



parents as
teachers
DAY NOV. 8,
2025

[**View the Toolkit**](#)

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Dear KPATA Members,

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." — Unknown

As autumn settles in and the year begins to wind down, November invites reflection on what has been accomplished and what lies ahead. This season reminds us of the power of gratitude—gratitude for the people, partnerships, and purpose that drive our work forward.

KPATA has been busy with the following during October:

- *Reviewing input from the work completed at the State Home Visiting Conference*
- *Attending the Early Childhood Mental Health Convening*
- *Attending the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to share about PAT services*
- *Creating videos for social media to advocate and educate about the importance of home visiting*

As many of you are aware, November 8th is National PAT Day! If you haven't already, take a peek at the toolkit. It can be found here:



Proud to recognize the impact of parent educators and home visiting programs. Every family deserves to feel seen, supported, and strengthened.

Regards,

Hilary Koehn

Hilary Koehn
Executive Director

November



A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HELP BUILD STRONG FAMILIES AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES - ONE HOME VISIT AT A TIME.
#PARENTSASTEACHERSDAY
- CHECK OUT THE PAT DAY TOOLKIT

BRIGHT FUTURES SUCSESSES

SUCCESS STORY

Mom obtained medical insurance this month.. She has been in contact with ITS and has an evaluation at the beginning of the month. Mom has seen some progress in the motor area of development and therefore is not as worried as she previously was. Child is fully up to date with well child visits and immunizations. Mom is starting to work on baby proofing and shows clear understanding on how to keep the baby safe. Mom still engages well in visits and notifies parent educator with development updates or the need to reschedule.

- 20 NEW REFERRALS
- 83 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 38 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



KPATA Trainings

A Training for KPATA Members



More Helpful Help

A Deeper Dive Into
Motivational Interviewing

Presented by: Scott Kerby

We frequently work with people who are stuck with one leg on either side of the ambivalence fence—and despite our best efforts can't seem to help them get moving towards change. In this 90 minute refresher we will further explore the ability to cultivate change talk to help resolve ambivalence (get that other leg over the fence). Along the way we will review the skills that help us truly partner with others to make meaningful connections that allow us to effectively guide our clients to the change they decide to make.

NOV 14TH

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM



Objectives:

1. Define and recognize the different types of change and sustain talk (key MI concepts)
2. Review how empathy and reflective skills earn our way into the “front seat” with the client.
3. Recognize how the Fixing (righting) Reflex hinders our ability to help others build their own intrinsic motivation for change.

Register Here!

KPATA Trainings

ZOOM SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

Provided for free by Safe Sleep
Instructor Jenny Johnston

December 3rd @
5:00 pm

- ✓ 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



2025-2026

KPATA Training Calendar

Remember!

A KPATA Membership is required in order to attend our trainings.

You can purchase your 2025-2026 Membership (Training Pass) below!

Register



TRAINING SCHEDULE
PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2025-2026

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Share & Show Our Favorites Book, activity enhancement, resource, song or fingerplay 7/17 1:00-2:30 PM	CONVERSATIONS ^{KS} Communities 8/21 1:00-2:00 PM	PAT Engage Starting at Square 1 9/19 1:00-2:30 PM
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Understanding NEURODIVERSITY SARAH JONES/KCCTO 10/3 1:00-2:30 PM	Motivational Interviewing Refresher Scott Kerby 11/14 1:00-2:30 PM	CATCH UP
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Intimate Partner Violence survivor-informed insights Kristina Scott-KCSDV 1/15 10:00-11:30 AM	HOPE TRAINING Dana Book/KCSL 2/19 1:00-3:00 PM	MATERNAL DEPRESSION Robert Ammerman/CCHMC MOVING BEYOND DEPRESSION TRAINER 3/27 1:00-2:00 PM
APRIL	MAY	OTHER NOTES:
Child Abuse and Neglect Valeria Adame/KCSL 4/9 1:00-2:30 PM	Vaping Products and Treatment Resources Matthew Schrock/KANQUIT 5/7 1:00-2:00 PM	* Please use Dec. to catch up on a recorded training * No Training in June

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT

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KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Facilitated Attuned Interactions Training

Erikson Institute

FAN (Facilitating Attuned Interactions) Training

What is FAN?

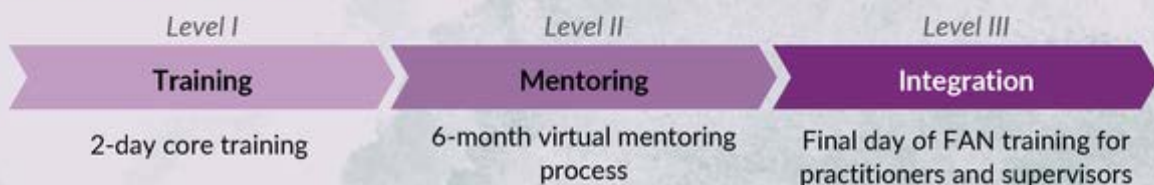
FAN (Facilitating Attuned Interactions) is a conceptual model and communication tool designed to help build stronger, more responsive relationships among professionals in the early childhood workforce. FAN emphasizes attunement, connection, and reflective practice as keys to supporting change.



Who It's For

This training is designed for individuals who provide coaching, consultation, and/or supervision to Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Professionals and families.

Training Structure



Cohort Schedule

- Cohort 2: January, 2026
- Cohort 3: July 2026

Training Details Cohort 2

-  January 7 - 8, 2026
-  9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
-  K-State Alumni Center

Apply Now

Visit our application page to learn more about FAN training and complete the registration form.

<https://kccto.org/fan-training/>



Apply by December 12, 2025



Just 10 Minutes



Fill out our form
to share your
ideas with us!



Submit your idea



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 WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS OF FUN FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITIES A CHILD CAN ENJOY WITH THEIR FAMILY IN "JUST TEN MINUTES!"! FILL OUT OUR FORM BELOW TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Days at the Capitol

EARLY LEARNING ADVOCACY
DAY AT THE KANSAS
STATE CAPITOL

**FEB.
25TH
2026**

HOME VISITING PROGRAM
ADVOCACY DAY AT THE
KANSAS CAPITOL

**MAR.
4TH
2026**

**SAVE
THE
DATES**





PAT ACROSS KANSAS SUCCESS STORIES



I can still remember a call from one of our parent educators several months ago explaining about a crisis situation with one of her families. Mom was so traumatized by the situation she felt unsure she could recover and keep her children. She struggled to see past the moment, but the parent educator knew the decision to give up her children would break this mama's heart.

Our parent educator worked with our program, partnering agencies, and mom to create a village of support for the family so they could stay together. Not only has the family stayed together, mom is working to put support in place through early intervention programs and the school district for her children so they can succeed in school and life.

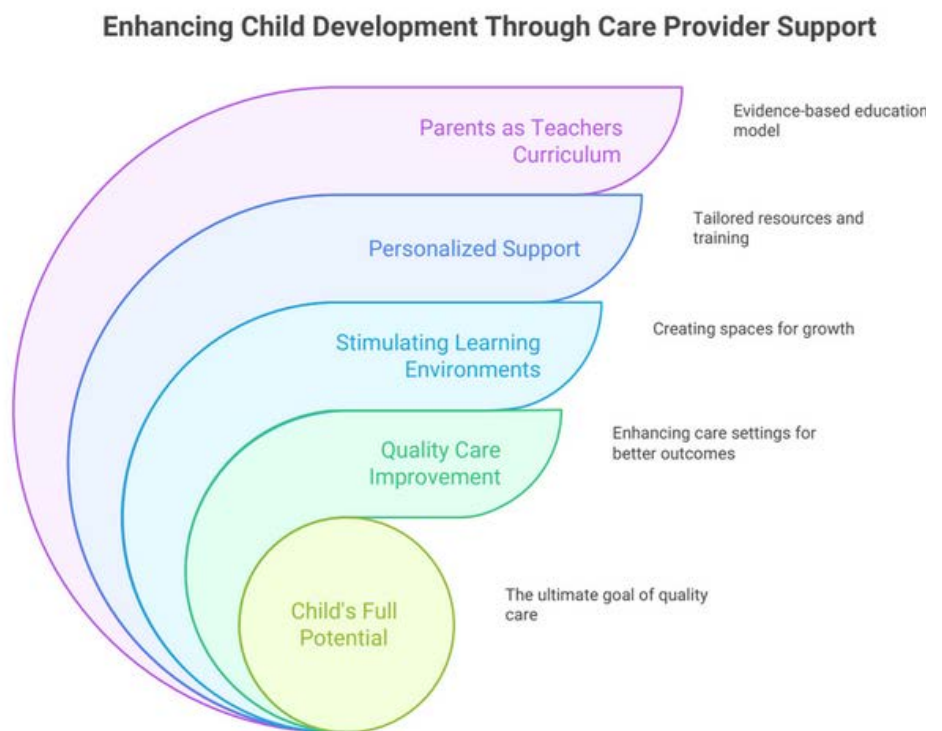
Mom has demonstrated tremendous resilience and continues to grow in her parenting skills with each visit.

SUPPORTING CARE PROVIDERS

Our Impact: Raising the Quality of Care

We are actively working to raise the quality of care provided by FFN providers throughout Kansas. Our program offers home visiting services, utilizing the Parents as Teachers Supporting Care Providers Through Personal Visits Curriculum, to help providers strengthen their skills and create high-quality learning environments.

- The Parents as Teachers curriculum is an evidence-based model that focuses on provider education and child development.
- Our home visiting services provide FFN providers with personalized support, resources, and training.
- We help providers create stimulating learning environments that promote children's cognitive, social, and emotional growth.
- By improving the quality of care, we are helping the children in FFN settings succeed and reach their full potential.
- We offer resources and support on topics such as child development, positive discipline, health and safety, and early literacy.
- Our program aims to empower FFN providers to create nurturing and enriching experiences for the children in their care.



Supporting Care Providers



Calling Johnson and Wyandotte County FFN Care Providers!



We are currently enrolling FFN care providers in Johnson and Wyandotte County communities! If you know someone providing Family, Friend, and Neighbor care for children birth to five who would like more information on program enrollment, please reach out to Maria at mrrios@kpata.org or call/text 913-731-4834.



Parent Educator of the Year

Congratulations!

GEORGE VEGA

PARENT EDUCATOR OF THE
YEAR (TURNER PAT)

BRITTNIE BRAKE

PARENT'S CHOICE - PARENT
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
(GROWING FUTURES EEC)



[Read More](#)

Congratulations!

Congratulations



MARICELA HERNANDEZ

CONGRATULATIONS TO HARVEY COUNTY PARENTS AS TEACHERS
PARENT EDUCATOR, MARICELA HERNANDEZ, FOR BEING NAMED A
HARVEY COUNTY 4 UNDER 40 FINALIST!

MARICELA WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HER PASSION FOR MATERNAL/CHILD
CARE AND UTILIZING HER BILINGUAL SKILLS TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS
ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES.

SHE IS PICTURED HERE WITH HARVEY COUNTY PAT COORDINATOR,
BRITTANY DENSON.

**Harvey
County
4 under 40
Finalist!**

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), THE LOWER THEIR RISK OF SIDS UP TO 60%. EVEN AS LITTLE AS TWO MONTHS OF 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](#).

Breastfeeding reduces the risk of SIDS



October is
National Safe Sleep &
SIDS Awareness Month

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.



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.

Tobacco Use Prevention Resources



Being tobacco-free is important for you and your child's health. It's not too late to stop smoking, even if you've tried before. The Kansas Tobacco Quitline is free and available 24/7 for all Kansans.

PROMOTE THE KANSAS TOBACCO QUITLINE

PROVIDING TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENTS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS CAN DO FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH. THERE IS NO RISK-FREE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND AND THIRDHAND SMOKE.

PROVIDERS ARE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO FAMILIES ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENTS AND REFER PARENTS TO THE [KANSAS TOBACCO QUITLINE](#) IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN QUITTING SMOKING OR VAPING.

THE KANSAS TOBACCO QUITLINE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, ONLINE AND BY PHONE AT [KSQUIT.ORG](#) OR 1-800-QUIT-NOW. FIND OUT [MORE INFORMATION ABOUT QUITTING SMOKING AND VAPING.](#)

ORDER ENGLISH AND SPANISH PRINT COPIES OF THE [EARLY CHILDHOOD AND TOBACCO RACK CARD](#) TO ASSIST IN THESE CONVERSATIONS BY VISITING [KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT'S WEBSITE](#) AND CLICKING ON ORDER FREE MATERIALS ON THE RIGHT SIDE. THEY WILL BE SHIPPED TO YOU FOR FREE.

what have we been up to?

Did
YOU KNOW?



KPATA has started creating videos as part of a new social media campaign to shine a light on the incredible work of Parents as Teachers (PAT) home visits!

You can find these videos on any of KPATA's social media outlets, and we highly encourage members and their programs to re-share them on your own program pages to help spread the word about what PAT is all about.

KPATA's goal in sharing these videos is to provide programs with ready-to-use tools that are comprehensive, engaging, and easily accessible.

Let's work together to showcase the amazing impact of PAT!

[View the latest
video here!](#)



November

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 4TH - ELECTION DAY
- 14TH - MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING TRAINING
- 21ST - KPATA BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER

- 19TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- NO TRAININGS THIS MONTH - CATCH UP ON A RECORDING

