

January 2015 FCS E-NEWSletter

## Family and Consumer Sciences Update

*“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born,  
and the day you find out why.”* Mark Twain

As New Year resolutions are set and implemented, it makes sense to think about “why” we do things. That is why I have moved to this new format. This monthly communication will be only those things that are high importance from KSDE and our field. An additional document is being developed to share resources that you might find helpful for classroom instruction with one exception. If a resource is deemed important to answer a common question I’ve been sent, I will share it within this document as well.

So...let’s see what is important from KSDE and.... Welcome to Spring 2015! (I can’t believe half the school year is over!)

### **1. January 9 FCS CPPSA Update Webinar**

The webinar I presented on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> was successfully completed and recorded. I am happy to say the recording is below for your viewing. Here is the link to the power point for the webinar as well. I hope it might prove helpful.

Webinar:

<http://ksde.adobeconnect.com/p5dy4g9vcun/>

Power point:

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=pkx3kqwM4TQ%3d&tabid=720&portalid=0&mid=2050>

### **2. UNITED ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2015 Registration is now open!**

United Associations Conference is March 5-6, 2015 in Wichita. If you haven't registered yet, the forms can be found at [www.kafcs.org](http://www.kafcs.org). Lodging is not arranged and is up to individuals to determine on your own.

An KATFACS executive council meeting will be held March 4 at 7:00pm. If you are on a committee, ensure you obtain an committee form and send to President, Monique Litherland ([litherlandm@rv337.org](mailto:litherlandm@rv337.org)) and the secretary, Kayla Taylor at [ktaylor479@gmail.com](mailto:ktaylor479@gmail.com).

For additional information, contact: Monique Litherland, KATFACS President, 785-986-6251 ext. 123

### **3. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training—UAC Pre-Conference—March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m. Deadline: February 20, 2015**

The Youth Mental Health First Aide Training was so popular in the summer of 2014, we are offering it as a pre-conference training at United Conference. This is a full 8 hour training and will end in a certification test which will lead to a YMHFA certification. This training is beneficial to anyone who works with youth in school or community settings. The \$50 fee charged will cover training costs, resources and reference materials and meal. NOTE the training will start promptly at 8:30 p.m. and will not allow leaving before 5:00 p.m. for certification to be an option.

If you are a FCS Educator with an existing Family and Community Services Pathway or Education and Training Pathway, this training is considered professional development due to alignment to their pathway skill set, therefore Perkins funding can cover the expense. Here is the registration link:

<http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=749>

### **4. KSDE NEW COMMISSIONER TOUR OF KANSAS—January/February 2015**

*(The following is the official news release from KSDE. It might be a good chance to add the concerns you all have shared with me regarding FCS Education opportunities/challenges. )*

Incoming Education Commissioner Randy Watson will be hosting ***Kansas Children: Kansas' Future*** community conversations throughout the state later this month. The purpose of these events is to bring together parents, educators, legislators, school board members, business community members, and all other interested parties to discuss what future we as a community want for our children and to define what role PreK-16 education should play in shaping that future. These will be working events where we will really dig into the issues side by side with parents, business representatives, teachers, etc. to develop a unified vision for Kansas education.

In order to make these conversations impactful, we are asking for your help in making sure we get the right people to the table. Please talk to your community members and emphasize the importance of participating in these events, reach out to your local PTA representatives to encourage parent participations, organize a van pool to shuttle folks to the event – whatever it takes, we need to get community members to attend.

Please visit the links listed below to view some proposed messages on which to build your own and a flyer for you to share with your community members as well as a list of tour dates/locations. Please let me know if there are any other materials we can provide to support your efforts.

<http://tinyurl.com/kschild-ksfuture>

<http://tinyurl.com/messaging-information>

## **5. OSHA 10-HOUR SAFETY CERTIFICATION PARTNERSHIP**

Kansas FCCLA is excited to partner with CareerSafe. They offer Home and Family Safety education. They are offering a 10-hour OSHA General Industry training program that will result in the student ***receiving an industry recognized OSHA 10-Hour General Industry credential from Federal OSHA*** that most employees should have at a minimum. There are 21 interactive modules discussing various safety tips and procedures one should follow.

The cost is \$25 and all online for students age 16-24. National FCCLA will receive a kickback of \$1 for each student who completes the course and Kansas FCCLA will receive .50 of that dollar.

(Note: When a student registers, they should enter “FCCLA” in the Referral Code Box. Watch for additional connections to the Kansas pathways for Family and Consumer Sciences.)

Questions? See Pam Lamb, State FCCLA Advisor at [plamb@ksde.org](mailto:plamb@ksde.org) or 785-296-2164

## **6. Save the Date: Pathways CPPSA Workdays (from Angie Feyh)** **Registration Deadline: February 1, 2015**

Career Pathway Program of Study Application (CPPSA) work days will be held across the state for pathways users to attend and work on their CPPSA application.

Members of the KSDE Pathways Help Desk will be in attendance to assist districts with any questions. This is strictly a work day, and there will only be a brief presentation at the beginning on the key components of a pathway.

### **Requirements:**

1. Participants need to have a pathway user’s account as School Update or District/Org Update. 2. Courses must have been previously mapped and approved in the Kansas Course Code Management System.

3. Participants will need to bring a laptop with wireless capabilities to the work day.

Workdays will be from 9:00a - 3:00p. There is no fee for this work day. Lunch and refreshments will NOT be provided.

Salina, Smoky Hill Service Center - 1/28/15

Lawrence, District Office - 1/30/15

Clearwater, SCKESC - 2/2/15

Chanute, Neosho County Comm. College - 2/3/15

Registration is open at this link to the KSDE web page. <http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=755>

### **7. FCS/FCCLA Day On The Hill—February 17, 2015**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FCS/FCCLA Day on the Hill. This event serves to be a great opportunity to share the FCS/FCCLA message with legislators and their staff members, the great work you and your students are doing. The event will be in the Capitol Rotunda, Topeka, KS 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Set up will be 8:30-9:00 a.m. For those who are participating, additional information will be sent.

### **8. ARTICULATION AGREEMENT UPDATE. (From Peggy Torrens, KSDE Consultant)**

I hope this finds everyone recovering from Winter Break and ready to begin the new semester! I have some wonderful news to share concerning our Statewide Articulation Agreements. We now have a total of 108 statewide agreements with our postsecondary partner schools, including those from two new postsecondary institutions added to the list: Ft. Hays St. University & Pratt Comm. College. Here is the list of new and/or revised agreements you will find on our website and in CPPSA applications:

#### **NEW:**

Fort Hays St. University: Engineering & Applied Mathematics; Energy; Construction & Design (Both Strands)

Pratt CC: All 8 Agriculture pathways

Barton CC: Network Technology

#### **REVISED:**

Barton CC: *Early Childhood; Family & Community Services; Consumer Services;* LPSS (Emergency & Fire); Construction & Design (Design Strand); Ag. Science;

Plant Systems; Power, Structural & Tech. Systems; Production (Welding); Web & Digital

All of these agreements are in effect starting with the 2015-16 school year. If you have questions, please call.

Questions? Contact Peggy Torrens, [ptorrens@ksde.org](mailto:ptorrens@ksde.org) or 785-296-2221

## **9. STUDENT GROWTH MEASURES (SGMs) FOR FCS TEACHERS**

I've received several questions regarding student growth measures which are now part of teacher evaluation. (*KSDE refers this as the KEEP system.*) This mandate allows you the teacher flexibility to pick three items that will show your effectiveness as a teacher. Local schools/teachers are able to identify a wide array of indicators.

A list of possible SGMs is listed on the KSDE website, but those are a default list, which means they may or may not reflect your needs. I've shared some examples of SGMs that fit our field with teachers and have listed them below:

- Earning of industry credentials (i.e. Pro Start, ServSafe Food Handlers/ServSafe, CDA, Infant/Toddler CPR);
- Reaching proficiency on the national AAFCS pre-PAC assessment;
- Showing success in FCCLA leadership (a form of performance assessment);
- Reaching proficiency in performance assessments such as FCCLA STAR Events/Competitive Events;
- Authentic application projects (such as FCCLA in-depth service projects); and
- Portfolios to demonstrate best work, experiences and achievement.

Other SGMs exist, but these were just a few to show you the range that applies to our field.

Note: Ensure you have asked your local administrators what parameters they have set as those may influence your selections.

Here is a link for more information if you feel you'd like to review it:

[www.ksde.org/Agency/DivisionofLearningServices/TeacherLicensureandAccreditation/EducatorEvaluations/KEEPDistricts/KEEPforTeachers.aspx](http://www.ksde.org/Agency/DivisionofLearningServices/TeacherLicensureandAccreditation/EducatorEvaluations/KEEPDistricts/KEEPforTeachers.aspx)

## **10. CONSUMER AND PERSONAL FINANCE: Resources/Curriculum**

It has come to my attention some may need assistance with identifying quality resources for the Consumer and Personal Finance course so as not to be "pulled in"

by great marketing campaigns. There is no need to believe this need be costly. There are some very good free materials. I have a Consumer and Personal Finance reference webpage with resources listed as well as background of the field, national standards, assessments and related items. Here is a link to that page:

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=mpRUgsO4ZKw%3d&tabid=720&portalid=0&mid=2048>

## **11. CONSUMER AND PERSONAL FINANCE in Finance Pathway Too!**

A popular course from the Human Services cluster, Consumer and Personal Finance #22210 or 22220 has been added to the Finance pathway and this has created questions regarding the teaching of the course. I want to share this is the same course it has always been. Course concentration is on the development of the skills necessary for the individual student to make wise consumer decisions and set good financial goals for themselves and their families. The competencies have not changed from those which are part of the Human Services cluster.

I understand the Finance cluster task force added it because they felt the need for the student to have a good handle on their personal understanding of working with money from the consumer point of view so that they can better offer banking related and financial advice as a professional in the finance field.

## **12. COMMON QUESTIONS—Competency Profiles, Advisory Committee Meetings, Improvement Plans**

Several at KSDE CTE have received calls regarding the following. I am sharing them and their answers. I hope it will be helpful.

### *1. Do we still use the competency profiles?*

The competency profiles are the list of skills students are expected to know once they complete the course work. It directs the content of the course. The only question would be the rating scale portion. That said, once we have identified an appropriate End of Pathway assessment for each pathway, it may be used in lieu of the competency profile. To know if you have an end of pathway assessment, note Section 4 of the CPPSA. Only pathways with end of pathway assessment options will appear as choices to select in Section 4 of the pathway application for “assessments”. If an end of pathway assessment is offered, but not taken, the rating scale is your default option. These do not have to be hard copy as we have several schools who have created online versions to use. Once taken, they can also be scanned and saved electronically. Note that only the students who are concentrators need their profile rubrics retained for a period of 5 years.

### *2. Do I still have to have two advisory committee meetings?*

A pathway still requires two meetings between March 16<sup>th</sup> of one year and March 15<sup>th</sup> of the next. Topics expected for discussion at the meetings remain the same as in the past. The only difference is the minutes do not have to be included in the CPPSA but kept locally. Please refer to the Advisory Committee Handbook found at [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org) Career and Technical Education webpage under “Partnerships” on the right side menu.

3. *How do I know what should be in the improvement plan?*

Improvement plans remain a part of the CPPSA. Four areas are to be included: Professional Development, Physical Environment, Instructional Strategies and Partnerships. These align to the newly developed (and reviewed at the Drive In Workshops 2014) pathway improvement plan rubric . If you haven’t heard of this rubric, a link is found on the CTE webpage, under resources (right side menu). Those who piloted it have found it very helpful. In addition, this rubric would serve as a good method to note how a plan will be reviewed for CPPSA approval. NOTE: If you complete your improvement plan summary in WORD, then you can easily copy and paste it into the CPPSA document. WORD works the best.

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=RlbS7jZFiXI%3d&tabid=599&portalid=0&mid=2079>

**13. Child Nutrition and Wellness Opportunities. Applications due January 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Growing Healthy Kansas Kids – Gardening Initiative Sub-Grants for Schools and Childcare**

**Applications available** for \$325 gardening sub-grants. The Growing Healthy Kansas Kids project will help support Kansas schools and childcare centers in starting container gardens by providing resources, sub-grant funds, and guidance to a total of 50 schools and childcare centers to initiate a container gardening project. Sub-grant funds of \$325 will be provided per school or childcare center selected, to help purchase gardening supplies, containers and materials. In addition, USDA nutrition education gardening curriculum will be provided to selected schools and childcare centers. Technical assistance from Kansas Team Nutrition and K-State Research and Extension will be made available for grantees through a webinar training that will provide ideas and tips on how to implement a successful gardening project. Grantee schools and childcare centers can determine how they best want to incorporate gardening and nutrition lessons into their classrooms. Schools participating in the Summer Food Service Program are also eligible to apply. Visit [www.kansasteamnutrition.org](http://www.kansasteamnutrition.org) for a grant application and additional information about the opportunity. Questions contact Jill Ladd at [jladd@ksde.org](mailto:jladd@ksde.org) .

## **Impacting School Wellness Workshops**

Register today to attend one of six interactive regional training workshops to discuss the new Kansas School Wellness Policy Model Guidelines, observe a demonstration of KSDE's Wellness Impact Tool, gain wellness policy ideas and lessons learned from KSDE wellness coaches and schools, as well as learn about resources and programs to help further your school or districts wellness policies.

Workshop dates and locations are:

- January 29, 2015 – Girard
- February 4, 2015 – Salina
- February 10, 2015 – Clearwater
- February 24, 2015 – Garden City
- February 25, 2015 – Oakley

These free workshops will be conducted from 9 am to 3 pm. Lunch and a **\$300 stipend** will be provided by the Kansas Health Foundation for sponsors who have 2 or more representatives attend. The stipend can be used to offset travel costs and substitute pay. **Registration form is available at [http://www.kn-eat.org/SNP/SNP\\_Menus/SNP\\_Whats\\_New.htm](http://www.kn-eat.org/SNP/SNP_Menus/SNP_Whats_New.htm)** . Registrations are being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis as space allows.

For more information about any of the above opportunities contact Jill Ladd at [jladd@ksde.org](mailto:jladd@ksde.org) or 785-296-2790.

## **14. Summer Professional Development—SAVE THE DATE**

The following summer professional development opportunities are being planned. Watch for registration links soon!

### May:

STEM and FCS Connection, May 27, 2015, Wichita, KS

### June:

New FCS Professional CTE Workshop (repeat from summer 2014 for new FCS teachers) June 3-4, 2015 Hutchinson, KS

“Next 2 New” FCS Professional (Year Two attendees) CTE Workshop, June 5, 2015, Hutchinson, KS

Advanced Culinary Arts Training, June (TBD), 2015