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April 1, 2024



**A NOTE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- KPATA ANNUAL CONFERENCE APRIL 23RD AND 24TH IN SALINA, KS
- JOIN US FOR THE KPATA MEMBERS MEETING ON APRIL 24TH FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE

Dear KPATA Members -

How is it already April? I know that I speak for the majority when I say that the last few months have just flown by! I am so incredibly excited to see many of you at the upcoming KPATA conference. It is such a wonderful time to connect and network with each other!

Our March work included:

- Attending Early Learning Advocacy Day and sharing about PAT and Early Childhood
- Finalizing incredible sessions which will create fantastic learning opportunities at the 2024 conference
- KPATA Social Media Lunch and Learn support for programs
- Keeping KPATA Members informed about legislative action and updates

Regards,
Hilary Koehn

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Executive Director



BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSSES

SUCCESS STORY

The family completed two years of service this month. The boys turned two in February and are progressing through their milestones.. Mom has routines in place and is consistent and intentional with time for active play and learning each day. She narrates her day for the boys and expands on what they tell her to encourage language development. She also makes an effort to get down level with them to understand their words. These are tools she learned through our PAT program. Both parents are incorporating regular outdoor time in their backyard as a family. Mom is staying home with the boys and occasionally working for her husband's business. The boys have had their regular well checks consistently throughout the two years of service. Mom recently applied for the renewal of the insurance for the twins. She reached out to Rainbows for an evaluation and possible visits to monitor one of the boy's language development, however, he is progressing now and she is not as concerned. Mom will have his hearing rechecked at the doctor's office in April . The family is considering transitioning to Early Head Start for regular visits if they do not receive services from Rainbows. We have explored various spaces in the community for outings and the family plans to continue to go on adventures together.They achieved numerous goals during their two years in the program including acquiring a high school diploma, starting college, finding childcare and moving into a home. Mom plans to return to college coursework when the boys are able to return to their previous childcare center.

- 16 NEW REFERRALS
- 93 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 37 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



KPATA Conference 2024

Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS
(Tuesday) April 23rd & (Wednesday) 24th



**"YOUR SPOT
ON THE RED
CARPET"**

2024 KPATA CONFERENCE
WEBSTER
CONFERENCE CENTER
2601 N. OHIO ST.
SALINA, KS

APRIL 23RD

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

APRIL 24TH

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

KPATA Membership Meeting
1:00 - 2:00 pm



KEYNOTE

Anne Meeker Watson
Early Childhood Consultant/Creator
of Sing.Play.Love. program
Meeker Creative LLC



REGISTER

Please register by **April 5th**
by completing the form [here](#).

Cost to attend includes in-person
and access to the VIRTUAL
conference on Google Drive

KPATA MEMBERS

\$75

NON-KPATA MEMBERS

\$125



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2024

KPATA CONFERENCE

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
**RED CARPET
MOVIE MIXER**

WRAP UP THE FIRST DAY OF
CONFERENCE WITH STYLE!

SWING BY OUR HAPPY HOUR FOR
MOCKTAILS & MUNCHIES, AND LET'S SEE
WHO REIGNS SUPREME IN MOVIE TRIVIA!

DON'T FORGET TO ROCK YOUR COOLEST
MOVIE-THEMED OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY
FOR EXTRA FLAIR!

[RSVP HERE](#)

WEBSTER CONFERENCE CENTER

TUESDAY **23** AT 4:45 PM
APRIL

KPATA All Members Meeting



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday April 24th, 2024
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Webster Conference Center
Salina, KS



*See
you
soon*

Week of the Young Child

#WOYC24

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**Week of the
Young Child™**



A Week of Fun!

April 6-12, 2024

**April 6-12, 2024 is
NAEYC's Week of the Young Child**

Activities are:

Music Monday - April 8th
Tasty Tuesday - April 9th
Work Together Wednesday - April 10th
Artsy Thursday - April 11th
Family Friday - April 12th

[Learn more about WYC24 here>>](#)

Upcoming KPATA Trainings

Child Abuse & Neglect

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST A VIRTUAL TRAINING MODULE

APRIL 18th 1:00 - 2:00

ADRIANNE RALSTON

Kansas Children's Service League



Details of Training:

Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition, Reporting & Supporting

Kansas law states that most professionals who work with children, including medical professionals, social workers, nurses, educators and others, are mandated reporters and are required by law to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect. This presentation will address areas of risk and protective factors, definitions of child abuse and neglect per Kansas law and provide examples of signs and symptoms. Participants will also learn the appropriate responses to suspected abuse or neglect, discuss what to do in the event of child disclosure and understand Kansas mandated reporter laws. This training is approved by KDHE for 1.0 child care licensing hours.

[Register Here](#)



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



Bright Futures Lunch & Learn

Please Join us on ZOOM for

LUNCH & LEARN

for Parent Educators

Tuesday May 14th at Noon

Join the Zoom

We will discuss contacting families, monthly reports, making hotline reports, communicating with CPS workers and more!

Hope to see you there!

Listen to this: Early Childhood Podcast

BE INFORMED... LISTEN TO THIS...

Listen!

You are encouraged to listen to this **KANSAS REFLECTOR PODCAST - "How early childhood office could give Kansas kids a crucial boost"**.

The Kansas Reflector Podcast, hosted by senior reporter Tim Carpenter, presents voices from the people and politics of Kansas. This specific podcast episode features two members of the Early Childhood Task Force. Children's advocates Monica Murnan and David Jordan explain the proposal and how it could help.

[Listen By Clicking Here](#)



Mandated Reporter Training

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and KCSL has some great opportunities for mandated reporters this spring

***NEW* Perinatal Substance Use:**

Recognition, Reporting and Supporting (Register Here) - April 25

from 1-2:30pm join Kelsee Fout Behavioral Health Consultant with KDHE and Erica Hunter as we talk about best practice for mandated reporting related to perinatal substance use.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Expanded Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition, Reporting, and Supporting (Register Here)

- April 9, 2024 from 10:00am-12:00pm join Elizabeth Gregg DCF Wichita Assistant Regional Director and Adrienne Ralston KCSL Training Specialist to learn about mandated reporting and what work DCF does alongside the family.

What has KPATA Done For you?

"Teach a program to fish . . ."

KPATA's mission is that all KS PAT programs be quality programs. Quality programming requires the underpinnings of financial support to establish quality and keep it in place. The 2024 KPATA Conference offers sessions that give you tools to take charge and be your own advocate:

Grant Writing: April 23rd 3-4 pm
Advocacy: April 24th 10:20 - 11:20 AM



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 5TH - DEIA TRAINING KICKOFF
- 18TH - CHILD ABUSE TRAINING
- 19TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 23RD & 24TH - KPATA CONFERENCE

MAY

- 14TH - BRIGHT FUTURES LUNCH & LEARN
- 16TH - SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRAINING
- 17TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING