge you to share a photo of something AWESOME that is happening with your program with me before the end of September (please make sure you have permission to share). You can email it to hkoehn@kpata.org. I can't wait to see them!



Regards,

Hilary Koehn

Hilary Koehn
Interim Executive Director

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCSESSES

SUCCESS STORY

The family met one of their long-term goals. The father found a job that he truly enjoys and is doing very well. He is a waiter at a new restaurant that opened in town. He has volunteered for more hours and tried to pick up extra shifts as they are available. He makes enough in tips every shift to help the family with expenses like diapers, wipes, and daily expenses. Dad stated that he isn't as depressed as he had been and feels like he is truly providing for the family. He does take his lunch break from 10:00 am - 11:00 am so the family can continue to attend playgroups. He said he loves interacting with the other families and he feels PAT has helped to make him a better husband and father.

- 12 NEW REFERRALS
- 117 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 38 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



KPATA is Hiring!



We're Hiring

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

View the job description:
[Job Description](#)

To apply, please submit cover letter, resume, and names/contact info of three professional references to Janet Cody, KPATA President (janetburtcody@gmail.com). The position will remain open until filled.



KPATA Executive Director



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[Job Description](#)

Affiliate Coordinator



[Job Description](#)

[Apply Here](#)



We're Hiring

AFFILIATE COORDINATOR

[View the Job Description](#)

[Complete the Application](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 6TH

For More
Information Contact:

Hilary Koehn
hkoehn@kpata.org

JOIN

OUR


TEAM

KPATA is Hiring!

Bright Futures Parent
Educators

[Job Description](#)

[Apply Here](#)

 **KPATA is
Hiring Educators
for the Bright
Futures Program**

- **Focus Areas:**
Northwest Kansas
Southwest Kansas
Kansas City Area
- [View the Job
Description Here](#)
- [Apply Here](#)

For More Info



Contact
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 **Join!
us!**



REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS

\$35/hr

IN ADDITION TO
MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT

Greenbush PAT is Hiring!



GREENBUSH
THE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Greenbush Parents as Teachers

WE'RE HIRING PARENT EDUCATORS

- *Morris County/North Lyon County (part-time)*
- *Montgomery County (full-time)*
- *Osage County (full-time)*

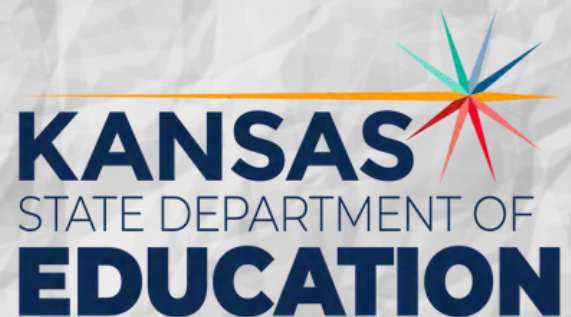
Apply at

<https://greenbush.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

[Apply Here](#)

Kindergarten in Kansas

A resource on
Kindergarten Readiness
from KSDE



[Download the Packet](#)

Upcoming Trainings

Safe Sleep Training

This is the 2nd offering of this training this program year to accommodate schedules, but attendance at only one session is required.

September 27 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm

REGISTER HERE



PLEASE JOIN US!

SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

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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

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZ0TC--QRDIPHTYP9IEQ1KVOENY5QYSD 2HQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84111111111)

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.

Upcoming Trainings

September 21st -- 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Zoom Registration



"LITERACY LOVING" HOME VISITS

Songs/
Fingerplays

Routines/
Transitions

Book
Sharing/Engagement

REGISTER NOW >



September 21st
1:00 - 2:30 pm



Virtual Training Via Zoom

You must be a KPATA member to attend this training.
Trainers: Hilary Koehn, Anne Harris, Jacinda Roberts - KPATA STAFF

Upcoming Trainings

TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2023-24

<p>JULY</p> <p>Podcast: The Science of Intimacy With Our Kids</p> <p>UNRUFFLED - JANET LANSBURY</p> <p>7/20 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>AUGUST / SEPTEMBER</p> <p>SAFE SLEEP (1 & 2)</p> <p>8/31 1:00 - 2:30PM 9/27 1:00 - 2:30PM</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>"Literacy Loving" Home Visits</p> <p>9/21 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Perinatal Mental Health</p> <p>10/19 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ NOVEMBER</p> <p>Racial Equity Choose Your Own Session Series *Will Start in November</p> <p>11/16 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>★ DECEMBER</p> <p>AUTISM <i>Within Families</i></p> <p>12/14 1:00-3:00 PM</p>
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>Prioritize PLAY Lifelong Importance</p> <p>1/18 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ FEBRUARY</p> <p>Intimate Partner Violence Collaboration in Communities</p> <p>2/15 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>Screen Time Talk About the Impact</p> <p>3/7 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>★ APRIL</p> <p>Child Abuse & Neglect KCSL</p> <p>4/18 1:00-2:00 PM</p>	<p>★ MAY</p> <p>Substance Use Disorder Part 2 - DCCCA</p> <p>5/16 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>No Training in June</p>

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT



PARENT LITERACY TRAININGS

from Early Headstart

Parent Health Literacy Training

Helping Families Use the Book “What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick”

This introduction to Parent Health Literacy will give you tips and tools for working with parents of young children. The various materials that have been developed will lend themselves to working with large and small groups of families as well as on a one-on-one basis. The overall goals of this curriculum are empowerment of families and reduction in the number of unnecessary doctor and ER visits.

In addition to providing an overview of the book What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick, this training will focus on the skills necessary to work with parents with low health literacy.

By attending this training, you and your agency are invited to partner with the KHSA Parent Health Literacy Project to distribute this book and teach parents how to use it to make health care decisions regarding their children aged 0-8.

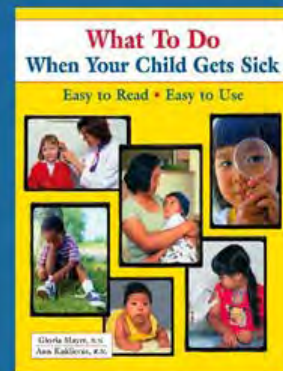
Upcoming Trainings:

September 7, 1:00 PM to 3:00PM:
Remote training with Nichole Fairley

[REGISTER HERE](#)

November 14, 1:00 PM to 3:00PM:
Remote training with Nichole Fairley

[REGISTER HERE](#)



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Offered by:



WHO NEEDS TO KNOW MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

- Employers.
- Police officers.
- Hospital staff.
- First responders.
- Caring individuals.

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

<p>On average,</p> <p>130</p> <p>people die by suicide every day.</p> <p><small>Source: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</small></p>	<p>From 1999 to 2019,</p> <p>841,000</p> <p>people died from drug overdoses.</p> <p><small>Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</small></p>	<p>Nearly</p> <p>1 IN 5</p> <p>in the U.S. lives with a mental illness.</p> <p><small>Source: National Institute of Mental Health</small></p>
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Sources
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. (n.d.). Suicide statistics. <https://afsp.org/suicide-statistics/>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Drug overdose deaths. <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/deaths/index.html>
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). (n.d.). Mental illness. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/mental-illness>

REGISTER TODAY!

Delivery Format:

Virtual
(REQUIRED Pre-Work prior to virtual training)

Date and Time:

October 25th / 8:30 am to 4pm

Location:

Virtual

Where to Register:



The course will teach you how to apply the MHFA Action Plan (ALGEE):

- **A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- **L**isten nonjudgmentally.
- **G**ive reassurance and information.
- **E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- **E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.

Mental Health First Aid Training

**October 25th
8:30am - 4:00pm**

Virtual

A virtual link and information will be sent directly from DCCCA before the date of the training.

BEHAVIOR CHECKER LUNCH & LEARN

JOIN US FOR A FUN, INTERACTIVE, AND INFORMATIVE CONVERSATION AROUND BEHAVIOR CHECKER. WE WILL SHARE HOW PARENT EDUCATORS ARE USING BEHAVIOR CHECKER ACROSS THE STATE AND WHY THEY ARE LOVING IT. WE WILL ALSO BREAKDOWN HOW TO INCORPORATE BEHAVIOR CHECKER INTO THE GOAL SETTING YOU ALREADY DO WITH FAMILIES. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY CHECKED IT OUT, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO YOU TO EXPLORE THE WEBSITE [HERE](#) BEFORE THE LUNCH AND LEARN. THE CONVERSATION WILL BE FOR EVERYONE, THOSE WHO ARE USING IT IN THEIR EVERYDAY WORK AND THOSE WHO ARE JUST LEARNING ABOUT THE TOOL.

KPATA AND BEHAVIOR CHECKER WILL BE WORKING WITH KPATA REGIONAL DIRECTORS ACROSS THE STATE TO PROVIDE A LUNCH AND LEARN FOR FAMILIES IN YOUR PROGRAM IN OCTOBER. WE WILL DISCUSS MORE DETAILS AND SEEK YOUR INPUT ON SEPT 19TH!

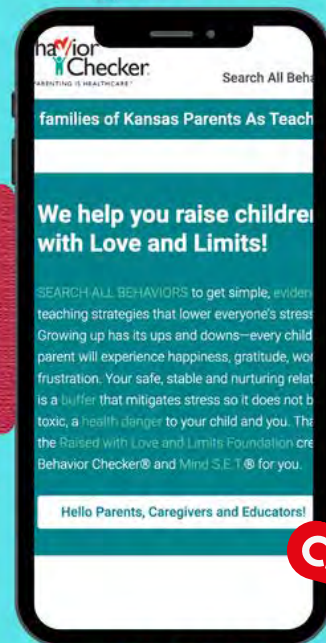
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

DON'T FORGET

**September 19th
12:00pm - 1:00pm**

LEARN MORE >>

Please join us!
KPATA Lunch & Learn
Behavior Checker



12-1:00 PM



September 19th



CLICK HERE

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZYVC-MVQTOOG9UBCRZQBRAMV9RP0ZTDD2TF](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tzyvc-mvqtoog9ubcrzqbramv9rp0ztd2tf)

What Has KPATA Done For You?

Each spring KPATA requests feedback from our members. Captured below are comments responding to the question, “**What more can KPATA do to meet your program’s needs?**”:

I’m pleased with KPATA . . . Continue providing relevant information for home visitors . . . Continue in person trainings and online trainings, continue in person Conference, continue sharing monthly newsletters, (just) continue . . . Continue keeping all programs in the loop of what is coming with state and funding . . . Continue to look for fresh ways to advocate with legislators, the Children’s Cabinet, Early Childhood partners . . . Continue what you are doing . . . Keep up the great work . . .

Message received! This year offers the continuation of training excellence and the strong representational voice you expect in the KS early learning home visiting landscape.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 15TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 19TH - BEHAVIOR CHECKER LUNCH & LEARN
- 21ST - LITERACY LOVING HOME VISITS TRAINING
- 27TH - SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

OCTOBER

- 19TH - PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING
- 20TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

