

October Update



KSDE Early Childhood Program Updates

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Kansas State Department of Education Division of Learning Services Lunchtime Hot Topics

Good morning! On the first Wednesday of each month the Kansas State Department of Education shares video Lunchtime Hot Topics updates. This month's updates are below. Please submit any questions to lunchtime@ksde.org.

- Announcements: <https://youtu.be/7HJWtnCgUFY>
- Redesign Conference 2020 Virtual Webpage: <https://youtu.be/8M3TjwTMHn4>
- ACT WorkKeys: <https://youtu.be/-vgu5Pb1KC0>
- Kansas Education System Accreditation (KESA): <https://youtu.be/wWSsETne5yA>
- Dynamic Learning Maps: <https://youtu.be/lx7YponScmM>
- KESA and Redesign Connection Training: <https://youtu.be/ldInlLpZJ4E>
- Early Childhood: <https://youtu.be/nblbghfg69e>

Join early childhood professionals and KSDE staff on Friday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m.

This is an opportunity for Kansas early childhood professionals to connect and problem-solve together. We're sharing our KSDE program updates via video (the Lunchtime Hot Topics link above) and in written format so that our monthly webinars can be more interactive. Participants will be able to ask questions about the information in this email and then visit with their peers. We will share written follow-up after the webinar for those unable to join. Please register in advance: https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEsd-6vrj4oHtyPTqBxFD5xe0J_zxGRmGA7.

Include early childhood participants in KIDS data collections

Districts and other KSDE-funded early childhood programs must participate in required KIDS data collections. This includes early childhood special education, Preschool-Aged At-Risk, Kansas Preschool Pilot, and Kansas Parents as Teachers. **The window to submit data for the 2020-2021 ENRL Collection closes on Friday, October 9.** Early childhood programs should work closely with their district's data clerk or KIDS Collection reporter for district level reporting responsibilities.

Self-paced ASGT and ENRL trainings for early childhood administrators are now available at <https://learning.ksde.org/course/index.php?categoryid=22>. These trainings provide step-by-step instructions on submitting ASGT and ENRL data in the KIDS Collection System.



Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot

The Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot for the 2020–2021 school year is underway. All accredited schools are required to administer the Ages & Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3) and Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2) to incoming kindergarten students. **Data for kindergarten students should be submitted in ASQ Online by Friday, October 9.** Program administrators should accept any screenings submitted via Family Access by this deadline. Visit <https://agesandstages.com/ks/> to find quick reference guides, online training modules, how-to videos, frequently asked questions, and newsletter archives. Contact Amanda Petersen (apetersen@ksde.org) and Jordan Christian (jchristian@ksde.org) with questions.

Preschool Updates

Thank you for submitting your preschool students in KIDS data collections!

Kansas Preschool Pilot program administrators received information for submitting their Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 1st quarter reimbursement requests. These reimbursement requests are due Monday, October 12.

Contact Natalie McClane (nmcclane@ksde.org) with preschool questions.

Early Childhood Special Education

The agency is reviewing Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (ECLRE) data as we explore options to promote inclusive preschool programming. Our goals are to:

- Increase the number of preschool students with disabilities who are learning in the least restrictive environment, and
- Increase the number of students of all abilities with access to preschool.

School Year 2020-21 Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Kansas Special Education for Exceptional Children Act for Reopening Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/ECSETS/Announcements/COVID-SpEd-FAQ.pdf>

Contact Julie Rand (jrand@ksde.org) for other questions regarding Early Childhood Special Education and Indicators 6, 7 & 12.

Kansas State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

The next SICC meeting will take place on October 16th from 1-4pm, via Zoom. Discussion items will include: Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (ECLRE), agency updates, committee reports, and reporting abuse and neglect of 0-3-year-olds. All meetings are open to the public. For more information on how to join and/or view the agenda, please visit our website at <https://www.kansasicc.org/>, or email Jordan at jchristian@ksde.org.



Kansas Parents as Teachers

Since the Technology for Families CARES Act Grant (TFF) was released in mid-August, 18 PAT programs have secured \$294,500 for iPads, cell phones, laptop computers, hot spots, and internet service access on behalf of families.

Parenting amid a pandemic is a unique and difficult task for caregivers. This funding opportunity makes it possible to schedule and continue family visits, and to provide families access to the resource and referral network. Additionally:

- It strengthens the lifeline for support for daily challenges as well as for access to basic needs such as health care, language interpretation, food and housing assistance, and protections from abuse.
- Rather than using small cell phone screens, tablets and laptops make it possible for young children to more accurately interpret body language and facial expressions. Larger screens also help parent educators share videos, brochures and diagrams.
- For some, hotspots provide the convenience of staying home while, for others, hotspots provide the convenience of taking home visits to the backyard, lake, and other socially-distance family-friendly spots the family navigates.
- For some families, providing a hotspot over the next 12 months ensures they do not have to choose between internet connection and groceries or basic necessities.

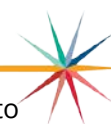
Technology for Families is one more way that Parents as Teachers is a leader in Kansas. Nurturing healthy relationships among families with young children, as well as connections to vital resources and the community, is essential to adequate support. If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to consider applying for the Technology for Families CARES Act Grant by clicking here: <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/cares-act-support-for-early-childhood/>.

Contact Nis Wilbur (nwilbur@ksde.org) for Kansas Parents as Teachers program questions.

Funding available to support early childhood programming

In addition to the Technology for Families grant, several funding opportunities are available to support early childhood and school-aged programs. They include:

- **Remote Learning Grants** – Support for school-age programs and child care providers. Applications open September 30, 2020 with proposals accepted on a rolling basis. Grants must be awarded AND expended by December 30, 2020.
- **Quality Subgrants** – read about the 5 categories of grants and the timeline for awards. School administrators may be especially interested in Subgrants for Kindergarten Readiness. Proposals due October 19, 2020.
- **CARES Act Support for Early Childhood Initiatives** – learn about the types of funding and support available and eligibility requirements. CARES Act grants must be awarded and funds expended by December 30, 2020.



- **Farm to Child Nutrition Program Sub Grants:** Bringing the bounty of America's farms into Child Nutrition Programs as a part of breakfast and lunch is one of the best ways we can ensure children are receiving nutritious and delicious meals at school or child care! 2020-2021 Farm to Child Nutrition Program Sub-Grant Applications are at www.kn-eat.org, Farm to School, What's New. Child Nutrition sponsors can apply now to improve access to local foods in Child Nutrition Programs and increase agricultural education opportunities. Sub Grant applications are due on or before December 1, 2020. Contact Barb Depew at bdepew@ksde.org or 786-296-0062 if you have questions.
- **Kansas Leadership Center's 2021 Leadership Transformation Grants:** Grants are available to organizations across the state who want to create a culture of leadership that embraces change, tackles problems, and seizes opportunities. **Applications** are now being accepted through October 16, 2020.

Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Transition Virtual Summit – Friday, November 13.

The goals for this summit are to:

- Identify examples of effective kindergarten readiness practices, including strategies to support smooth transitions to kindergarten.
- Expand and enhance relationships between all early childhood programs and school districts to support kindergarten readiness.
- Provide tools, supports and information to strengthen kindergarten readiness practices.

Learn more and register at <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/kindergarten-readiness-summit-2020/>.

Kansas Children Still At Risk for Lead Poisoning: Program encourages parents/caregivers to request blood test.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment wants to encourage parents and caregivers to understand the risks of lead poisoning in children and when to ask for a blood test. Lead can impact IQ, behavior and development, which last a lifetime.

As experts in early childhood education and development, you are in a position to identify children who may be at risk for lead poisoning and help parents seek testing. Please share this information in places such as offices, classrooms, bulletin boards and other locations to reach families with young children. School newsletters and emails are also effective for sharing information—both electronically and in print.

- Parent/caregiver information is online at: test4lead.org.
- View and share KDHE's [three short videos \(in English and Spanish\)](#).
- [Flyer in English and Spanish](#)
- [Checklist card \(English only\)](#)
- [Nutrition poster in English and Spanish](#)
- Additional information and resources can be found [here](#).



Other KSDE Updates, Upcoming Professional Learning and News You Can Use

The 2020 Census filing deadline is extended until October 31. That means Kansans have more time to visit <http://my2020census.gov> or call 844-330-2020 to complete their questionnaire.

Kansas Anti-Bullying Awareness Week is October 5-11. This year's theme is "Choose Peace." For more information about Kansas Anti-Bullying Week or for resources to help stop bullying, visit <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/Content-Area-M-Z/School-Counseling/School-Counseling-Resources/Anti-Bullying-Awareness>.

KSDE Elementary Listserv: You can [click here](#) to join the KSDE Elementary Listserv. KSDE Elementary Consultant Cindy Hadicke is collecting data on professional development needs and would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this [quick survey](#).

Ensuring Developmentally Appropriate Practice Amidst a Global Pandemic: Thursday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. Whether meeting online or in-person, COVID-19 is changing the look and feel of our early childhood classrooms. But it is important that these shifts – however necessary and well-intentioned – do not result in experiences at odds with the developmental needs of young children. The Hunt Institute is joining forces with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) for this special online event with the following panel:

- Dr. Barbara Cooper, Alabama Secretary of Early Childhood Education,
- Tamara Johnson, NAEYC Governing Board and Exec. Director of Malaika Early Learning (Milwaukee, WI),
- Edward Manuszak, Superintendent, Dundee Community Schools (Dundee, MI) and Co-Chair of the AASA Early Learning Cohort, and
- Tabatha Rosproy, National Teacher of the Year, Winfield Early Learning Center (Winfield, KS).

To register, visit: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5jYRvJbtReWFpRySdecEcQ.

2020-21 Kansas MTSS and Alignment Early Childhood Training: Join the Kansas MTSS and Alignment Training Team for professional development opportunities! These events are open to all early childhood professionals and you can register at <https://www.ksdetasn.org/events/>. Webinars are on Fridays 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

- Oct. 16: Differentiation in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Nov. 13: Universal Instructional Practices for Early Childhood
- Jan. 29: Embedded Learning Opportunities in Daily Practices
- Feb. 19: Tier 1 Early Numeracy Practices
- April 9: Teaching Phonological Awareness Skills at Tier 1

KSDE Virtual Redesign Conference: Visit the [Virtual Redesign Conference webpage](#) for asynchronous professional learning opportunities related to Redesign (the process, the principles, and the conditions). To get started, check out this video (<https://youtu.be/4HhJICT2UJo>) with Julia Fabris McBride from the KS Leadership Center!



Chris McChesney Webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The KSDE Redesign team is bringing the author of the 4 Disciplines of Execution, Chris McChesney, to you! This free live webinar is open to ALL Kansas educators from any public or private system, Board of Education members, educational service centers and any educational organizations supporting our tremendous Kansas schools! Chris will focus on how to execute with excellence on short-term goals (the next two weeks, the next month, etc.) while dealing with challenges the pandemic creates. If you're interested in grounding yourself in some hard, fast steps to gain traction on what's important during these uncertain times, this session is for you! The capacity is limited to 1000 participants; register at https://franklincovey.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjUoce2rrTsjH9OJfGOL65t0jvsmmtT_pZ10

Wednesday, October 14 is the Farm to Plate Crunch Off: Kansas is participating in the Mountain Plains Crunch Off with eight other states. Mark your calendars and make plans to bite into a local apple on October 14th. The state with the most "crunches" will be crowned the Crunch Champion! Due to COVID guidelines; there is no requirement to have your group participate together at the same time. Participants can CRUNCH individually, virtually or in small groups. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/535866Q>. A toolkit with resources and marketing information is provided at the registration link. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Depew, Farm to Plate Project Director at bdepew@ksde.org or phone 785-296-2262.

The Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Meeting and Professional Development Event is Saturday, October 24. This virtual event will feature two keynotes: *The Kids Are Not All Right*, with Vladimir Sainte, and *Early Childhood: Where Stories Begin*, with Tabatha Rosproy. Register at <http://kaeyc.net/events/ksaeyc-annual-conference/>.

Communication Webinar Series for Families & Professionals sponsored by the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project

- Tuesday, Oct. 6: Intro to American Sign Language & Spectrum of Manual Communication Options. American Sign Language (ASL) is an independent, visual language that consists of its own grammar and syntax, different than English. Recording available at <https://www.kansasdeafblind.org/resources/instructional-videos/>.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Visual and Tactual Modifications. There are various modifications that can be made to sign language production that will make the language more accessible to individuals with low vision or who are tactile communicators. This session will provide an introduction to those modifications. Time: 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. CST. Register in advance at https://form.jotform.com/KSDBProject/Communication2_
- Tuesday, Nov. 10: Tactile Sign Language and Diversity of Access. Tactile sign language, specifically, Pro-Tactile ASL (PTASL) and haptics, offers an immersive tactile experience and engages both communication partners in the interaction. This session will address various options that enhance positive touch access. Time: 11:00 to 12:30 pm. Register in advance at <https://form.jotform.com/KSDBProject/Communication3>
- For more information on other events happening visit the Calendar of Events at <https://mailchi.mp/kssdb/professional-development-opportunities-sept-oct-4077333>

Setting in Motion STEM and Literacy Gears: Southwest Plains Regional Service Center (Sublette) on Monday, Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Gayla Lohfink. Like cogs in gears within a complex machine, Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (or STEM), and literacy are the connecting parts moving forward a young child's inquiry into real-world understandings.



Participants in this workshop will be introduced to the engineering design process and use literacy (like pieces of print/non-print, art, or song) as questions/inspirations to research, problem-solve, and develop imaginative solutions. This workshop is appropriate for PK-1st teachers, coaches, para educators and administrators. *REGISTRATION FEE: \$125/person for Southwest Plains members, \$140/person for nonmembers. Optional 0.5 graduate-level college credit available from MidAmerica Nazarene University for \$45 with completion of assignment. Register at <https://www.swprsc.org/o/swprsc/page/events-monthly-calendar-view>.*

The Kansas 2020 Breastfeeding Conference is October 27-30. The new fully online format allows for meaningful collaboration and learning with breastfeeding supporters from across Kansas and the nation. Register at <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/2020-breastfeeding-conference/>.

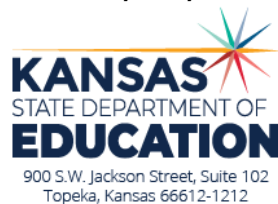
Save the Date: Kansas State Department of Education Virtual Annual Conference: The Kansas State Department of Education is looking forward to hosting a virtual conference, Kansans Can: Celebrate! The conference will be offered as a live webinar on Friday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Kansans Can: Celebrate! will highlight Dale Dennis' lifelong service to education in Kansas, recognize the conference art contest winners, include a presentation by Commissioner Watson, and showcase some of the best teachers in the state. There is no fee for participants. Additional details will be shared as they are finalized, including a registration link.

The Kansas Children's Service League has several free trainings scheduled this fall, including Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Reporting, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Resilience. For a current schedule and descriptions, and to register, please visit https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TrMypm_JEE9ObCRZuB7sfltZ3sW7vjDv0aZpa9lpV5M/edit#heading=h.88ccr1ucdkzs. These trainings are all KDHE approved for child care licensing hours, and all participants will receive certificates of attendance. Please email Rachelle Soden at rsoden@kcsll.org with any questions.

The 2020 Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect begins on November 4. This year's conference features keynote speakers Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD; Linda Chamberlain, PhD, MPH; and Patricia Lewis, Esq. Register at https://www.kcsll.org/training_conference.aspx

We look forward to seeing many of you on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Please let us know when we can be helpful!

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