



WE ARE HIRING

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

Focus Areas:
Northwest Kansas
Southwest Kansas
Kansas City Area

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For More Info

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us!**




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MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT

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December



A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- EARLY LEARNING DAY
MARCH 6TH
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO
PRESENT A SESSION AT
THE 2024 KPATA
CONFERENCE?



Dear KPATA Members -

"December is a simple wish that brings spectacular moments."
- Unknown.

Please take time to enjoy the spectacular moments during this hectic month of December! Slow down and enjoy a warm cup of cocoa or read a good book under a cozy blanket. Whatever you do... take the time to enjoy it!

Our November work included:

- Completing interviews for the Bright Futures Coordinator and Affiliate Director positions
- Working with a KU intern student to brainstorm a KPATA membership video for social media
- Working with partner agencies to plan Early Learning Day at the Capitol - set for March 6th
- Surveying KPATA members about their needs regarding social media support
- Attending the KSDE State Coordinator's meeting in Wichita

How are things going in your neck of the woods? It is important that KPATA is aware of the variety of needs of our members and programs. As we begin our work of planning the 2024 conference we would like to know if there are specific training topics that you would like to see as a focus. In addition, we want to offer sessions which are presented by parent educators for parent educators. What is your area of expertise and how can you share it with others? Please watch for the "call for proposals" to be announced soon!

Regards,

Hilary Koehn

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Executive Director

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSES

SUCCESS STORY

Mom and child are now in their new apartment! Mom is so happy that she met her personal goal of getting her own place before her son turned 8 months old. After moving her things and getting settled, Mom reached out to the Parent Educator and asked for the contact information for the organization that sent childproofing supplies. PE shared the information for Charlie's House. At our visit today, PE saw the box of supplies Mom ordered. She told PE where she plans to use each lock, doorknob cover, and outlet cover.

- 9 NEW REFERRALS
- 96 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 36 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



Upcoming KPATA Trainings

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



AUTISM WITHIN FAMILIES

**AMBER DEJMAL, M.ED, AS
OWNER & AUTISM SPECIALIST
BEHAVIORAL TRAINING SOLUTIONS**



***YOU MUST BE A KPATA
MEMBER IN ORDER TO
ATTEND THIS TRAINING**

**DECEMBER 14TH
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

REGISTER NOW



OUR MAIN TOPICS



**EARLY SIGNS OF
ASD - ROLE OF THE
PARENT EDUCATOR**



**Best practice -
EMPOWERING
FAMILIES OF
CHILDREN WITH
AUTISM**

Upcoming KPATA Trainings

ATTEND ALL TRAININGS WITH A CURRENT KPATA MEMBERSHIP!
RENEW OR PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP [HERE](#)

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</p> <p>Choose Your Own Session Series *Will Start in November</p> <p>POSTPONED</p> <p>11/16 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>★ DECEMBER</p> <p>AUTISM</p> <p><i>Within Families</i></p> <p>12/14 1:00-3:00 PM</p>
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>Prioritize PLAY</p> <p>Lifelong Importance</p> <p>1/18 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ FEBRUARY</p> <p>Intimate Partner Violence</p> <p>Collaboration in Communities</p> <p>2/15 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>Screen Time</p> <p>Talk About the Impact</p> <p>3/7 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>★ APRIL</p> <p>Child Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>KCSL</p> <p>4/18 1:00-2:00 PM</p>	<p>★ MAY</p> <p>Substance Use Disorder</p> <p>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



Upcoming Partner Trainings

Please note: KPATA does not reimburse for partner trainings



Virtual Trainings

Trainer: Nichole Fairley

Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the day before the workshop.

[January 9th 1:00 – 3:00pm](#)

[March 12th 1:00pm – 3:00pm](#)

[May 9th 1:00pm – 3:00pm](#)

This introduction to Parent Health Literacy will give you tips and tools for working with parents of young children. The book, *What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick*, and the training are tools for home visitors, social workers, and healthcare professionals who work with young families and are suitable for both one-on-one and large-group presentations. The overall goal of this curriculum is 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.

After attending this training, you and your agency will be 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.



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KHSA IS PLEASED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY DCCCA

TOPICS: SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

The below workshops are virtual. Cost is \$15. Click the workshop titles for registration. DCCCA also will offer an in-person training—Drug Trends—at the September 28 APM meeting.



Opioid Overdose Prevention

October 30, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Presented by Deanne Armstrong



ACEs and Substance Use

January 30, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Presented by Stacy Haines

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Strengths-Based Approaches and Resources for Families

February 29, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Presented by Stacy Haines

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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DCCCA Trainer: Stacy Haines

Email: shaines@dccca.org

Overdose and Naloxone Training

Opioid overdose is the leading cause of injury death in the U.S. with over 105,000 deaths between January 2022 and January 2023.

This training will educate you on this epidemic and provide valuable skills to save lives in your community with naloxone.

Agency/Host:

Parents as Teachers Association

Date:

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Time:

1-2 pm

Location/link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81753774812>

During this 45-minute training, participants will:

- Learn about the impact of the opioid crisis nationally and in Kansas;
- Develop their ability to prevent, recognize, and respond to an opioid overdose;
- Explore resources associated with opioids in Kansas; and
- Learn how to administer Naloxone if an opioid overdose is suspected.



DCCCA provides free naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray, fentanyl test strips and training to community organizations and any Kansas resident. DCCCA is funded for this project by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) through the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant initiative from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Healthy Blue of Kansas.

This program offers free Naloxone/Narcan contingent upon continued Federal, State & Local Funding and available supply

More information: <https://www.dccca.org/naloxone-program/>

Request
naloxone
and
fentanyl
test strips



KPATA Board Update



KPATA Finance Committee is looking for help!

Do you or any of your KPATA families have an accounting or finance background and have a desire to give back to this wonderful organization?

The KPATA Finance Committee is seeking additional members with an accounting and/or finance background to strengthen the committee as a whole.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please reach out to Aaron Gruenwald at grunea23@gmail.com or text (785) 458-9511.

Annual Bright Futures Program Meeting



!!! Don't Forget: We encourage you
to submit your Bright Futures
Reports before leaving for
Holiday breaks!

Save The
Date

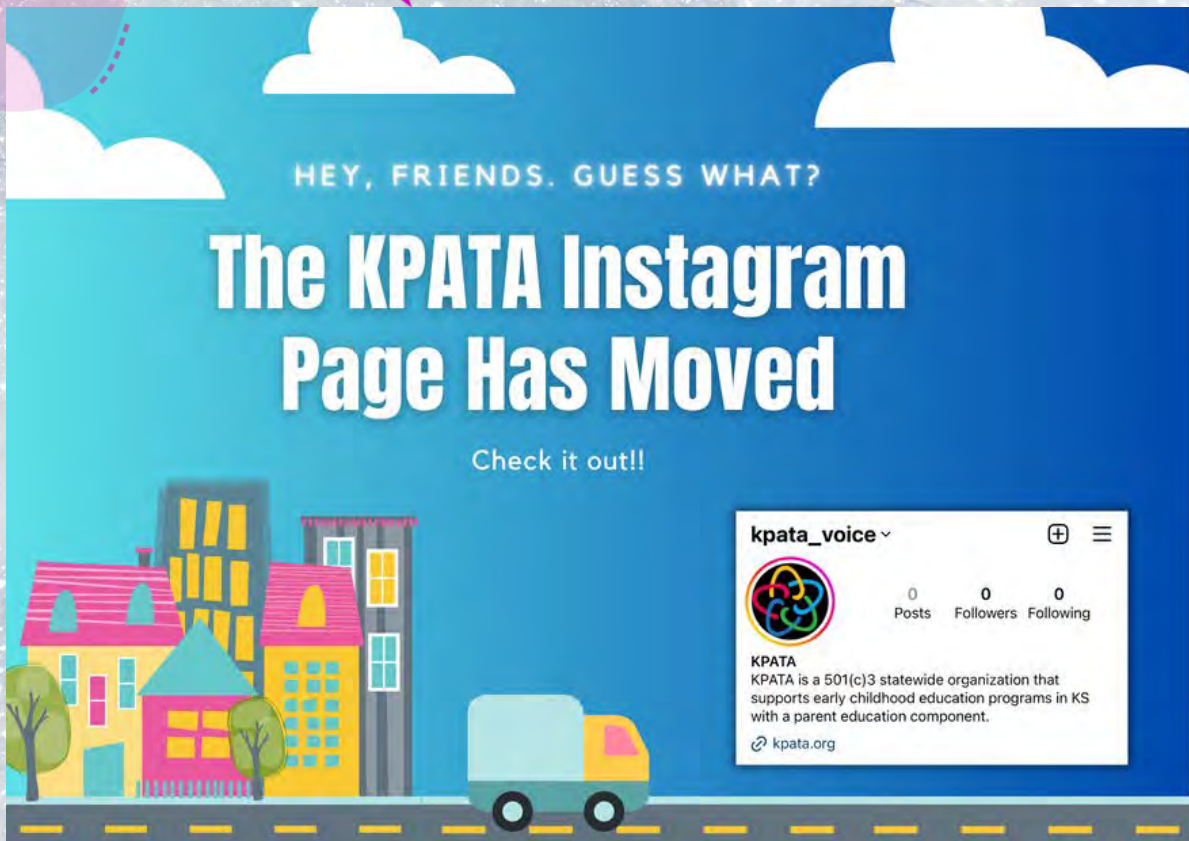
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Futures Program
Meeting

January 11th
1:30pm - 3:00pm

[Zoom Registration Here](#)

Don't forget :)

Social Media



[@kpata_voice](https://www.instagram.com/kpata_voice)

Upcoming Events

Mark
YOUR
Calendar



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 14TH - AUTISM TRAINING
- 15TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

JANUARY

- 11TH - BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM MEETING
- 18TH - PRIORITIZE PLAY TRAINING
- 19TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

