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Training Opportunities 2008 - 2009

Kansas Home Visitation Training

Basic Home Visitation Training

The Kansas Basic Home Visitation Training is intended for home visitors, family service workers, nurses, service coordinators and social workers in Head Start/Early Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Healthy Start and other agencies delivering home visitation. This is a five-day session, adapted from the Nebraska Home Visitation Training Curriculum.

Participants will learn:

- How ethics impact home visitation
- Family development from a systems perspective
- The home visitor's role in relationship to culture
- Ways to effectively communicate and reflect
- Ways to assess families, document and set goals
- Community resources that help families reach their goals

Upcoming Basic Home Visitation Training Events:

August 4-8, 2008
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Heartland Programs
700 Jupiter Ave.
Salina, KS 67401

January 26-30, 2009
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Child Start Inc.
1069 S. Glendale
Wichita, KS 67218

Kansas Basic Home Visitation Trainers



Connie McMullin lived in the Waynesville, MO area until attending Southwest Baptist University to pursue a degree in Psychology with a minor in Education. Connie has worked with Derby USD 260 in 1992 and helped begin their Parents As Teachers program. She has enjoyed watching the program and services grow over the years. Connie participated in the original train-the-trainer session for Kansas Home Visitation Training and has provided training in Wellington and Wichita.

Terry Wilson is a lifelong learner and educator. Her passion for early education began with designing and constructing playgrounds and VISTA (Volunteer Services to America). She continues to connect with people to make a positive impact for children, families and staff within comprehensive programs. Terry is currently part of the Hays Head Start team. She serves as a presenter/trainer for early childhood education in a variety of ways, advocating for children, families and staff.



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Advanced Home Visitation Training

The Kansas Advanced Home Visitation Training is intended for staff delivering intensive home visitation services to families with young children, including Early Head Start, home-based Head Start, and partner programs. The training consists of three two-day sessions.

The training is made up of six fully developed modules with two additional modules currently under development.

- Theories of Change
- Communication: More Than Talking
- Integration of Curriculum Through Family Routine
- Working with Families with Special Learning Needs
- Using Assessment as a Teaching Tool
- Reflective Supervision
- Adolescents: Adults Under Construction (in development)
- Working with Families with a Child with a Suspected or Identified Disability (in development)

Upcoming Advanced Home Visitation Training Events:

Oct. 16&17, 30&31
and Nov. 17&18, 2008
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Heartland Programs
700 Jupiter Ave.
Salina, KS 67401

Kansas Advanced Home Visitation Trainers

Joan Burke serves as the Assistant Director of Early Childhood Services and a member of the Leadership Team for the Southeast Kansas Community Action Program, a private non-profit corporation. She is responsible for daily operations oversight for Early Head Start, working with 13 child care partners over a 12-county area in Southeast Kansas. Joan's work experience includes working with adults, adolescents and children with disabilities for 25 years in Southeast Kansas. She has also collaborated with the Montgomery County Prosecutor's office and high schools to reduce the number of second-generation "Children in Need of Care."

Rhodanne Schiller has spent most of her career working with children and families in poverty and brings a wealth of experience to the field. Currently, in addition to her work providing Technical Assistance, she is a Mentor Coach to new TA staff. She has written a training manual on Home Visitation, and was the recipient of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Early Childhood and Parent Education Distinguished Service Award in 2003 and the Children's Champion Award from ACF Region VII in 2004.



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“This is a phenomenal home visitation training curriculum...Inclusive, performance-based materials with a variety of relevant, excellent materials.” – Comments from Kansas trainer evaluations

During 2003-2004, a Kansas Home Visitation Training Task Force was created to assess the need for and recommend strategies to address home visitation training across the state. The Task Force was composed of representatives from all state agencies and organizations involved in the delivery of home visitation services to young children and their families. The Task Force determined that there was a need for a uniform training program. After reviewing several options, the Task Force recommended that Kansas purchase the Nebraska Visitation Training Curriculum and conduct train-the-trainer sessions in Kansas.

Kansas Head Start Association was chosen to carry out this recommendation and, along with the Task Force, selected 28 trainers. These trainers participated in a six-day program and committed to deliver the training at least twice during the two-year period of 2005 and 2006. Since that point, KHSA has worked with agencies to reduce the training time from six days to five and develop the Advanced Home Visitation Training curriculum.

Thanks to funding from our partners at SRS and the work of our state-wide Home Visitation Training Team, KHSA is once again offering this training to all home visitors in Kansas, including Head Start, Early Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Healthy Families, Healthy Start, and all other organizations serving young children and families.

The Kansas Home Visitation Training curriculum meets the training requirements for Healthy Start and Early Head Start home visitors.

The cost of registration is \$300 for Basic Home Visitation and \$360 for Advanced Home Visitation training (\$60 per day). The registration fee will go towards the cost of materials, lunch and refreshments, and other expenses.

Options for Receiving Credit for Training

Participants who already have an existing degree will have the opportunity to receive two hours of graduate credit from Friends University. There is an additional \$150 (\$75 per credit hour) fee to be payable to Friends University. To earn the credit, you will also be required to complete a comprehensive quiz over the material covered throughout the training.

We are also offering CEUs through Fort Hays State University for an extra fee of \$5.

Please mark on your registration form if you are interested in receiving either form of credit.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

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