



**KPATA CONFERENCE  
2026**

**LEARNING  
SESSION  
REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN!**

*Click Here!*

**TO SELECT YOUR  
SESSIONS!**

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# KPATA Conference 2026

ARE YOU READY FOR KPATA  
CONFERENCE 2026?

WATCH THE VIDEO BELOW  
FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



*Still need to register?*

Last chance! Register by end of day April 3rd!

LAST CHANCE

CLICK HERE 

LAST CHANCE

# KPATA Conference 2026



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## IT'S TIME TO SELECT YOUR LEARNING SESSIONS!



**3:00 PM  
- 4:15 PM**

### APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - DAY 1 SESSIONS

- The CARE Framework: A Relationship-Base Approach to Mindful Parenting & Family Resilience
- PAT Phases of Development: Part I Birth-8 months
- Better Brains for Babies: The Power of Play and Consistency to build Attachment
- My Favorite Visit!
- Notice What's Working: Strengthening Parent-Child Connections Through Positive Experiences

**9:10 AM -  
10:25 AM**

### APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> - DAY 2 SESSIONS

- Check Up from the Neck Up: Basics of Mental Health
- PAT Phases of Development: Part II 8-36 months
- Trust the Process - Building in Reflective Supervision
- Screen Smarts
- 12 Months of Group Connections: For Rural Communities and Beyond!

**CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS**

# KPATA Conference 2026

**RESERVE BEFORE  
APRIL 14TH!**



**ASK for the “Block Rate” for the KPATA Conference**

## RECOMMENDED HOTEL OPTIONS:

### Fairfield Inn & Suites Wichita Downtown

525 S Main St, Wichita, KS 67202

(316) 201-1400, Option 0

Rate is \$139 for each room per  
night

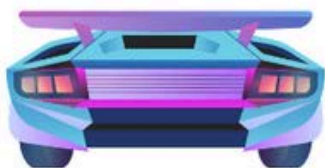
Code KPATA Conference

Breakfast and parking included

All reservations must be made  
before

**April 14, 2026**

[Reserve Rooms Online Here](#)



**KPATA 2026  
CONFERENCE**

***Hotel Info***

### Hilton Garden Inn Bradley Fair

2041 North Bradley Fair Parkway

Wichita, KS 67206 (closer to shops)

316-219-4444

[Hiltonbradleyfair.com](http://Hiltonbradleyfair.com)

Rate is \$134

Group code KPAA

Includes hot breakfast

Cut off for this rate is **April 14th, 2026**

**\*Remember to mention TAX EXEMPT  
and KPATA Conference. Tax Exempt Certificate must  
be sent to hotel BEFORE arrival.**

If you need assistance please contact Amanda Winch at [awinch@kpata.org](mailto:awinch@kpata.org)

# KPATA Conference 2026

 **kpata**  
KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS

**COME HANG OUT**

**EVENING SOCIAL**

*Retro - dress in your favorite  
Back-to-the-Future Attire*

**29**  
APRIL

**POINT NINE**  
1539 N ANDOVER RD.  
ANDOVER, KS 67002

**5:45**  
PM

# BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESES

## SUCCESS STORY

Mom is attending school four evenings per week to complete a certification and pursue expanded employment opportunities. She has set a goal of establishing independent housing by April and remains motivated. Her support system is assisting with childcare while she works additional hours and completes coursework. At the last visit, we focused on language development, discussing ways to incorporate songs and rhymes into daily routines. Child enjoys finger plays and movement-based songs. We also introduced sign language and gestures as early communication tools, practicing several functional signs for use at home and daycare. Child showed recognition of some signs. Developmentally, Child demonstrated age-appropriate progress, including standing independently, taking a few steps, playing at an elevated surface, clapping, bouncing to music, and vocalizing during songs. Throughout the month, Mom showed strong determination, effective use of supports, and a clear focus on improving long-term stability while supporting Child's development.

- 11 NEW REFERRALS
- 72 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 38 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS





# PAT ACROSS KANSAS SUCCESS STORIES

## *A Letter from a Parent*

I am writing this letter to share my experience with the Parents as Teachers program and the support our family has received. I am a mother of four children—ages six, four, two, and three months old. Our family first began participating in 2020, when my oldest child was just shy of a year old. What began as Zoom sessions due to COVID has grown into five years of continued support for my children and my family.

When I first began services with Parents as Teachers, I felt both excited and nervous. As a new mom, I often questioned myself. My biggest worry was not knowing the skills I should be helping my child develop or how best to support his growth. I never wanted him to fall behind because of something I didn't know.

Part of that uncertainty came from something deeply personal. My mother passed away from cancer when I was 19 years old. As I stepped into motherhood, I felt the absence of her guidance more than ever. I longed for her reassurance and advice during those early stages of parenting. Without her, I often found myself doubting whether I was doing the right things.

Parents as Teachers became a source of support I didn't even realize I needed. Through this program, I gained a deeper understanding of child development and learned meaningful activities and games I could do at home to support my children's growth. The support provided continues to create opportunities for me to spend intentional, special time with my children while learning alongside them—and they absolutely love it.

My children have always looked forward to visits. When I asked my oldest what his favorite thing was, he replied, "All the fun things we get to do together." Each visit brings engaging, hands-on activities, and the kids eagerly wait to see what will be brought. Sometimes they are so excited they can hardly wait and start pulling everything out themselves.

This program has provided someone to turn to with questions, someone who listens without judgment, and a connection to resources in our community that I may not have known about otherwise. Through Parents as Teachers, we have attended events like Boo at the Zoo, the Teddy Bear Clinic at the mall, Family Reading Nights at the library, and Kansas Day at the History Center—to name a few. We have even had opportunities for playdates with other families. Through this program, we have also been connected to Infant Toddler Services, which is now providing my child with early intervention speech support.

Most importantly, Parents as Teachers has given me confidence. The encouragement and reassurance I've received have helped me believe in myself as a mother. This support has had a lasting impact on me and on my family. In many ways, it has helped fill a space of guidance that I had deeply missed. Because of that support, I stand here today more confident in the decisions I make as I raise my children to be strong, kind, and compassionate individuals.

Parents as Teachers does more than provide information—it provides connection, confidence, and support during one of the most important stages of a child's life. Programs like this strengthen families, empower parents, and give young children the strong start they deserve.

Thank you for supporting a program that has made such a meaningful difference for my family and for so many others across our communities.

Sincerely,  
A Proud Mother of Four

# KPATA Trainings

## Child Abuse & Neglect

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

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

APRIL 9th 1:00 - 2:30



**Presenter: Valeria Adame**

Kansas Children's Service League



**Kansas Children's Service League**  
Stronger families start here.

### 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 1.5 child care licensing hours.**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



# KPATA Trainings



KPATA and KDHE are Pleased to Host:

## Vaping Products and Treatment Resources

*Presenter: Matthew Schrock, MSW  
Tobacco Cessation Coordinator*

- ▶ May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- ▶ 1:00-2:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)



# KPATA Trainings

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER.

## Visit Tracker WEBINAR

Join Hilary & Sarah for Visit Tracker Office Hours!  
KPATA is here to support your Visit Tracker learning and success—and we want to hear from you. Beginning in April, Hilary and Sarah will host office hours designed to:

- \* Answer your questions
- \* Troubleshoot challenges you're experiencing
- \* Gather your feedback on what supports you need most
- \* Help you feel more confident and efficient using Visit Tracker

Whether you're brand new or have been using Visit Tracker for years, this is your space to connect, learn, and share.

### THIS MONTH'S FOCUS: YOUR VOICE

What's working? What's not? What do you need next? We're listening. Come as you are—stay for a few minutes or the full time. No question is too small, and your input helps shape future KPATA supports.



**Hilary Koehn**  
KPATA/  
VT User



**Sarah Berkley**  
Program Coordinator/  
VT User

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026 AT 3:00 PM**



# 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

### Share & Show Our Favorites

Book, activity enhancement, resource, song or fingerplay  
7/17 1:00-2:30 PM

★ AUGUST

### CONVERSATIONS <sup>KS</sup> Communities

8/21 1:00-2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

### PAT Engage Starting at Square 1

9/19 1:00-2:30 PM

★ OCTOBER

### Understanding NEURODIVERSITY

SARAH JONES/KCCTO  
10/3 1:00-2:30 PM

NOVEMBER

### Motivational Interviewing Refresher

Scott Kerby  
11/14 1:00-2:30 PM

DECEMBER

### CATCH UP

★ JANUARY

### Intimate Partner Violence survivor-informed insights

Kristina Scott-KCSDV  
1/15 10:00-11:30 AM

FEBRUARY

### HOPE TRAINING

Dana Book/KCSL  
2/19 1:00-3:00PM

MARCH

### MATERNAL DEPRESSION

Robert Ammerman/CCHMC  
MOVING BEYOND DEPRESSION TRAINER  
3/27 1:00-2:00 PM

★ APRIL

### Child Abuse and Neglect

Valeria Adame/KCSL  
4/9 1:00-2:30 PM

★ MAY

### Vaping Products and Treatment Resources

Matthew Schrock/KANQUIT  
5/7 1:00-2:00 PM

OTHER NOTES:

\* Please use Dec. to catch up on a recorded training

\* No Training in June

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT



# Safe Sleep Trainings



## More Upcoming Safe Sleep Trainings

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April 16<sup>th</sup>  
10am - 12pm

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All classes will be offered virtually on Microsoft Teams.  
Please email Linda Gallagher at  
[Linda.Gallagher@ks.gov](mailto:Linda.Gallagher@ks.gov) if you are interested in  
attending.



# Registration Now Open Care & Wellness Conference

A FREE EVENT FOR ALL FAMILIES & CARE PROFESSIONALS OF  
YOUNG CHILDREN!

## Care & Wellness Conference



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

### WICHITA, KS

Wichita State University's  
Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan  
Complex | 5015 East 29th St N

9:00am to 4:30pm



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

### SALINA, KS

Tony's Pizza Event Center  
800 The Midway, Salina

9:00am to 4:30pm



FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

### OLATHE, KS

KVC Ball Event Center  
21350 W 153rd St, Olathe

9:00am to 4:30pm



### Join us for this free event!

- Stipends available for participating families of young children (birth to five)
- State-approved professional development hours provided
- Connect with local early childhood professionals & families
- Expand your skills to support your role as a caregiver & professional
- Find helpful resources
- Lunch is provided

SCAN CODE OR  
VISIT LINK TO  
REGISTER FOR  
YOUR REGION:

SCAN ME



CLICK HERE



All In For  
Kansas Kids

# Drug Endangered Children Series

## Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Awareness Brown Bag Series

Join us from 12-1pm Central Time to learn more about drug endangered children from experts, those with lived experiences and professionals working to provide help, hope and support to children and families.

Register:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/bn9zqm9>

*Save the Dates* Wednesdays,  
April 1, 8, 15 & 29,  
2026

Brought to you in partnership by Shawnee County, Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and NADEC



April 22 is DEC Awareness Day - Join the National All Hands on DEC Call from 2-3pm Central Time

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/uzh237m>



*Brown Bag Sessions*



**April 1 - Fentanyl Overdose and Child Death Investigations: The Beautiful Giles Case Study** – Sgt Joseph DeRogatis, Palm Beach County Sheriff

**April 8 - Voices of Recovery** - Direct Experience Panel

**April 15 - Substance Use in Pregnancy - Red Flag or Red Herring?** - Dr. Margaret Sieger

**April 29 - Gas Station Dope: Understanding and Responding to Legal-But-Risky Substances** – Special Agent James Hixson, TBI

April 22 is DEC Awareness Day - Join the National All Hands on DEC Call from 2-3pm Central Time

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[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

# Perinatal Substance Use Training



**Kansas Children's Service League**  
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## **Perinatal Substance Use: Recognition, Reporting, and Supporting**

**April 9, 2026  
9:00am**

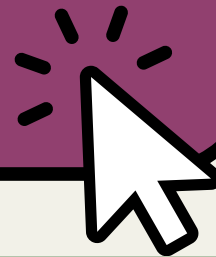
**This training will be co-presented by Kelsee Fout from KDHE and a Erica Hunter.**

**The training will be held virtually and is free to attend.**

**[Register Here](#)**

# KPATA All Members Meeting

[Click Here to Join](#)



## SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS



*via ZOOM*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH 2026

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 OF KANSAS IS NOW ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!*

*FOLLOW US TO JOIN OUR GROWING COMMUNITY AND STAY UPDATED ON THE LATEST NEWS AND RESOURCES.*





## CONNECT WITH OUR TEAM

Have questions about our program, eligibility, or how to get involved? Whether you are a family, an FFN provider, or a community partner, we would love to hear from you. Together, we are building a stronger Kansas for our children.

Reach out to us at:

**Becky Stewart/Program Director**

[rstewart@kpata.org](mailto:rstewart@kpata.org)

913-340-4574

**Maria Rios/Outreach-Recruitment Specialist**

[mrios@kpata.org](mailto:mrios@kpata.org)

913-731-4834

[HTTPS://KPATA.ORG/SUPPORTING-CARE-PROVIDERS-OF-KANSAS/](https://kpata.org/supporting-care-providers-of-kansas/)



# KS Home Visiting Conference

## Save the Date!

### KANSAS HOME VISITING *Conference*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

9:30AM TILL 3PM

IN PERSON!

CHANUTE

GARDEN CITY

HAYS

KANSAS CITY

TOPEKA

WICHITA



# Breastfeeding Message of the Month



Kansas  
Breastfeeding  
Coalition, Inc.

## UPCOMING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

BREASTFEEDING 101, ONLINE APRIL 16  
(8:30 A.M. - 12 P.M.)

BREASTFEEDING 201, ONLINE APRIL 16  
& 17 (1 - 5 P.M. EACH DAY)

HOSPITAL LACTATION SKILLS DAYS  
JUNE 8-12, IN TOPEKA, SALINA (2  
DAYS), AND GARDEN CITY.  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



What have we been up to?

Did  
YOU KNOW?



**Members asked... KPATA heard...  
Coming your way soon!**



After the last few KPATA Conferences, members' feedback was that the majority were not as interested in a Keynote Speaker and instead wanted more connection time and we are putting that into the works for the 2026 KPATA Conference!

Join us for our **License to Learn** Conference Opener—a dynamic networking experience that brings together the past, present, and future of PAT! It will be a time for purposeful connecting, collaborating, and learning from one another—we want your ideas, knowledge, and samples to help ignite conversations, accelerate innovation, and make every connection matter!

Can't wait to see you there!



April

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 9<sup>TH</sup> - CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT TRAINING
- 17<sup>TH</sup> - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 29<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> - KPATA CONFERENCE

### MAY

- 7<sup>TH</sup> - VAPE TRAINING
- 15<sup>TH</sup> - KPATA BOARD MEETING

