



good  
things  
ARE  
Coming



**NATIONAL HOME  
VISITING WEEK**  
**APRIL 21-25, 2025**

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April 1, 2025



*Dear KPATA Members,  
It feels like April is calling for some smiles and  
laughs so "hare" you go!*

WHAT DO YOU CALL A LINE OF RABBITS HOPPING BACKWARDS?



A receding Hare Line.



WHAT KIND OF BOOKS AND NOVELS DO RABBITS LIKE TO READ?



ones WITH HOPPY ENDINGS.



*During March, KPATA has been busy with the  
following:*

- *Presenting at the Early Learning Caucus on March 5th*
- *Supporting the State Home Visiting Leadership team work and representing the voice of Home Visitors on the Mental Health Task Force*
- *Finalizing session content and details for an incredible Collaborative Learning Day*
- *Planning for the All Members Meeting*

*Following our Collaborative Learning Day on April 23rd, we will begin planning for trainings in the 2025-26 program year. What training needs do you or your program have? Please reach out and share them with us here:*



*Warm Regards,*

*Hilary Koehn*

Hilary Koehn  
Executive Director

• HAPPY •  
April



## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

### DIRECTOR

#### ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- *WE CAN'T WAIT FOR  
COLLABORATIVE  
LEARNING DAY IN  
MANHATTAN ON APRIL  
23RD*



# BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSES

## SUCCESS STORY

Mom did a really good job today giving each child her attention. She interacted with all three of them. She let two children play with the pretend food, and grocery cart, while she worked with the other child on social emotional. She let one child use one of her baby dolls (instead of a teddy bear) because she said she is very attached to her babies and felt she would understand the activity better if she used her baby doll. She spoke to the child in a very caring voice and asked her how her baby was feeling? The child rocked her baby, back and forth. Mom did a good job taking turns with her baby and showed her how the baby might behave based on the different emotions.

- 13 NEW REFERRALS
- 74 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 39 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



# KPATA Collaborative Learning Day

CHECK OUT THE [EVENT WEBSITE](#)  
WITH ALL THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION



**REGISTER BY  
APRIL 11TH!**



**April 23rd  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
KSTATE Alumni Center  
1720 Anderson Ave  
Manhattan, KS**



**WORKSHOP**

**style**

**Learning**

**REGISTER NOW**

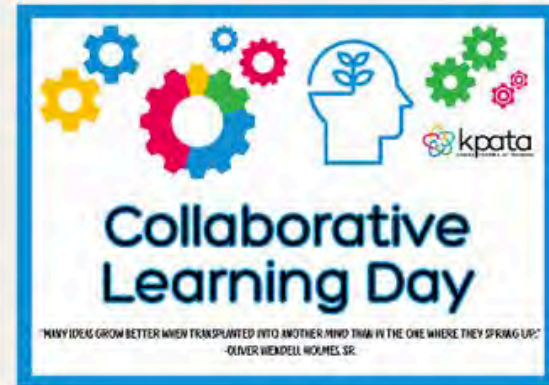




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## Parking Reminder



Parking passes are required to park at the K-State Alumni Center. We recommend reserving parking ahead of time.



**Day passes are \$6.**

Scan the QR Code or click to [purchase a pass online](#). You will need to create an account and complete the vehicle registration in order to purchase a pass.

The parking garage is located across the street from the Alumni Center.

**\*Note:** If you are staying at the Holiday Inn & Suites, it is a short walk across the street and you may remain parked there all day and therefore would not need a parking pass.



# 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](#)**





# Upcoming KPATA Trainings



KPATA and KDHE are Pleased to Host:

## ADDRESSING TOBACCO USE IN THE HOME

Presenters are Matthew Schrock & Finn Lanning from KDHE

**Description:** We have all heard that a tobacco-free environment is the safest environment for everyone. This webinar will provide tools for you to encourage and congratulate parents who plan/hope to quit tobacco. Motivate them to ask more questions and feel comfortable accessing the multiple free resources available in Kansas to assist them. Let them know that they can quit and stay quit by participating in a tobacco dependency treatment counseling program.

### Learning Objectives:

- ☒ Increase knowledge about the harms of secondhand smoke, thirdhand smoke, and vaping, especially for children.
- ☒ Understand why tobacco-free environments protect children and families.
- ☒ Be familiar with challenges in quitting tobacco, cessation resources and the free Kansas Tobacco Quitline services.
- ☒ Consider conversations with parents and others about limiting or quitting tobacco use and referring them to cessation resources.

## May 14th 1:00-2:30

**[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



**NEW  
UPDATE**





# National Home Visiting Week

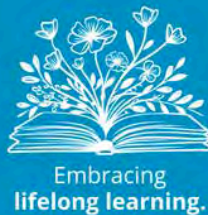
April 21-25, 2025

The inaugural National Home Visiting Week (NHVW) will take place **April 21-25, 2025**, an observance to celebrate and recognize home visitors and the positive impact they make on maternal and child health outcomes.

The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals, an organization focused on strengthening home visiting and human service programs across the country, is collaborating with nonprofit partners and elected officials to organize the event.

## Being a Home Visitor means...

**Seeing the good in people** even when they can't see it in themselves.



Embracing lifelong learning.

**Being flexible and adaptable.**

No two days are the same and seldom does a day go as planned.

Believing that **change can happen.**

Acting as an **ambassador of hope.**



Being a **difference maker** and **change igniter.**

**Uplifting and empowering** everyone you serve.



**Leaving the world a better place,** one visit at a time.

Remaining **unshaken by challenge.**

Understanding **small steps** lead to **big changes.**



**Institute**  
for the Advancement of  
Family Support Professionals



# All Members Meeting



*Click  
Here* →

## JOIN HERE

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!*



# Supporting Care Providers



## Exciting News: Supporting Care Providers Expands and Evolves!

### **From Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium to Supporting Care Providers of Kansas**

Since 2006, the Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium has been dedicated to empowering care providers through personalized home visits. We're thrilled to announce a significant milestone in our journey: a new partnership with the Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA) and a name change to **Supporting Care Providers of Kansas!**

This exciting evolution allows us to broaden our reach and further strengthen our commitment to supporting those who provide essential care within our communities.

### **Focusing on Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) Care**

Our program currently focuses on providing vital home visiting services to Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) child care providers residing in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties who care for children of color or children from low-income families.

FFN care plays a crucial role in the lives of many families. It encompasses child care provided by individuals with an existing relationship to the child, outside of traditional, licensed settings. This often includes grandparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, close friends, and trusted neighbors.

FFN care is characterized by its informal, relationship-based nature, offering families flexibility and often incorporating culturally relevant practices and language. Whether paid or unpaid, this form of care is indispensable, especially for families facing limited access to formal child care options.

### **What Does Supporting Care Providers of Kansas Offer?**

Our program provides valuable resources and support through personalized home visits, empowering FFN care providers to create enriching and nurturing environments for the children in their care.

We utilize the Parents as Teachers Supporting Care Providers Through Personal Visits Curriculum, ensuring evidence-based practices are shared during each home visit. In addition to personalized guidance, providers also receive children's books and curriculum materials to support their caregiving efforts. This provides them with tangible tools to enhance learning and development in the children they care for. Services are provided in both English and Spanish, ensuring accessibility for a wider range of providers. We offer guidance on child development, age-appropriate activities, and strategies to enhance the caregiving experience.

### **Learn More and Join Us!**

For more information about the Supporting Care Providers of Kansas program, please visit our webpage:

<https://kpata.org/supporting-care-providers-of-kansas/>

We are currently enrolling providers in these communities! If you know someone who would qualify for our services, please reach out to **Maria Rios** at [mrrios@kpata.org](mailto:mrrios@kpata.org) or call/text **913-731-4834** for further information to connect them with this valuable resource. Together, we can strengthen the support network for children and families in Kansas.



# Just 10 Minutes Launches

**CHECK OUT THIS  
NEW RESOURCE!**



**just 10 minutes**

**CLICK HERE**

With Just 10 Minutes a day of focused, distraction-free connection, you can nurture meaningful relationships, support your child's growth, and build a foundation for thriving families and resilient communities.

A partnership with Sing.Play.Love, KPATA, KHSA, and Advent Health.

**ASK:** We need more creators. Please help us locate more people who can write up activities for us to share with families. Do you know of a parent/grandparent or educator who has great ideas for spending time with their kids? This is a low involvement commitment. Please ask them to contact Hilary (hkoe@kpata.org) if they are interested in joining us!



# New Social Media Resource



**ATTN: KPATA  
MEMBERS**

## **JOIN THE “KPATA SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECT” FACEBOOK GROUP**

OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE A PLACE TO ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE IDEAS, AND BRAINSTORM ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA OF ANY KIND. THIS GROUP IS FOR ANY KPATA MEMBER TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER.

[KPATA MEMBERS](#)  
[JOIN HERE](#)



# Drug Endangered Children Conference



## KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 | 8AM - 5PM

### 2025 KADEC Conference

Tuesday, April 8 • 8:00am – 5:00pm

Kansas State Alumni Center • 1720 Anderson Ave, Manhattan, KS

This conference will focus on educating professionals (including child welfare, legal, medical and social service) who may have an opportunity to identify and/or respond to children living in environments where illegal drugs are manufactured, sold, distributed or used. Children living in drug environments are at risk for devastating effects including severe neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse and developmental delays.

**REGISTER HERE**





# Maternal Mortality Prevention



Save the date to join us **August 7-8, 2025**, for A Million Moments for Maternal Mortality Prevention: Addressing maternal mortality at the intersection of physical and mental health, substance use and intimate partner violence.

Brought to you by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and partners, this conference will explore the complex intersections of physical and mental health, substance use, and intimate partner violence – key drivers of maternal mortality in Kansas. Collaborative sessions will give attendees tools and actionable solutions needed to provide responsive, compassionate care and foster interdisciplinary partnerships that increase access to resources and promote safer, healthier environments for mothers and families.

Free to attend, and continuing education (CE) credits will be available. Additional details and registration, coming soon. Until then, please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Questions? Contact [kcc@ku.edu](mailto:kcc@ku.edu)



# KAIMH Conference



KAIMH Conference 2025

May 1 & 2, 2025

Salina, Kansas

Doors open 7:30 am both days,  
sessions start 8:30 am.

Location: Trinity Methodist Church,  
901 E Neal Ave., Salina, KS 67401

## Thursday Keynote



**Tabatha Rosproy**

**"From Tiny Seeds Grow  
Mighty Trees"**

10.5 hours of KDHE approved in-service

## Friday Breakout Sessions

A Child's Brain; Some Assembly Required  
Supervision for Clinical Services in Infant  
Mental Health Services

The HOPEful Classroom: Integrating  
ACEs and PCEs for Student Success

Breastfeeding's Impact on Mental Health

Safety in Early Childhood Visitation

Early Learning - Behavior Interventions  
and Strategies

Community, Loneliness, Belonging, and  
Othering, in Infant Mental Health

## Evening Mixer

5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Salina Art Center, 242 S Santa Fe Ave  
Join us for appetizers, mocktails, art and trivia as we celebrate  
30 years of service!

Details and registration at [kaimh.org](http://kaimh.org)



## May 1, 2025

This day is filled with keynote speaker, Tabatha Rosproy and her presentation, "From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees." Tabatha is the 2020 National Teacher of the Year and early childhood educator. Her keynote will explore how to cultivate tiny seeds of joy in our lives that will sustain us through challenges and reinvigorate our passion. Tabatha will use her background in improvisational comedy and knowledge of play-based practices to help us take an active role living lives of joy!

We invite participants to join us for an evening mixer to celebrate our 30 years of service with appetizers, art, mocktails and trivia at the Salina Art Center in downtown Salina.

## May 2, 2025

Breakout sessions this day include:  
A Child's Brain; Some Assembly Required  
Supervision for Clinical Services in Infant Mental  
Health Services  
The HOPEful Classroom: Integrating ACEs and  
PCEs for Student Success  
Safety in Early Childhood Visitation  
Breastfeeding's Impact on Mental Health  
Early Learning - Behavior Interventions and  
Strategies  
Community, Loneliness, Belonging, and  
Othering, in Infant Mental Health  
Nurturing Minds: An Introduction to PAX for Early  
Childhood Mental Health

[More Details Here](#)



# Breastfeeding Message of the Month



Kansas  
Breastfeeding  
Coalition, Inc.

## DID YOU KNOW?

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN CACFP RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AND SNACKS WHEN AN INFANT IS PROVIDED WITH PUMPED BREAST MILK OR IS BREAST ON SITE, EVEN AFTER THE CHILD'S FIRST BIRTHDAY. CACFP BEST PRACTICE ENCOURAGES PERSONS TO SUPPLY BREAST MILK FOR THEIR INFANTS IN CHILD CARE AND OFFER A QUIET, AREA THAT IS COMFORTABLE AND SANITARY FOR PERSONS WHO COME ON-SITE TO BREASTFEED. BREAST MILK CAN BE USED TO MEET THE FLUID MILK REQUIREMENT IN THE CACFP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OVER 12 MONTHS OF AGE. ANOTHER BENEFIT TO PARTICIPATING IN THE CACFP IS ACCESS TO FREE TRAINING! JOIN THE CACFP PROGRAM. CALL 785-296-2276 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

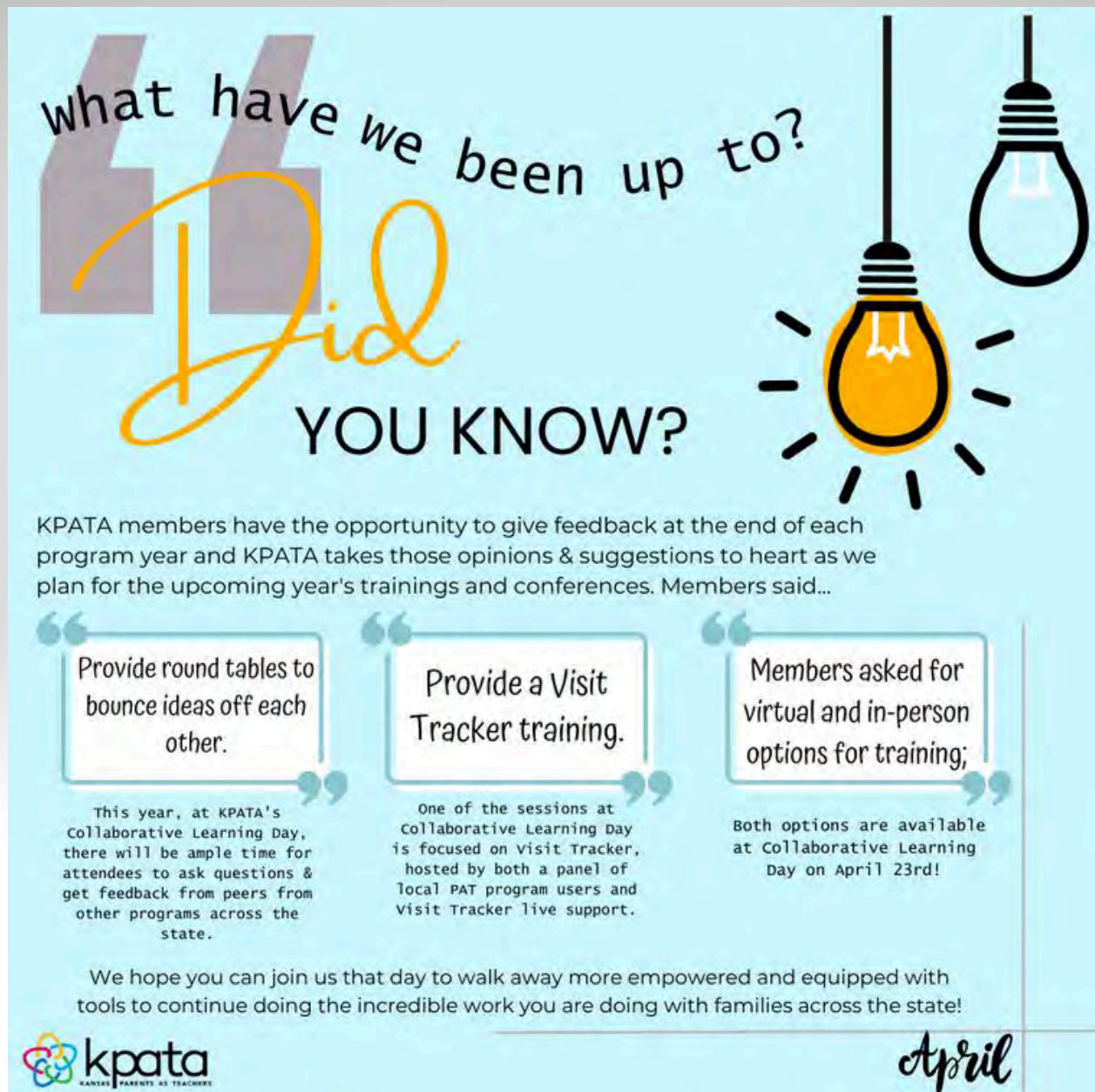
LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW CACFP SUPPORTS BREASTFEEDING: [CLICK HERE](#)

Breastfeeding helps child care providers save money.



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What have we been up to?

*Did*  
YOU KNOW?

KPATA members have the opportunity to give feedback at the end of each program year and KPATA takes those opinions & suggestions to heart as we plan for the upcoming year's trainings and conferences. Members said...

“Provide round tables to bounce ideas off each other.”

This year, at KPATA's Collaborative Learning Day, there will be ample time for attendees to ask questions & get feedback from peers from other programs across the state.


“Provide a Visit Tracker training.”

One of the sessions at Collaborative Learning Day is focused on Visit Tracker, hosted by both a panel of local PAT program users and Visit Tracker live support.

“Members asked for virtual and in-person options for training;”

Both options are available at Collaborative Learning Day on April 23rd!

We hope you can join us that day to walk away more empowered and equipped with tools to continue doing the incredible work you are doing with families across the state!

 **kpata**  
KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS

*April*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 17TH - CHILD ABUSE TRAINING
- 18TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 23RD- COLLABORATIVE LEARNING DAY

### MAY

- 14TH - TOBACCO USE TRAINING
- 16TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

