



Collaborative Learning Day

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

Thank you to all who participated!

**WE WOULD
LOVE YOUR
FEEDBACK!**

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May 1, 2025

Dear KPATA Members,
How did May get here so fast? I hope that you are taking the time to enjoy some sunshine and beautiful flowers! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Collaborative Learning Day in Manhattan!

NEVER
STOP
LEARNING

During April, KPATA was very busy with the following:

- Delivering professional development through our Collaborative Learning Day
- Meeting with All Members to share about the work of KPATA during the last year
- Working to set goals for the next year and gather feedback from members to help frame our planning

We are currently working to plan 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

Hello
May



A NOTE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FEEDBACK FORM FOR COLLABORATIVE LEARNING DAY
- ADD YOUR IDEAS FOR TRAINING (NEXT YEAR) BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCSESSES

SUCCESS STORY

Mom has been very attentive on all of our visits. She has continued to use some of the activities I brought such as nursery rhymes and is always eager to show me what new things [child] is doing. This month Mom got [child] in to get his immunizations up to date and has reported that she made a WIC appt. I also made a referral to the infant toddler program. Mom signed for services for physical therapy for [child]. While he does not have any current delays, there is concern that he will be in the future if he does not receive physical therapy now for a congenital birth defect. Mom was happy to learn that physical therapy will be able to come to her as she does not have transportation. Dad has been a participant on 2 of the visits this month. While Mom seems to be the primary caregiver, Dad is able to tell me about [child]'s day and what he likes and dislikes.

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



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

Kansas Parent Educator of the year




DO YOU WORK WITH THE:

KS PARENT EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



KPATA WILL RECOGNIZE THE EXCELLENCE BEING PROVIDED TO KANSAS FAMILIES BY AWARDING A "KANSAS PARENT EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR" DESIGNATION TO AN OUTSTANDING PAT PARENT EDUCATOR.



WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

FREE KPATA
MEMBERSHIP
TO NOMIATOR

\$100 GIFT CARD
TO WINNER

RECOGNITION FROM
KS DEPT OF
EDUCATION



Scan QR Code to nominate

OR
CLICK
TO



Nominate Here

Just 10 Minutes Resource



Just 10 Minutes a Day Can Change Everything

Stronger bonds. Happier kids. Healthier families.

At Just 10 Minutes, we believe every child deserves to feel deeply connected to their family. Small moments of undistracted interaction can make a powerful impact on a child's emotional well-being, brain development, and social skills. We empower families to embrace these moments, "just 10 minutes" of intentional, quality time each day. Through resources and inspiration, we help families strengthen their bonds and create lasting memories, proving that every minute spent in connection truly counts.

With Just 10 Minutes You Can:

- Nurture lasting bonds
- Support holistic growth
- Build resilient and loving communities

Adventure awaits. Join the fun.

Make the most of the moments that matter. Head to our website to learn more about Just 10 Minutes, discover opportunities to get involved, and explore engaging screen-free activities filled with fun!



www.justtenminutes.org

In partnership with:



Free Suicide Prevention Trainings



Mental Health
FIRST AID

RSVP

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)

6/20 - Garden City

5/2 - DCCCA building - Topeka

YMHFA teaches participants how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18, how to respond to a crisis, and how to connect them to help.

YMHFA is designed for any adult who works with youth or has young people in their lives.

This training is 8 hours.



ASIST

To register for ASIST training please email training@acmhck.org for seats.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

6/2-6/3 Wichita - DCCCA Building

6/5-6/6 Garden City - St Catherine Hospital

6/19-6/20 Hays - USD 489 District Building

6/15-6/16 Parsons - Labette Center

ASIST is for anyone 16 years of age or older who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. ASIST is a resource for the whole community. It helps people apply suicide first-aid in many settings: with family, friends, co-workers, teammates and formal caregiving roles.

ASIST is a two day in person training.

Campaign to Support Hunger Free Kansas



HUNGER FREE

K A N S A S

Kansas Leadership Center partners with Kansas Health Foundation to launch a mass action campaign supporting Hunger Free Kansas

Up to 70 mini grants of < \$5,000 awarded

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is launching a mass action campaign on hunger and food insecurity to support the Kansas Health Foundation's (KHF) [Hunger Free Kansas](#) initiative. **Through May 16**, KHF is accepting applications from Kansas organizations and community partners with innovative ideas for making a difference on the issue. KLC will select up to 70 submissions to receive a mini grant for as much as \$5,000 to put the project in action with support and training provided by KLC.

[Read More](#)

Supporting Care Providers



Supporting Care Providers of Kansas: Growing and Making a Difference!



Following our exciting transition and partnership with KPATA, Supporting Care Providers of Kansas remains dedicated to empowering Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) child care providers in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. April saw significant progress with four new providers enrolling, thanks to Maria Rios' outreach in Johnson and Wyandotte County elementary schools and PAT programs.

Our program's impact is positive: 100% of participating providers report an improved learning environment due to our home visiting services and resources. As one provider shared, "Maria has been very helpful when providing information that is helping me learn to make changes to how I provide care."

We are currently enrolling providers in Johnson and Wyandotte County communities! If you know someone providing FFN care for children birth to five who would like more information on program enrollment or to schedule Maria for an in-person staff meeting, please reach out to her at mrrios@kpata.org or call/text 913-731-4834. Learn more about our program and connect with us at <https://kpata.org/supporting-care-providers-of-kansas/>.

Let's work together to ensure that all FFN care providers in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties have the support they need to thrive.



Supporting Care Providers is Hiring



[Job Description](#)

[Apply Here](#)



We're Hiring

PROVIDER EDUCATOR

View the job description:
[Job Description](#)

To apply, please submit cover letter,
resume, and names/contact info of
three professional references
to Rebecca Stewart, Supporting Care
Providers of Kansas Program Director
(rstewart@kpata.org).



The position will remain open until
filled.

A PARTNERSHIP

Supporting Care Providers of Kansas



Meet your 2025-2026 KPATA Board of Officers



President-

Amber Dejmal

**serving second year of term in 2025*

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Dana Clary

**serving second year of term in 2025*

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Janet Cody

**serving second year of term in 2025*

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**serving second year of term in 2025*

NE Regional Director 2-

Stacie Daniels

SW Regional Director-

Vacant

SC Regional Director-

Maria Torres

SE Regional Director-

Kelly Peak

**serving second year of term in 2025*

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.

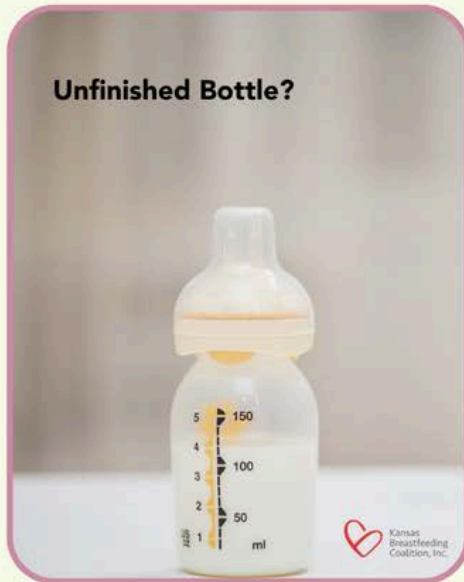
Brought to you by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and partners, this conference will explore the complex intersections of physical and mental health, substance use, and intimate partner violence – key drivers of maternal mortality in Kansas. Collaborative sessions will give attendees 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

Breastfeeding Message of the Month

THE UNFINISHED BOTTLE



CHILD CARE PROVIDERS KNOW THE BABIES IN THEIR CARE!

THEY KNOW WHEN A BABY IS "DOZING" OR NOT FULLY ENGAGED DURING A FEEDING. BREAST MILK IN AN UNFINISHED BOTTLE DOES NOT NEED TO BE DISCARDED IMMEDIATELY IF A BABY DOZES DURING A FEEDING.

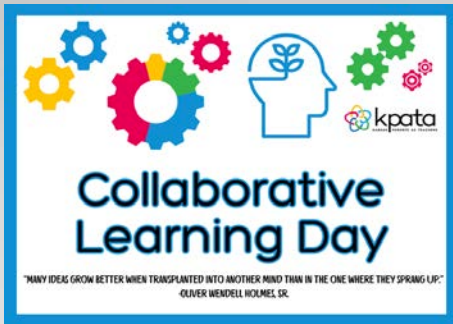
A 1-2 HOUR "WINDOW" FOR THE INFANT TO CONTINUE FEEDING FROM THE SAME BOTTLE IS ACCEPTABLE AND IN LINE WITH KDHE REGULATIONS KAR 28-4-116(E)(1)(C) AND KAR 28-4-440(P)(5).

CDC GUIDELINES FOR BREAST MILK STORAGE AND HANDLING AND CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN NUTRITION FOR INFANTS ALLOW UP TO 2 HOURS BEFORE DISCARDING THE CONTENTS OF AN UNFINISHED BOTTLE OF BREAST MILK.



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.

THIS MINIMIZES WASTING BREAST MILK AS PARENTS MAY NOT HAVE EXTRA. SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THE UNFINISHED BOTTLE PROBLEM? START WITH SMALLER AMOUNTS OF BREAST MILK IN THE BOTTLE AND ADD BREAST MILK IF THE INFANT NEEDS MORE. AFTER 2 HOURS, DISCARD THE REMAINING BREAST MILK.



**We would appreciate
your feedback!**



Thank You

to all those that planned, organized,
attended, and lead sessions for
KPATA Collaborative Learning Day!

What a successfully positive way to learn & grow
and we are grateful for every partnership!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

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

JUNE

- 20TH - KPATA
BOARD MEETING
- 30TH - LAST DAY OF
THE PROGRAM
YEAR (ALL BRIGHT
FUTURES REPORTS
ARE DUE BY JULY
1ST!)

