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APRIL 23RD

MANHATTAN, KS

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**NEW**

KPATA  
2025  
COLLABORATIVE  
LEARNING DAY

GET READY!

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Dear KPATA Members,

*"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."*

— *Amelia Earhart*

Let's sprinkle a little joy into our conversations! What acts of kindness have you spotted within your PAT program or community? As we all know, our families who receive home visits look to us for support and guidance during these crucial early years with their little ones. So, how are each of us contributing to kindness in our own unique ways? I challenge you to share those uplifting stories and experiences! Let's celebrate the amazing things you're doing every day to make the world a little brighter. Together, we can inspire each other and spread even more kindness in our community.

During January, KPATA has been busy with the following:

- Being a strong voice for EC and Home Visiting as we start the new Legislative Session
- Helping to support and plan Home Visiting Programs Day at the Capitol
- Planning an incredible Collaborative Learning Day
- Organizing KPATA member networking sessions which will support the needs we currently have in real time

*Warm Regards,*

*Hilary Koehn*

Hilary Koehn  
Executive Director



FEBRUARY  
*february*  
FEBRUARY



## A NOTE FROM THE

## EXECUTIVE

## DIRECTOR

### ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- JOIN US FOR HOME VISITING PROGRAM ADVOCACY DAY ON MARCH 5TH
- REGISTER FOR COLLABORATIVE LEARNING DAY ON APRIL 23RD

# BRIGHT FUTURES SUCSESSES

## SUCCESS STORY

I recently did a check in on a family that I previously served through Bright Futures. The young mom had 2 children under 2 during my time working with her. At the time she spoke no English, was 17 and had a serious amount of obstacles ahead of her. When I concluded 1 year of service with this family, mom was still working on her goal of completing high school. I recently checked in on this family to see how things were going and was so excited to learn that she had completed her goal and graduated!

- 14 NEW REFERRALS
- 76 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 39 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



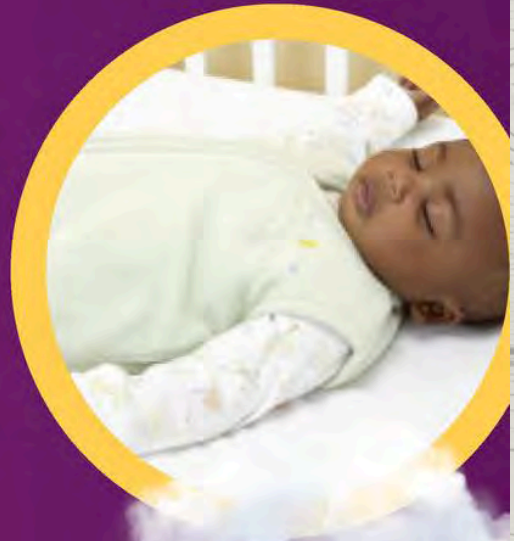
# Upcoming KPATA Trainings

## ZOOM SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

Provided for free by safe sleep instructor Brittany Denson

February 7th @ 10am

- ✓ Meets Bright Futures Safe Sleep Requirements
- ✓ A Pre and Post Test will be provided, once completed a certificate of completion will be emailed out



[REGISTER HERE](#)



# Upcoming KPATA Trainings



**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!**

# Upcoming KPATA Trainings



## How Screen Time Impacts Speech and Language Development

**PRESENTED BY: ANGIE NEAL, M.S.  
CCC-SLP**

**March 28th  
2-3PM**

**REGISTER HERE**

*Please note new  
date & time!*

# Upcoming KPATA Trainings

## Child Abuse & Neglect

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

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

APRIL 17th 1:00 - 2:30

**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](#)**



# 2025 KPATA Training Calendar



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

**RENEW OR  
PURCHASE**

**[HERE](#)**



2025 KPATA Trainings

★ February 20th

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Protection Orders in KS



March 28th

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Screen Time Impact  
on Speech & Language



★ April 17th

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Child Abuse & Neglect



★ May 14th

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Substance Use

Disorder



Indicates a PATNC Quality  
Standard Training Requirement



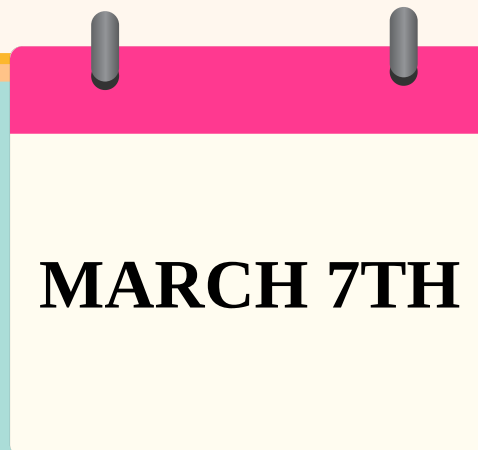
# Free ASQ Trainings offered by KSDE



THE KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE KANSAS PARENT INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER (KPIRC) ARE OFFERING

NEW LIVE VIRTUAL TRAININGS TO DEEPEN EDUCATORS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE AGES & STAGES QUESTIONNAIRES (ASQ®).

THIS IS A FAST-PACED SESSION FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE UTILIZING THE ASQ-3 AND/OR ASQ:SE-2 AND WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT USING THE SCREENING INFORMATION TO IMPACT CHILDREN.



[VIEW DETAILS AND REGISTER](#)

# KPATA Collaborative Learning Day



## Collaborative Learning Day

"MANY IDEAS GROW BETTER WHEN TRANSPLANTED INTO ANOTHER MIND THAN IN THE ONE WHERE THEY SPRANG UP."  
-OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, SR.

*REGISTRATION  
OPENING THIS  
WEEK!*

*WATCH YOUR  
EMAIL FOR  
DETAILS!*

April 23rd  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
KSTATE Alumni Center  
1720 Anderson Ave  
Manhattan, KS



**WORKSHOP**

**style**

**Learning**

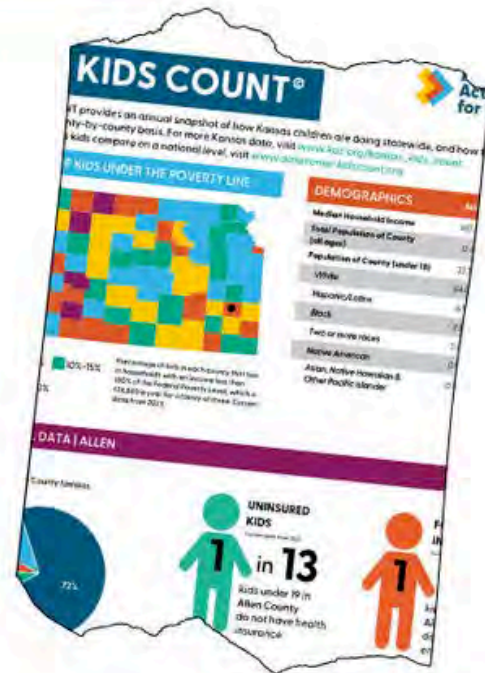
# Check Out This Resource

DID YOU KNOW?



**Kansas KIDS COUNT** provides an annual snapshot of how Kansas children are doing statewide, and how they compare on a county-by-county basis.

[Check it out!](#)



<https://www.kac.org/2024> county fact sheets

# All Members Meeting



## SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

*via ZOOM*

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD 2025

NOON - 1PM

*Join us to hear about the important work of  
KPATA, vote on the slate of Board officers,  
and provide feedback as a member!*

# Home Visiting Programs Day at the Capitol



## KANSAS HOME VISITING PROGRAMS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

MARCH 5, 2025  
8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

For questions, please contact:



HKOEHN@KPATA.ORG

### JOIN US

- NETWORK WITH OTHER HOME VISITING PROFESSIONALS
- MEET WITH LAWMAKERS
- LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT HOME VISITING MODELS PROVIDED IN KANSAS

### agenda

- 8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION OPENS
- 9:00 A.M. OPENING STATEMENTS
- 9:30 A.M. SONGS & FINGER PLAYS
- 12:00 P.M. EARLY LEARNING CAUCUS  
(SPACE WILL BE LIMITED)

LAWMAKER VISITS WILL OCCUR  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY  
**(PLEASE REACH OUT TO SCHEDULE  
YOUR VISITS AHEAD OF TIME)**

**2ND FLOOR ROTUNDA -  
NORTH WING**

KANSAS STATE CAPITOL  
300 W. 10TH TOPEKA, KS

REGISTER NOW



# Breastfeeding Message of the Month

## THE BASICS OF MAKING HUMAN MILK



Kansas  
Breastfeeding  
Coalition, Inc.

MANY BREASTFEEDING FAMILIES WORRY ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE ENOUGH MILK FOR THEIR INFANT. THE MAJORITY OF MOTHERS WILL MAKE THE PERFECT AMOUNT TO NOURISH THEIR LITTLE ONE. BREASTMILK PRODUCTION IS BASED ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND. THE MORE MILK REMOVED FROM THE BREAST, THE MORE MILK WILL BE MADE. EMPTY BREASTS MAKE MORE MILK. SO BREASTFEEDING OR PUMPING A MINIMUM OF 8 TIMES A DAY WILL MAINTAIN ALL THE MILK THE BABY NEEDS. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MILK AVAILABLE FOR BABY EVEN IF BABY JUST ATE OR MOM JUST PUMPED. PLUS, BREASTS WILL MAKE MILK INSTANTLY WHEN BABY BEGINS TO NURSE OR MOM PUMPS.

AS A CARE PROVIDER, YOU CAN SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING FAMILIES BY APPLAUDING THEIR COMMITMENT AND EFFORTS TO PROVIDE BREASTMILK TO THEIR BABY, HANDLE THEIR BREASTMILK WITH CARE, USE APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS TO AVOID WASTE, OFFER TO KEEP SOME EXTRA MILK IN THE FREEZER FOR TIMES BABY MAY WANT A LITTLE MORE. DO NOT OFFER FORMULA AS THIS WILL DECREASE HER SUPPLY AND SHAKE HER CONFIDENCE. IF BABY IS HAVING A GROWTH SPURT AND WANTING EXTRA MILK FOR A FEW DAYS, A BETTER SUGGESTION IS HAVING MOM PUMP AN EXTRA TIME OR TWO OR USE SOME OF THE FREEZER MILK. AND FINALLY, IF MOM IS WORRIED ABOUT HER MILK SUPPLY YOU CAN CONNECT HER WITH RESOURCES IN HER COMMUNITY TO HELP! THE KANSAS BREASTFEEDING COALITIONS HAS AN UP-TO-DATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOUND [HERE](#) AND YOU CAN ORDER BREASTFEEDING 911 CARDS [HERE](#) FOR A SMALL SHIPPING FEE TO GIVE TO YOUR WORRIED FAMILIES.

# Meet Our New Affiliate Parent Educators



**Eny  
Quintanilla**  
Kansas City Region

## About Me

Eny Quintanilla has 8 years of experience as an educator working in Parents as Teachers. Eny has developed a strong understanding of the challenges that individuals face on a day to day basis and has used her skills in crisis management and child development to help families navigate through challenges and at the same time provide the necessary tools to help their children overcome struggles with their goal settings in all areas of development.

Eny was born in Honduras and came to the USA at the age of 17. She has been married for 22 years and has 2 children. Eny enjoys spending time with family and friends, as well as cooking and hosting. Eny Graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Masters in Mental Health and Wellness with an emphasis in Family Dynamics. She currently works in the field of ABA as a Certified Autism Specialist and is pursuing a second masters in LPC.



**Paola  
Rodriguez**  
Southwest Region



## About Me

Paola has been making a positive impact in education since 2010, teaching Spanish to both elementary and high school students. She earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in education from the University of Texas at El Paso, which paved the way for her teaching career. After taking a break to become a stay-at-home mom, she discovered her passion for parenting education through the Parents as Teachers program. This experience inspired her to continue her career as a Parent Educator, where she now supports families in Garden City, KS. Paola lives with her husband and two daughters, and when she's not working, she enjoys traveling, reading, playing soccer, and spending quality time with her family.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 20TH - PROTECTION ORDERS TRAINING
- 21ST - KPATA BOARD MEETING

### MARCH

- 5TH - HOME VISITING PROGRAMS DAY AT THE CAPITOL
- 21ST - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 28TH - SCREEN TIME TRAINING



## DID YOU KNOW?



KPATA has been busy helping to plan and organize Kansas Home Visiting Programs Day at the Capitol! This day is intended to highlight the incredible work and importance of home visiting programs in Kansas. KPATA is a strong partner, in collaboration with other home visiting providers, to ensure that families and children receive the support that they need to be successful! We hope that you can join us for this important day of networking, educating, and learning on March 5th.



ADVOCACY

