

Kansas Early Learning Collaborative Conference
Registration Brochure

Building Connections for Kansas Children & Families

November 13, 2009
Kansas Early Learning Collaborative Conference
Ramada Inn & Conference Center
1616 W. Crawford St.
Salina, KS

****Free Registration! Lunch Included!****



**KANSAS EARLY
LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

EXCELLENT OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Collaboration Partners

Kansas
Association of
Child Care
Resource and
Referral
Agencies
(KACCRRRA)

Kansas
Association for
Infant and Early
Childhood
Mental Health
(KAIMH)

Kansas
Children's
Service League
(KCSL)

Kansas Division
of Early
Childhood
(KDEC)

Kansas Head
Start
Association
(KHSAA)

Kansas Parents
As Teachers
Association
(KPATA)

Agenda

Thursday, November 12, 2008

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Dessert Reception
Ramada Inn & Conference Center, Salina, KS

Friday, November 13, 2008

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Registration & Information
Ramada Inn & Conference Center, Salina, KS

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Welcome and Opening Session

10:00 am - 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am - 11:30 am

Session Block I

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Buffet Luncheon

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Session Block II

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Break

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Closing Session

Exhibits Open

Please join us for this **free early childhood services conference** to:

- ❖ Learn about collaboration in Kansas with an array of early childhood services,
- ❖ Learn practical skills to use in providing early childhood services,
- ❖ Connect with others at fun networking opportunities.

This **free** conference is designed for Kansas Early Learning Collaborative county partners, Smart Start early childhood providers, and any other early childhood service providers. All are very welcome to participate!

Opening Session & Keynote



Greg Meissen is Professor of Psychology at Wichita State University where he teaches community psychology, leadership and organizational development. A native Kansan, Greg has been involved in a number of Kansas Health Foundation and Kansas Leadership Center initiatives and is a Kansas Health Foundation Leadership Fellow. In 1985 he founded Self-Help Network where it has grown into the WSU Center for Community Support & Research where he served as Director until 2008.

Dr. Meissen has had faculty appointments at the Harvard School of Medicine and Boston University and has served on the Surgeon General's Council on Self-Help and Public Health. He has received over 30 million dollars in grants from the National

Institute of Mental Health, Kansas Health Foundation, Administration for Children and Families, WT Grant Foundation and SAMSHA, has published research in the New England Journal of Medicine, American Journal of Community Psychology, Social Work, Psychiatric Services, and has spoken at numerous international and national scientific and professional conferences.

The Collaborative Leadership Challenge

Friday, November 13, 2009

9:00 - 10:00 am

Collaboration has become a popular concept but is often misunderstood and made more difficult when implemented using traditional organizational approaches. A more effective perspective is to view collaboration through the framework of community leadership where the goal is to include the right people, realistically understanding that everyone involved is both part of the solution and part of the problem. Instead of looking for answers the commitment has to be to learn, change and grow as a community through collaboration knowing that together we can take on issues that individual organizations and sectors cannot. While Kansas communities face many of the same issues as do communities in other states, we have the advantages of a history of working better together and having greater community leadership than most any other state. This presentation will focus on how to approach the work of collaboration as a community leadership challenge.

Closing Session & Keynote



Lisa G. Klein, Ph.D., is Executive Director of the Birth to Five Policy Alliance, a pooled fund designed to improve state policies and secure public investment to support at-risk infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families. Leadership responsibilities at the Alliance include developing and managing investments in state-based advocacy, strategic and broad-based leadership, and knowledge development and dissemination. Lisa brings grant making experience to the Alliance, having spent 10 years at the Kauffman Foundation where she served as the Manager of the Research and Evaluation Department and Vice-President of Early Education.

Before joining the Alliance, Lisa served as Director of Early Childhood, conducting research and policy analysis at the Kansas Health Institute. Prior to this, she served as principal of Hestia Advising, an independent consulting firm focused on design, development, and evaluation to improve programs and policies for young children and families.

She has 10 years of experience in the not-for-profit community, directing a partial hospital program and providing mental and behavioral health services to young children and their families.

Lisa earned her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Kansas with an emphasis in psychology, and a Doctorate Degree in Psychology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, with an emphasis in child development. She completed a one-year Post-Doctorate Fellowship at the Menninger Institute in early childhood and family systems.

Lisa can be reached at lisa.klein@birthtofivepolicy.org.

Why Invest in Early Childhood: New Tools for Telling Our Story

Friday, November 13, 2009

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Lisa brings her experience as a researcher, funder and advocate to help us communicate the importance and effectiveness of early childhood investment. In sharing new tools which were recently presented at the Birth to Five Policy Alliance Roundtable, Lisa will focus on the power of data balanced with the need for a clear, compelling message. This session will help individual participants and local collaboratives refocus their communications strategy to attract new supporters and resources.

1	<p>Technical Assistance Strategies - The Who, What, When and Where Presenters: Jennifer Hecker, KQRS Director, and Joni Breidenthal, Infant/Toddler Director, KACCRRRA</p> <p>What exactly is technical assistance and what are the various strategies that can be used? Join us as we explore three different methods of technical assistance including on-site assistance, coaching and peer mentoring. We will define the strategies, discuss how they are alike and different and explore the benefits of each. In addition, we will discuss when each strategy should be used and how agencies can use this information to support early education professionals.</p>
2	<p>Building Connections Through Theraplay Principles Presenters: Elizabeth Caselman and Kris Schulte, Hays</p> <p>Theraplay is a well-established treatment for children with difficulties connecting to significant adults or to other children, or difficulties connecting with their own emotions. Through the use of activities that are fun, physical, personal and interactive, you can replicate the natural, healthy interaction between parents and young children. This session will describe what Theraplay is and demonstrate hands-on activities that support the social-emotion growth of young children.</p>
3	<p>Working With Our tiny-k Partners in Kansas Presenters: Tiffany Smith-Birk, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Vera Lynne Stroup Rentier, Kansas Division for Early Childhood</p> <p>An overview of how community partners can work together to assure all children 0-3 and their families receive appropriate Part C services under the Individuals With Disabilities Act (IDEA).</p>
4	<p>Fathers and Daughters - A Relationship That Matters Presenters: Patty McCollum and Terri Porter, Kansas Children’s Service League</p> <p>This presentation will explore the relationship between fathers and children, highlighting the bond between fathers and daughters. The central core of this presentation will illustrate that this relationship is not instinctive. Rather, “the relationship requires time, personal growth, commitment and sacrifice on the part of fathers.” (Dr. Meg Meeker, <u>Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters</u>, 2007).</p>
5	<p>Buzzing About Books, Babes & Brainpower Presenters: Danell Oxler and Hilary Koehn, Wichita PAT</p> <p>Join parent educators as they provide various strategies to enhance early literacy in your program and community. Ideas on fun literacy components as well as on community collaboration will be presented. Get your community excited and engaged in early literacy!</p>
6	<p>Devereux Early Childhood Assessment: All That and a Bunch of Kits Presenter: Andrea Kinlin, PhD, Prairie View, Inc., McPherson</p> <p>The morning workshop will be an overview of the DECA program, while the afternoon workshop will be about using the DECA for goal setting and planning. DECA is a standardized behavior rating scale that assesses social and emotional resilience and concerns designed to support early intervention efforts to reduce or eliminate significant behavioral concerns in children. It is recommended both workshops be attended for best understanding of the assessment.</p> <p>**This is a two-hour workshop and will continue into the next session**</p>

6	<p>Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Presenters: Andrea Kinlin, McPherson</p> <p>**This is a two-hour workshop continued from the previous session**</p>
7	<p>Evidence-Based Practice in Action: A Closer Look at Coaching as an Interaction Strategy Presenters: Tiffany Smith-Birk, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Vera Lynne Stroup Rentier, Kansas Division for Early Childhood</p> <p>This session provides an overview of three critical components of evidence-based practice in early intervention including the use of a primary service provider, natural learning opportunities and coaching as an interaction style with parents and caregivers.</p>
8	<p>Connections: A Community-Wide Screening and Referral Initiative Presenter: Leslie Warlen, Intake Coordinator, Project EAGLE Community Programs</p> <p>This workshop explores the lessons learned from one community’s experience in developing and implementing a centralized entry point for families to access comprehensive early childhood services. Come discover an efficient, effective and unique approach to screening multiple risks in families with young children and how this system builds the capacity of community partners while strengthening valuable collaborations.</p>
9	<p>Program Evaluation: Are We Tired of Data Yet? Presenter: Christopher L. Smith, Ph.D.</p> <p>This workshop will focus on using real life early childhood data and interactive discussions to illuminate how program evaluation can be made simpler, more meaningful, and more productive. Participants are encouraged to think of, or even bring some of their own examples of frustrations or successes with evaluation. The group will also identify common frustrations with evaluation along with potential solutions.</p>
10	<p>Can’t We All Just Get Along? Presenter: Bobbie Bower, Leavenworth PAT</p> <p>On the road to collaboration, we sometimes find ourselves working with people with “challenging behaviors”. Discover strengths and limitations in various behavioral styles and ways to increase effectiveness in our interactions, especially when under tension or prolonged stress.</p>

Conference Location

Ramada Inn & Conference Center

1616 W. Crawford Street

Salina, KS 67401

785-823-1739

Room Block: Kansas Head Start Association

Room Rate: single/double/triple/quad \$75.00 plus applicable state and local tax

Room block cut-off date is October 22, 2008. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be based on availability at the Inn's prevailing rates.

Check-in is at 4:00 pm. ***Rooms are not guaranteed to be ready before this time.***

Programs must provide the Hotel with copies of appropriate tax-exempt certificates and tax identification numbers prior to the event.

Directions to the Ramada Inn and Conference Center

1616 W. Crawford Street, Salina, Kansas

From I-70

EXIT 250A onto I-135S (Wichita), then EXIT #92 (Crawford Street)

From I-135

EXIT #92 (Crawford Street)



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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM (There is no charge for participation in this event!)

Please note: conference information will be delivered to the address and/or email address as listed below.

Full Name: _____
Last First MI

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Special Needs:

Dietary Needs: Vegetarian Meal Other: _____

Additional assistance/accommodations (please attach a written description of your request)

First and Last Name: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Session seating is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that each workshop session has been assigned a unique identification number. Indicate your 1st and 2nd choice by noting the workshop session number in the space provided. Workshop sessions are subject to change.

Please note: If no session choice is indicated, workshop sessions will be assigned at random on a space-available basis. Likewise, if a 2nd choice selection is not made and the 1st choice session is full, workshop sessions will be assigned at random on a space-available basis.

Indicate your session choices in the space below:

Session I		Session II	
10:15 - 11:30 am		12:30 - 1:45 pm	
1	Technical Assistance Strategies - The Who, What, When and Where	6	Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (continued)
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