FY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS
University of Kansas
Life Span Institute at Parsons

FY 2017: LSI at Parsons’ faculty and staff provided direct services, training, and technical assistance to 9,481 Kansans in all 105 Kansas counties; addressed 800 individuals at international, national, and state conferences; had eight peer-reviewed publications; and produced two newsletter series.

Each year, 14,680 Kansans are impacted through training, technical assistance, and conference presentations. (23 year average)

Yearly, 2,463 professionals, trainees, educators, and others attend regional, national, and international presentations given by Parsons’ faculty and staff. (14 year average)

LSI at Parsons’ faculty and staff gave presentations to 17 state, national, and international audiences in addition to 339 other training and outreach activities.

FY 2018 Funding: University/State investment of $1 returns $7.62 in grants and contracts with total funding at $3,640,827 in State/Federal Grants/Contracts.

Assistive Technology for Kansans
ATK served 3,844 Kansans with disabilities and chronic health conditions at six sites where individuals accessed more than 5,809 assistive technology (AT) services and acquired nearly 2,400 AT devices valued at more than $1.4 million.

Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS)
KITS provided training and individualized technical assistance (TA) to 106 teachers/administrators resulting in a potential impact on 1,925 children and families. In addition, 1,040 professionals were engaged in other training/professional development events.

KCCTO-KITS ITSN
KITS, in collaboration with KCCTO, Inc., is providing state-wide training and technical assistance (TA) for childcare providers. This project focuses on increasing access to and quality of child care services. In this initial year the project provided support to 547 providers.

Parsons Research Center
Through collaborative research, a Parsons PI is working to develop novel pre-clinical models to understand and develop treatments for self-injurious and aggressive behavior in individuals with developmental disabilities by combining clinical and laboratory research.

Exemplary Services provided by Parsons LSI
41,600 hours of respite services were provided to 124 families by employing 132 part-time providers.

170 individuals with disabilities were supported in 12 counties to live in the community by providing payee support services.

Through a crisis intervention program for persons with intellectual disabilities and mental illness the Center prevented the institutionalization of 33 individuals.
For more than 50 years the University of Kansas Life Span Institute at Parsons has
• Partnered with national, state, regional, and community partners,
• Conducted research,
• Developed model service programs,
• Provided training for professionals involved in services to young children, youth and adults with disabilities, and their families.
The Parsons LSI includes the Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities (KUCDD) and the Parsons Research Center.

WORKING FOR KANSANS: KU LSI at Parsons collaborates with Kansas State University to operate the Kansas AgrAbility project to assist injured farmers and ranchers in acquiring technology and modifying production activities to support returning to agricultural employment.

In FY 2017, 89 farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers were served by ATK AgrAbility Specialists across Kansas.

People are talking about LSI at Parsons!

The parents of a two-year-old with cerebral palsy borrowed a corner chair from the ATK Loan System. Now she can sit up, reach, grasp, and play with toys with her brother. Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK), http://www.atk.ku.edu

“As a caregiver for my 95-year-old mother in my home, this service has allowed me respite care for out of town commitments, mainly doctor appointments. I am extremely grateful.” Customer comment. Southeast Kansas Respite Services, http://sekrespiteservices.org/

“The Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS) is a valuable asset to early intervention providers... I appreciate being able to access professionally prepared materials and presentations to share with my staff.” Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS) http://www.kskits.org/

“I thoroughly enjoyed today and feel like I can go away and apply this info professionally.” “Jim Knight gave an excellent presentation – well worth it.” “Great presenter with good and insightful info about strategies.” “Very good workshop! Love Jim Knight.” Participant comments from the Jim Knight “Better Conversations” training. Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS), http://www.kskits.org/

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