

February Update



KSDE Early Childhood Program Updates

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We're sharing a short update this month – see our [January 26, 2022 KSDE Early Childhood Update](#) for more details on many of these items.

- **There are two terrific opportunities to connect with your peers this week:**
 - **Greenbush is facilitating a Pre-K – K Teacher Cadre during the 2021-2022 school year.** Upcoming dates are Feb. 9 and April 13 from 3:30-4:30pm. Questions can be directed to **Barbara Gannaway**. [Click HERE to view the Teacher Cadre flier and to register.](#)
 - **Kansas Education Service Center consultants are facilitating an Early Childhood Professional Learning Community (PLC) during the 2021-2022 school year,** sponsored by the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center. [Click HERE to register for the PLC on Friday, February 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a discussion about family engagement with Barbara Gannaway \(Greenbush\).](#) Questions can be directed to [Dr. Gayla Lohfink](#).
- **The Kansas Masonic Literacy Center is offering Bilingual Tale Time in collaboration with Emporia State University.** Tale Time is an opportunity to connect ESU pre-service teachers with young children across the state. 10 weekly, 15 minute virtual sessions consist of a read aloud, extension activity, and early literacy lesson. The first session will begin the week of February 22- 24. [Here is the link to register for Bilingual \(Spanish/English\) Tale Time](#) and [here is the link to register for Tale Time in English](#). Contact Tasia Markowitz (tmarkowi@emporia.edu) for more information.
- **The *All In For Kansas Kids* webinar on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. will focus on kindergarten transitions.** [Register here for All In For Kansas Kids webinars.](#) Applications for one-year subgrants of up to \$25,000 to support community Kindergarten Readiness activities will be available beginning Feb. 11 and will be due March 18. Visit the [Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website](#) to sign up for updates.
- **For the 2022-23 school year, districts/private school systems may submit this short survey to administer the ASQ to incoming kindergarteners (for the purposes of the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot) beginning April 1, 2022.** View the [February 2022 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Hot Topics video](#) or review our [January KSDE Early Childhood Updates](#) for more details.
- The [2022-2023 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program Requirements and Assurances](#) can be found on the [KSDE Preschool Programming webpage](#) along with the link to the [Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Form](#). Preschool-Aged At-Risk Approval Forms must be completed

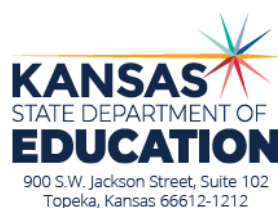


by April 1, 2022 for the Kansas State Board of Education to consider them in May. View the [February 2022 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Hot Topics video](#) or review our [January KSDE Early Childhood Updates](#) for more details.

- Kansas Parents as Teachers Updates
 - The [2022-2023 Kansas Parents as Teachers Grant Application](#) is due Friday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m.
 - KSDE Kansas Parents as Teachers Office Hours is Thursday, Feb. 17 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Beccy Strohm (bstrohm@ksde.org) if you need the updated Zoom link.
 - The February Implementation Support Meeting with Shelley Joy Tellez (shelly.tellez@parentsasteachers.org) is Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 1:00 p.m. CST. These meetings support Coordinators with PAT implementation.
- KSDE is hiring a [Kansas Parents as Teachers Education Program Consultant](#). Applications are due Monday, Feb. 28.
- [Kansas MTSS & Alignment](#) is hosting five webinars featuring Lucy Hart Paulson, Ed.D., CCC-SLP. She is a speech-language pathologist and literacy specialist with years of experience working with children and their families. She is the lead author of *LETRS for Early Childhood Educators*, *Building Early Literacy and Language Skills*, and *Good Talking Words*.
 - [Click here to register for the session on Friday March 11, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.](#): "ABC to XYZ: The Science Behind Alphabet Instruction and How Young Children Learn Letters" 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - The final session on May 13, 2022 will be "What is in a Scribble? Writing Assessment and Instruction for Young Children. Registration will be available at www.ksdetasn.org/events.

We hope you enjoy some sunshine this week!

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