

WE'RE HIRING!

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

➤ **Focus Areas:**
Northwest KS,
Southwest KS

➤ [View the Job
Description Here](#)

➤ [Apply Here](#)

For More Info

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Us!**



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\$35/hr IN ADDITION TO
MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT

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Dear KPATA Members -

GRAT·I·TUDE

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Oxford Languages

I challenge you to think about the following...

- What aspects of your community are you grateful for?
- What's an aspect of your personality that you're grateful for?
- What's one thing you've enjoyed about doing your job recently?

These make for a great share at your upcoming reflective supervision or staff meeting!

During the month of October:

- The NEW Advocacy Committee met and started brainstorming ways to best support Kansas PAT programs with Everyday Advocacy.
- KPATA shared at the PATNC Conference to highlight the work in Kansas and many of us also attended sessions where we learned new tidbits that we will share with others.
- We shared new pieces on our social media channels - make sure you are following us!

I am grateful for all of the incredible work that PAT programs are doing across the state to support families and children! Remember to share those successes with others and highlight them within your own community!

Regards,

Hilary Koehn

Hilary Koehn
Executive Director

GRATITUDE

hello

NOVEMBER



A NOTE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- WHAT'S ONE THING YOU'VE ENJOYED ABOUT DOING YOUR JOB RECENTLY?
- ARE YOU SHARING ABOUT SUCCESSES WITH OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSSES

SUCCESS STORY

[Baby] had his 1 week follow up with his doctor and had gained 5 ounces that week after release from NICU. He is nursing better and latching well now to feed. [Child] is now writing his name and showing so many advanced cognitive and problem solving skills. [Child] talks in long sentences and tells stories with a huge vocabulary. [Child] likes to read books and engaged well in the PAT activities, showing pride and accomplishment in his work. [Dad's] Mom has moved in with the family (temporarily) this past month. She has been a support to them financially as well as lending a hand with the baby and [child]. [Mom] was able to get their food stamps reinstated. The family has very limited income and no working vehicle to get back and forth to appointments, but [Mom] has been able to set up transportation for medical and mental health visits through the medical card. [Mom] has been in touch with her former employer and has been offered her job back as soon as she is cleared by her doctor to return to work.

- 15 NEW REFERRALS
- 77 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 40 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



Upcoming *NEW!* DEIA Training

KPATA DEIA TRAINING

Save the Date

DECEMBER 12TH
1:00 - 2:30 PM VIA
ZOOM



Join us to hear from

DR. ANTON TREUR

HEALING FROM
HISTORICAL
TRAUMA:
CONNECTION AND
CULTURE LIVE INSIDE
OF US.

*Limited to 50 spots -
you must be a KPATA
member to attend*

*Make Learning
Memorable...*

 REGISTER NOW

OAE Refresher Trainer

KPATA IS PLEASED
TO HOST

OAE REFRESHER

A VIRTUAL WEBINAR
TRAINING OPTION FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE
PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED
OAE TRAINING



DECEMBER 11TH 1:00-2:00 PM



This training is intended as a refresher for parent educators who have been previously trained to conduct an OAE screening. We will watch a series of short videos and have time for discussion with our peers.

Training is Free for KPATA Members.
If you would like to attend please complete your registration by accessing the included link.

If you have questions, please contact Jenny Smith at
jsmith@kpata.org.

Upcoming KPATA Trainings



Home Safe Home

JANUARY 16TH

1:00 - 2:30
**FREE VIRTUAL
TRAINING FOR
KPATA
MEMBERS**

Home is a place to relax and spend time with family, but each year more than 3.5 million children go to an emergency department and more than 2,000 children die from injuries that happen at home. With some simple prevention steps, we can help ensure normal bumps and bruises don't become more serious and disabling injuries. We'll be taking a tour around the home to identify potential hazards and what you can do to keep your family safe.

*This training will be provided by
Cherie Sage- Safe Kids Kansas*



*To register to attend this training, please click on the link below.
For questions about this training, please contact Jenny Smith at
jsmith@kpata.org*



**KPATA is Pleased to Host a
Virtual Training Webinar:**

**February 20th
1 - 3:00 pm**

How Do Protection Orders Work in KS?



As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the different options for filing a protection order application in Kansas.
2. Describe how domestic and sexual violence advocates can assist survivors in the protection order process.
3. Explain how protection orders can be a safety tool for some survivors.
4. Identify the ways in which protection orders can increase danger for some survivors.
5. Identify the unique considerations and requirements for obtaining a protection order for minors in Kansas.
6. Describe how child welfare professionals and domestic and sexual violence advocates can work collaboratively to support survivors seeking protection orders.

This training is available to anyone that would like to join!



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



Parent Health Literacy



Upcoming Virtual Trainings

Trainer: Nichole Fairley, PAT Coordinator, Topeka

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

January 7, 2025 1:00pm - 3:00pm

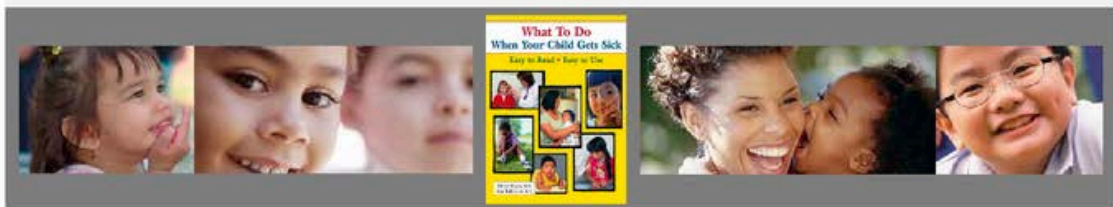
March 11, 2025 1:00pm - 3:00pm

May 6, 2025 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 Kansas Head Start Association's 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.



FAMILY SURVEY

Care Coordination Experience



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (KU-CPPR) are conducting a survey about your experiences, as families and parents, with care coordination staff at KDHE programs. Your responses will provide insight on strengths and opportunities in how KDHE provides services to individuals and families in Kansas.

This survey is anonymous, and no identifying responses will be shared with anyone at KDHE.

This survey can be accessed at the link below and should take less than 8 minutes to complete.



Please complete this survey by Friday, November 15th.

[Take Survey](#)

We are looking for feedback on programs such as (but not limited to):


- Early Head Start
- Early Intervention
- Family Resource Center (FRC)
- Healthy Families America
- Universal Home Visiting
- Local Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Special Health Care Needs (SHCN)
- Team for Infants Endangered by Substance Abuse (TIES)
- Teen Pregnancy Targeted Case Management (TPTCM)
- 1-800-CHILDREN

*Share with Families!
Download Flyer*




Breastfeeding Message of the Month

BREASTFEEDING REDUCES THE RISK OF SIDS



DID YOU KNOW BABIES WHO ARE BREASTFED OR FED EXPRESSED BREASTMILK ARE AT LOWER RISK FOR SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) COMPARED WITH BABIES WHO WERE NEVER FED BREASTMILK?

ACCORDING TO RESEARCH, THE LONGER A PARENT EXCLUSIVELY BREASTFEEDS THEIR BABY (MEANING NOT SUPPLEMENTING WITH FORMULA), THEY LOWER THEIR RISK OF SIDS BY AS MUCH AS 60%! EVEN AS LITTLE AS TWO MONTHS OF ANY BREASTFEEDING CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF SIDS BY APPROXIMATELY 50%!



THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) RECOMMENDS FEEDING HUMAN MILK TO REDUCE SIDS RISK IN THEIR UPDATED [2022 RECOMMENDATIONS](#). CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING PARENTS ARE LOWERING THE RISK OF SIDS FOR THE INFANTS IN THEIR CARE. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW CHILD CARE PROVIDERS CAN SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING, CHECK OUT THE KANSAS BREASTFEEDING COALITIONS [TOOLKIT](#) AND [WEBPAGE](#) FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.



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Breastfeeding Resources

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition created a “Virtual Go Bag” for home visitors and families with videos on popular breastfeeding topics, in 8 languages. Home visitors can give the family the QR code (attached flyer) or share the videos with them directly.

Breastfeeding Virtual GO BAG



Scan the QR code or go to
ksbreastfeeding.org/breastfeeding-virtual-go-bag/



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Low Income Energy Assistance Program



LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LIEAP can help pay your home heating bills!

Applications accepted
November 18, 2024
through **March 31, 2025**

Applications **must** be received by
DCF by **5 p.m.** on March 31, 2025
to be accepted.

Qualifying households must:

- not exceed household income limits
- be personally responsible for the heating fuel costs payable either to the landlord, utility company, or fuel vendor

INCOME GUIDELINES

Persons living at address	Maximum gross monthly income
1	\$ 1,882.50
2	\$ 2,555.00
3	\$ 3,227.50
4	\$ 3,900.00
5	\$ 4,572.50
6	\$ 5,245.00
7	\$ 5,917.50
8	\$ 6,590.00
each additional	\$ 672.50

Funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Community Services - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



Apply or find more information:
visit your **local DCF office**,
call **1-888-369-4777**, or
go to www.dcf.ks.gov.

[Download English Flyer](#)



[Download Spanish Flyer](#)



Year 2 of the National 988 Lifeline



The launch of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988 Lifeline) in July 2022 represented a shift in how the U.S. addresses behavioral health crises. By simplifying access to support – replacing the longer National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number with the easy-to-remember 988 – the goal was to provide an immediate, accessible resource for anyone in distress.

This edition of A Kansas Twist explores the Lifeline’s second year, examining data from the Kansas 988 network and highlighting national and local efforts to expand its impact.

[Read the Article](#)

What have we been up to?

Did YOU KNOW?



The incredible work of the **Bright Futures Program** and the participating Kansas PAT Programs was highlighted in a presentation that Hilary shared at the National PAT Conference in San Diego, CA. The presentation was titled **"Partnerships Are Not a Piece of Paper"** and emphasized the importance of building relationships with partners, continuing to voice and work on both successes and challenges, and the need for authenticity within agency-to-agency partnerships. The work to strengthen PAT home visit services provided to families involved with Child Welfare is an ongoing effort and the input from Kansas is invaluable!



November

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 14TH - PARENT HEALTH LITERACY TRAINING
- 15TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER

- 11TH: OAE REFRESHER TRAINING
- 12TH: DEIA TRAINING
- 20TH: KPATA BOARD MEETING



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