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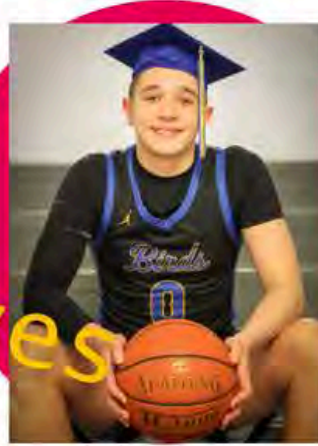
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Life moves

fast!

May 1, 2024



Dear KPATA Members -

*May is such an incredibly busy time of year! This year I have a kiddo graduating (see above for bragging rights) and I could not be more proud! I am humbly reminding myself of the following as I navigate this new phase with my son:*

*"There is no such thing as a perfect parent. So just be a real one." – Sue Atkins*

*What a great reminder for the parents and families that we work to support!*

*April was an incredible month filled with learning and networking opportunities at the 2024 KPATA Annual conference in Salina, KS. We hope you enjoyed every minute!*

*Our April work included:*

- 2024 KPATA Conference
- DEIA Kickoff With Sacha Thompson
- Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Training
- Planning for the 24-25 Training Calendar and Learning Opportunities for KPATA Members
- Annual KPATA Members Meeting & Updates



**A NOTE FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

**ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT**

- KPATA CONFERENCE WAS A BLAST!
- PLEASE REACH OUT NOW IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC TRAINING NEEDS FOR THE 24-25 PROGRAM YEAR

Regards,  
**Hilary Koehn**

Hilary Koehn  
Executive Director





# BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSSES

## SUCCESS STORY

During our visit, [child] was very excited and happy. I gave her some books and Easter pop-its to play with which she really enjoyed and thought were funny. As she and mom were looking at the books, she would point to pictures and try to repeat the words that mom was saying and even began to read and make up her own story. During the "Picnic" activity she was very excited to set everything up and began to create her own foods and shared them with me and mom. I have noticed that [child] is becoming more vocal and has been trying to repeat various words and has been expressing her needs and feelings vocally. She has also been doing very well with potty training and has had a few accidents since starting. Mom also mentioned to me that she has been trying to get out of the house more often and has noticed a change in [child's] behavior when they go out to a store or public area. She mentioned that she no longer is throwing huge tantrums or trying to knock things off of shelves.

- 9 NEW REFERRALS
- 88 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 37 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS





# KPATA Conference 2024

Was a huge success!



Thank you for your investment in early childhood!



[Please give us your feedback on KPATA Conference 2024!](#)

- 21 Learning Sessions
- 22 Vendors & Educational Displays
- 152 Parent Educators and Early Childhood Stakeholders attended from across the state!



# Upcoming KPATA Trainings

[Register Here](#)

## DEIA WORK:



## PHASE 1

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**WHEN: MAY 10TH  
2 - 3:00 PM**

**WHAT: PAT STAFF  
DEIA FOCUS GROUP**

**WHO: 6-8 STAFF  
PER KPATA REGION  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

REGISTER!  
NOW!

**FACILITATED BY:**

Crossover  Partners

**~JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT YOUR REGION AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS~**



# Upcoming KPATA Trainings



Join Us in a Virtual Training  
for KPATA Members  
May 16th 1-2:30 pm

[Click Here to Join](#)

## Substance Use Disorder

Part 2

Presented By :  
**DCCCA**

This training will cover basic information on drug use in Kansas, types of legal and illegal substances that can be abused, and how to recognize signs of misuse.





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



# Upcoming Partner Trainings

## Mighty Futures: Early Childhood Wellness Matters June 5 & 6, 2024

**Telehealth  
ROCKS**



**Erika Franta, PhD, LP, NCSP**



**Hannah West, PhD, LP, BCBA**



**Jessica Christensen, M.Ed**

You may qualify for a stipend.  
Find out more [here](#).



**FREE EVENT!  
DOOR PRIZES!  
SWAG BAGS!**

**REGISTER NOW >**



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- June 5** 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Comprehensive Systems to Support Early Childhood Well-being  
11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Break  
11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Review of "Supporting Pre-K students in KS..."  
**Working Lunch** 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 pm Sharing information across systems  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Collaboration with Families and Partners  
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wrap-Up and Prep for Day 2
- June 6** 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Establishing supportive environments  
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Recognizing and supporting well-being  
**Working Lunch** 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funding and Billing Considerations  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Case Examples: Working collaboratively within and across systems  
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wrap up and Next Steps





# Upcoming Partner Trainings



## Virtual Workshops

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

*You may register for one workshop or for both. Workshops are free.*

### **Workshop One: Playground Safety Training with Safe Kids Kansas**

**June 7, 2024: 12:00 PM — 1:00 PM**

Playtime is important for a child's health and development. Make sure your playground is safe to reduce the risk of serious injuries. Safe Kids Kansas will share tips on how to make your child's playtime a safe time.

### **Workshop Two: Home Safe Home: Home Safety Training with Safe Kids Kansas**

**June 21, 2024: 12:00 PM — 1:00 PM**

Families want their children to grow up healthy in the place where they deserve to feel the safest: at home. However, home is where the majority of accidental childhood injuries happen. Fortunately, most of these injuries are both predictable and preventable. Safe Kids Kansas will share information on common hazards in the home and tips on how to make your home a safer place for kids.

**Trainer: Cherie Sage, State Director, Safe Kids Kansas**

*While these trainings were created for home visitors and health coordinators, if you are a parent or caregiver, a teacher, a classroom aide, or you would just like to know more about playground and home safety, you are welcome to attend!*

[Register for Play-ground Safety](#)

[Register for Home Safe Home](#)



# Maternal & Child Health Community Event for Families

KU is partnering with Maternal and Child Health Program to hold community engagement sessions around the state. Providers, families, and community members are invited to attend and share their experiences with health services for women and children and their ideas for improving programs for maternal and child health in their community.

Join us at this free, come-and-go event!

## Help Shape The Future of Health Services for Kansas Families



Share your experiences with health services for women and children and your ideas for improving programs for maternal and child health in your community. Join us at this free, come-and-go event. Free healthy snacks!

### Open Houses!

#### May

- |    |            |   |
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| 8  | 9 am-11 am | <b>Garden City</b><br>Finney County Public Library<br>Finnup Room |
| 10 | 9 am-11 am | <b>Hays</b><br>Hays Public Library<br>Schmidt Gallery             |
| 30 | 11 am-1 pm | <b>Salina</b><br>Salina Public Library<br>Prescott Meeting Room   |
| 31 | 10 am-Noon | <b>Wichita</b><br>Advanced Learning Library<br>Children's Gallery |

#### June

- |    |            |  |
|----|------------|--|
| 27 | 11 am-1 pm | <b>Kansas City, KS</b><br>Kansas City Public Library<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium |
| 28 | 1 pm-3 pm  | <b>Pittsburg</b><br>Pittsburg Public Library<br>Large Meeting Room                       |



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# Sunflower Summer

**May 25th - August 11th, 2024**

A program from Kansas Tourism that offers Kansas families free admission to attractions across the state, throughout the summer.

**SUNFLOWER  
SUMMER**

*School's Out For*  
**SUNFLOWER  
SUMMER!**

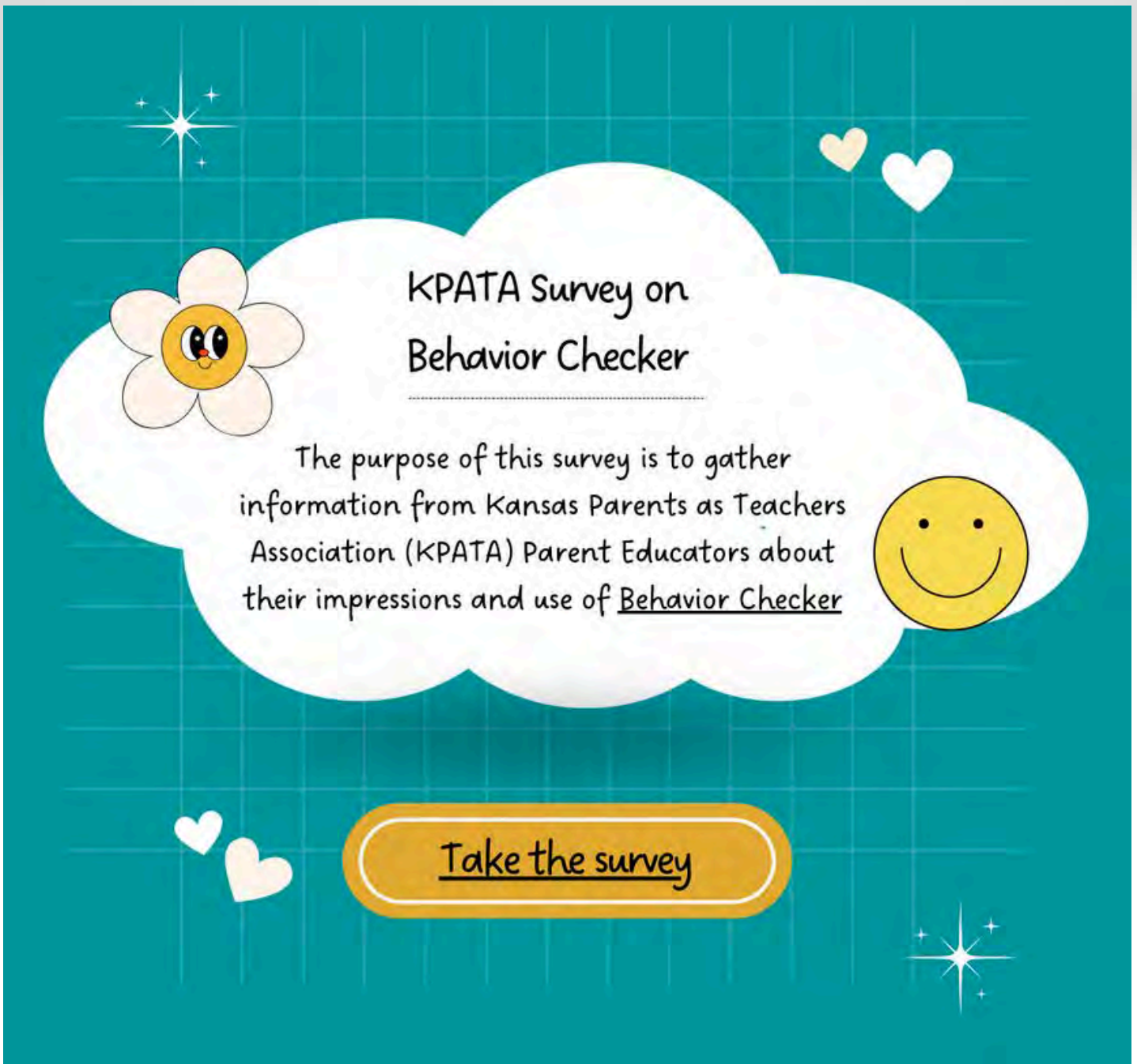
**[Click Here to  
Learn More!](#)**



# Behavior Checker

**This survey is voluntary, anonymous, and will take 5-10 minutes to complete.**

**We thank you for your participation!**







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 21ST - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 30TH - '23-'24 PROGRAM YEAR ENDS