



DON'T FORGET

It's a new Program Year!

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOUR KPATA MEMBERSHIP / TRAINING PASS FOR THE 2024-2025 PROGRAM YEAR

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August 1, 2024

Dear KPATA Members -

I am certain that many of you can relate when I say that summer always seems to just fly by! I am excited for the upcoming program year as well as the growth and learning that KPATA will continue to support across the state.

Please make sure that you have marked your calendars with all of the awesome training opportunities and feel free to reach out to us if you have additional training needs that arise throughout the program year.

A couple of updates for members:

- The KPATA Affiliate program is seeking educators in the following focus areas: Ellis, Geary and Saline Co.
- We are looking to add members to a few of our KPATA Committees. We would love to expand the voices on our committees by adding PAT parents across Kansas. If you or someone you know is interested in joining or would like to learn more about this opportunity, please reach out to Hilary via email.
- We will be sharing the results of the member feedback in the next few weeks and setting goals around suggestions and member needs as we embark on the new program year.

We welcomed new KPATA board members in July. Please watch the KPATA Social Media pages to learn more about board members and their commitment to the work and members of KPATA.

Regards,

Hilary Koehn

Hilary Koehn
Executive Director



August



A NOTE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

ITEMS TO
HIGHLIGHT

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING KPATA COMMITTEES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO HILARY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSSES

SUCCESS STORY

Mom has had success with enrolling the child in KanCare this month. Because she was able to do that, the child was able to attend his well child checkup and catch up on his vaccinations. They are getting another round in July. The mother and father both continue to be actively engaged in visits. Mom reports she is continuing to engage in therapy to support her mental health. [Child] is meeting all developmental and social milestones. Mom has had an update with her job, she will continue to work the same hours at a new location that is closer to where she lives and where [child] stays while she works. This month the family's main concern was [child's] increasing separation anxiety. We discussed separation anxiety at this age, when it typically peaks and how to support him during this time. Activities that we completed this month include water play, finger painting, and mirror play. He has begun to pull up on objects, cruise and stoop. We discussed how to support these milestones as well as strategies to safety proof his environment.

- 13 NEW REFERRALS
- 77 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 37 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



DEIA Lunch & Learn #1



PLEASE JOIN US!



DEIA WORK:
LUNCH AND
LEARN #1

AUGUST 1ST
1 - 2:00 PM

FACILITATED BY:

Crossover  Partners

~ LIMITED TO 50 KPATA MEMBERS ~

Upcoming DEIA KPATA Trainings



DEIA LEARNING PLAN 2024-25

CALL TO ACTION:

"JOIN US IN FOSTERING A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY - BECAUSE AT OUR CORE, WE VALUE ALL FAMILIES AND OUR WORK IN SUPPORTING THEM WITH HOME VISITING SERVICES. LET'S CONTINUE LEARNING TOGETHER AS WE STRIVE TOWARDS OUR MISSION OF PROVIDING STRENGTHS BASED SUPPORT TO EVERY FAMILY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR EXPERIENCES... WE MEET FAMILIES WHERE THEY ARE. OUR UNIVERSAL ACCESS PROGRAM WELCOMES FAMILIES WITH OPEN ARMS, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITY. TOGETHER, LET'S CELEBRATE THE UNIQUENESS AND INDIVIDUALITY OF EACH FAMILY WHILE PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY."



MAY 10TH - 2:00 PM - STAFF LISTENING SESSION FOCUS GROUPS

JUNE 14TH - 1:00 PM - VIRTUAL WEBINAR 1

AUGUST 1ST - 1:00PM - LUNCH AND LEARN 1

AUGUST 29TH - 1:00 PM - VIRTUAL WEBINAR 2

SEPTEMBER 12TH - 1:00 PM - LUNCH AND LEARN 2

PARENT LISTENING SESSIONS - DATE & TIME TBD



2024 - 2025

KPATA Training Calendar

TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2024-25



**ATTEND ALL
TRAININGS
WITH A
CURRENT
KPATA
MEMBERSHIP
(TRAINING
PASS)**

**RENEW OR
PURCHASE**

HERE

JULY
**Toddlers That
Won't Go to Bed
(Solutions from
Eileen Henry)**
UNRUFFLED - JANET
LANSBURY
7/17 1:00-2:30 PM

AUGUST
★ **DEIA Lunch and
Learn AND
Webinar 2**
8/1 1:00 - 2:00PM
&
8/29 1:00 - 2:00PM

SEPTEMBER
Part B/C
Understanding
Services
9/19 1:00-2:30 PM

SEPTEMBER CONT.
★ **DEIA**
lunch & learn 2
9/12 1:00-2:00 PM

OCTOBER
*Talking With
Families*
DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENINGS
10/3 1:00-2:30 PM

NOVEMBER
★ **PARENT**
*Health
Literacy*
11/14 1:00-3:00 PM

JANUARY
**Home Safe
Home**
Cherie Sage
1/16 1:00-2:30 PM

FEBRUARY
★ *How Do
Protection
from Abuse
Orders
Work in KS?*
2/20 1:00-3:00PM

MARCH
*Screen
Sanity*
3/27 1:00-2:30 PM

★ APRIL
*Child Abuse
& Neglect*
KCSL
4/17 1:00-2:30 PM

★ MAY
*Substance Use
Disorder*
KANQUIT
DATE AND TIME TBD

OTHER NOTES:
★ *Please use Dec. to
catch up on a
recorded training*
★ *No Training
in June*

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY
STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT



Bright Futures Program Meeting



BRIGHT
FUTURES
PROGRAM
MEETING

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 4th, 2024
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Stay tuned for registration details!

KPATA



JOIN A committee

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR KPATA COMMITTEES. READ THE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW TO SEE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO HILARY KOEHN AT HKOEHN@KPATA.ORG IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING!

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATING & GOVERNANCE

Chair: Dana Clary
Requesting new members who are interested in advancing KPATA's viability and impact with increased memberships, and exceptional officer and regional director candidates while maintaining governance fidelity.

Meets the first Tuesday of each month @ 2:30 pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Chair: Angie Mendez
Expand the visibility of PAT programs and of KPATA through clear messaging on social media outlets.

Requesting new members who are interested in social media outreach as well as supporting/helping others in learning more about utilizing social media.

Meets first Monday of the month at 12:30 pm.

ADVOCACY

Chair: Madison Thompson
This committee is seeking new members who are interested in legislative work and advocacy, especially the importance of daily advocacy for home visiting and Parents as Teachers.

Meeting time and day TBD

FINANCE

Chair: Aaron Grunewald
This committee would like to get more members with a finance background and/or those who are interested in reviewing and supporting the work of the finance committee.

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 8:30am.

BYLAWS, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Chair: Janet Cody
Requesting new members
Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 1-2 pm



Breastfeeding Message of the Month

Toddlers reap the benefits of continued breastfeeding

Did you know? Toddlers who breastfeed get tailored milk just for their needs, providing on average, 32% of the total energy intake. Breast milk continues to provide substantial amounts of key nutrients, especially protein, fat and most vitamins. Human milk in the second year has significantly higher concentrations of disease-fighting cells. With specific protection against e-coli and salmonella infections. Breastfeeding toddlers between the ages of 1 and 3 have fewer illnesses, shorter duration of illness and lower mortality rates. Toddlers need emotional reassurance frequently during the day. Know that it is valid and acceptable for a toddler to breastfeed for comfort as it is for them to suck a pacifier or thumb. Breastfeeding can still act as a source of profound comfort and security, laying the groundwork for a confident, happy and healthy future. Breast milk also contains probiotics, which can help create a balance of healthy bacteria in your baby's body. Breastfeeding also lowers the risk of your baby developing the following: Asthma, Obesity, Type 1 diabetes, Ear infections and Stomach viruses; so less missed days and sick kids! Toddlers have a huge world to explore, and breastfeeding provides them (and their mothers!) with some quiet time in their busy, waking hours. So don't forget to support your toddler families in meeting their breastfeeding goals! Invite them to feed on-site or send breast milk in a cup. Breastmilk is just milk and can be fed in a cup for meals or snacks. And remember both are reimbursable through CACFA.



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.



KU Center for Public Partnerships and Research
invites you to
Share Your Story

What is it like for you and your family to live in your community? [Share Your Story!](#)

The University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research recently launched a statewide initiative to learn about family and community well-being directly from families across the state. When you [share a story with us](#), you are helping the entire state work towards a better Kansas for children and families. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Our aim is to reach as many families as possible in order to fully understand the many experiences that impact and shape family and community well-being. **We invite you to share stories about your own experiences and share this survey with others!**

For more information, check out [How We Use Your Story](#).



Parent Leadership Conference

September 27 - 28

Topeka, KS



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 27-28

Ramada by Wyndham Topeka Downtown
Hotel & Convention Center

PARENT LEADERSHIP ²⁰²⁴
CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars! We're back in person **Sept. 27-28** in Topeka. Look out for more information this fall. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Rachal Harper at rharper@kcsl.org or 877.530.5275 x1343.

FUNDING FOR THIS CONFERENCE PROVIDED BY:



Visit Tracker Webinar



DID YOU NOTICE?



PATNC is offering a Visit Tracker webinar on August 6th...

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Visit Tracker Getting Started

Tue, August 6, 2024 2:00pm - 3:30pm CDT

What You Will Learn:

Discover the benefits of Visit Tracker Web, the newly favored data management system for Parents as Teachers. A Visit Tracker specialist will be present to showcase the system's features and assist you with the initial steps in Visit Tracker.

REGISTER

In the PATNC Portal, go to 'Penelope Webinars' and scroll down to find the link to register.



DID YOU KNOW?



Hilary has been asked to continue to serve on the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel for the 2024-25 program year. The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel plays a key role in an early childhood care and education governance structure outlined in the All In For Kansas Kids strategic plan, specifically Goal 1: State-Level Coordination which seeks to ensure our system is structured and aligned for maximum impact. This means that PAT has a strong voice at the table for these important discussions!

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST

- 1ST - DEIA LUNCH & LEARN
- 16TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 29TH - DEIA WEBINAR 2

SEPTEMBER

- 4TH - BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM MEETING
- 12TH - DEIA LUNCH & LEARN
- 19TH - KPATA TRAINING: PART B / C
- 20TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING