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Redesign Coordinator

We are pleased to introduce Sarah Perryman. Sarah is our new, full time Redesign Coordinator and we are so excited to have her on board! Sarah spent five years teaching Sheltered Language Arts (grades 9, 10, and 11) before coming to KSDE as the English Language Arts Consultant last June. While teaching, Sarah was a member of curriculum teams, her district's technology team, and she was a certified Kagan Coach. Sarah also sponsored National Honor Society and the Association of Latin American Students. Since coming to KSDE, Sarah has joined the Social Emotional Growth team, the High School Graduation team, and she has been actively involved with Redesign. Sarah studied at the University of Kansas and holds two Masters degrees: one in Curriculum and Instruction and the other in Educational Leadership. Sarah is excited to make Redesign her full time job! Please do not hesitate to contact her with questions, concerns, or ideas.

Public Comment – Proposed Revisions to Parents Guide to Special Education

The Kansas State Department of Education seeks public input on proposed revisions of the Parents Guide to Special Education. A public comment period will begin on March 25, 2019 and end on May 3, 2019. Two public comment sessions will be held, April 10, 2019 from 1-2 pm and April 24, 2019 from 10-11 am at the KSDE building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Board Room (Suite 102), Topeka. Comments may also be submitted by email at SESPublicComments@ksde.org, or in writing and mailed to:

Kansas State Department of Education,
Special Education and Title Services Team
900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 620
Topeka, KS 66612

[Proposed Parent Guide to Special Education \(PDF\)](#)

Early Learning Grant Applications 2019-2020 Update

Grant applications to provide early learning opportunities during the 2019-2020 school year were due March 8, 2019. KSDE is currently reviewing grant applications for Kansas Parents as Teachers, the State Pre-K 4 Year Old At-Risk program, and the Kansas Preschool Pilot. The total amount available and mechanism for distribution for funding is dependent upon the final budget and school finance plan approved during the 2019 Legislative Session. Once the total amount available is determined funding recommendations will be submitted to the Kansas State Board of Education for approval, and subsequently applicants will be notified of the status of their award. Questions regarding the applications may be sent to earlylearning@ksde.org.

2019 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Window Aug.1-Sept. 20, 2019

The Ages & Stages Questionnaires Third Edition (ASQ-3) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires Social Emotional Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2) provide a snapshot of children’s developmental milestones and advance kindergarten readiness in Kansas. **All kindergarten classrooms are required to administer the ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 between August 1 and September 20, 2019.** KSDE will be contacting districts in the coming weeks to confirm Program Administrators credentials for each building. Program Administrators are users who are able to assign Provider log-in credentials to teachers. After logging into the system, Program Administrators can then assign log-in credentials to the appropriate teachers so they can enter data as Providers.

Visit <https://agesandstages.com/ks/> for more FAQs, quick reference guides, and “how-to” videos. A new fact sheet, which includes tips for sharing ASQ results with parents, is available at <https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/ECSETS/FactSheets/FactSheet-KindergartenReadiness.pdf>. Please contact earlylearning@ksde.org if you need assistance preparing to administer the ASQ for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Stay Engaged in Efforts to Strengthen Early Childhood in 2019

Kansas has been awarded nearly \$4.5 million in federal grant funding that will help strengthen the state’s early childhood system. The one-year planning grant will be used to conduct a statewide early childhood needs assessment, develop a comprehensive strategic plan, maximize parental choice and knowledge of the state’s early childhood system, share best practices among early childhood providers, and improve the overall quality of early childhood programming. KSDE is partnering with the Kansas Department for Children and Families, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, and other early childhood stakeholders to carry out this work in 2019. Visit <http://kschildrenscabinet.org/early-childhood-initiatives-in-kansas-2019/> for more information.

As these efforts get underway, please note that **the next Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, at 9:30 AM in the Old**

Stay Engaged in Efforts to Strengthen Early Childhood in 2019 (cont’d)

Supreme Court Room of the Kansas Statehouse. We are working with our partners to convene early childhood stakeholders that afternoon in Topeka to continue conversations about this work. If you would like additional information, please email apetersen@ksde.org.

Stay Connected with the Early Childhood Team

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The KSDE Early Childhood team will continue to provide monthly communication for early childhood providers and administrators during school year 2018-19. Participants will be asked to log in at https://ksde-tasn-webinar.adobeconnect.com/kansas_elk_webinar to view and download materials and engage with presenters. There will be opportunities for questions and the web meeting will be recorded for future reference or for those unable to attend. All webinars will begin at 11:00 A.M. CST

April 5, 2019

May 3, 2019

Please find a schedule of dates and topics on the TASN website: <https://ksdetasn.org/resources/1929>.

The KSDE Early Childhood Team regularly shares information on the Early Learning listserv. You can join the listserv by emailing Beccy Strohm: bstrohm@ksde.org. Feel welcome to email earlylearning@ksde.org whenever you would like to connect with the Early Childhood team!

Kansas Parents as Teachers 2018-2019 Reallocation Process

KSDE has contact Kansas Parents as Teachers Coordinators with a survey to complete if programs anticipate either a surplus or additional need of Kansas Parents as Teachers grant funds for the 2018-2019 school year. This information will help ensure Kansas can use all of the \$8.2 million allocated to Kansas Parents as Teachers to maximize the impact of this investment. Please contact Nis Wilbur (nwilbur@ksde.org) with any questions.

TASN Update

KSDE Summer Leadership Conference

Save the Date: July 30-August 1, 2019
Wichita, KS

This conference provides administrators of special education, title and early childhood programs important information and updates about these programs. During this conference participants will have opportunities to get updates on program requirements, recent legal cases and how to address the Kansas School Redesign Principles of Student Success Skills, Personalized Learning, Family, Business, Community Partnerships and Real World Application are included in these programs. The conference is occurring a week later than usual, please mark your calendars.

2019 Kansas MTSS Symposium

Save the Date: September 10-12, 2019
Wichita, KS

This conference provides educators an opportunity to learn from national researchers and Kansas schools about evidence-based practices that support the implementation of the Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports & Alignment and includes the Kansas School Redesign Principles. This conference is occurring a week later than usual, please mark your calendars. Registration will open in April.

Differentiating Instruction and Universal Design for Learning

April 24-25 – Haysville, KS [Registration Here](#)

A training provided by Dr. Richard Villa, educators will:

- Explore approaches to differentiating the content students learn, the process through which they learn it, and how they demonstrate what they have learned
- Practice both a Retrofit and a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) approach to differentiation



Please join us at the Kansas State Department of Education Division of Learning Services' 2019 Impact Institutes. Kansas teachers, counselors, principals, curriculum coordinators, instructional coaches, and educational professionals at all levels (birth through high school) will have the opportunity to select sessions and workshops on topics connected to many academic areas. These workshops will provide the help you need in providing our students the academic and cognitive preparation, the technical and employability skills, and the civic engagement opportunities to allow them to be successful.

Dates and Locations:

- **June 27-28**
Washburn University, Topeka
- **July 17-18**
Pratt Community College, Pratt

The link to register will be shared once it's available. We hope to see you there!