

State CEC Award

At the October meeting of the Kansas Federation of Council for Exceptional Children, David Lindeman was presented the "Award of Excellence". This award is given only when a nomination comes from the field and is given to a person who has made a significant contribution to the field of special education.



Congratulations to...

Kathy Olson was recently elected to the Board of Directors of The American Association of University Affiliated Programs (AAUAP). The President and Executive Director of this organization express that Kathy has demonstrated a leadership role on a national scale by being elected to this position and will make a valuable contribution to the leadership and work of the organization.

A little late in reporting, but nonetheless newsworthy, Kate Saunders has been promoted to the rank of Senior Scientist.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Publications

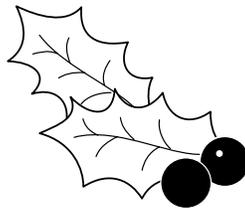
Richard Shores and Joseph Wehby have recently had an article titled, "*Analyzing the classroom social behavior of students with EBD*" published in the Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.

In August, an article by Karen Mahon, Richard Shores, and Carla Buske was published in Education and Treatment of Children, titled "*Issues of conducting research on setting events: Measurement and control of dependent and independent variables*".

D. Napolitano, Susan Jack, J. Sheldon, Dean Williams, D. McAdam, and Steve Schroeder have an article in press in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Reviews, titled "*Drug behavior interactions in persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities*".

Also in press is an article by L. Perez-Gonzalez, Joe Spradlin, and Kate Saunders on "*Learning-set outcome in second-order conditional discriminations*" in The Psychological Record.

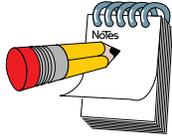
Jennifer O'Donnell, J. Crosbie, Dean Williams, and Kate Saunders' paper on "*Stimulus control and generalization of point-loss punishment with humans*" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior.



Assistive Technology for Kansans

Rhonda Etter, Cindy Jones, Pamela Cress, and Sheila Simmons collaborated on five regional workshops sponsored by Kansas Department of Education and Assistive Technology for Kansans. The workshops, "Educational Software Solutions for Secondary Students with Learning Disabilities", highlighted computer software programs to support reading, writing, and organizational skills. Afternoon sessions included a hands-on computer lab and low technology solutions and curriculum adaptations. Participants included regular and special education teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents.

The Kansas Assistive Technology Cooperative (KATCO) has begun providing low interest assistive technology loans to persons with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities. Financing for the loans is provided through a million dollar fund designated by Governor Graves to begin the low interest loan program for persons ineligible for public supports. Loan applications are processed through one of the five AT Access Sites (800-526-3648) or the Parsons management team.



Business Office . . . *from Laura Hanigan*

Just a few reminders to help us phase out 1999 from the Personnel Department.

Your 1999 Discretionary Day **MUST** be used by December 25. If you are unsure as to whether or not you have one, please contact your personnel department and they will help you out. Your 1999 Discretionary Day cannot be used the week between Christmas and New Years; however, the 2000 Discretionary Day can be beginning December 26.

If anyone has moved this year, please contact your personnel department and request a change of address form and return it ASAP. By doing so you will ensure that you receive your W-2 in a timely fashion after the first of the year.

The time sheet deadline for the pay period ending 12/25/99 is noon on Thursday, December 16. Paychecks will come out on December 23. Student checks or advices need to be picked up by noon on December 23. If any student would like his or her checks or advices mailed to them, please forward a self addressed stamped envelope to Sherilyn LaDuke, KU-LSI, 1052 Robert Dole Bldg, Lawrence KS 66045, in advance. Checks and advices not picked up by noon or mailed by Sherilyn on December 23. will be held until January 3, when the Central office reopens for regular business. (The Central Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years.)

The official state holidays are December 24 and December 31. If you wish to take additional time off during this period, please turn in either as vacation or comp time.

State Holidays for 2000

Governor Graves has designated the following holidays during 2000 as State holidays for employees appointed to "regular" positions. Partial credit is provided to those employees appointed to part-time, "regular" positions.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1999
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2000
MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 29, 2000
INDEPENDENCE DAY - TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2000
LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 4, 2000
VETERAN'S DAY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2000
THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2000
CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2000
2000 DISCRETIONARY HOLIDAY

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The Discretionary Holiday is an additional day with pay provided eligible classified and unclassified employees for observance of another type of holiday, or other special day during calendar year 2000. Employees who work a Monday through Friday schedule should plan to use their Discretionary Holiday by Saturday, December 23, due to the December 25 holiday.

Martin Luther King Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day are considered as academic, as well as State Holidays; consequently departments should either be closed, or staffed at reduced levels. The board of Regents has determined that classes are in session on Veterans Day; therefore, Veterans day is not considered a holiday for unclassified employees of the Regents' institutions.

Consistent with the needs of departments, staff may choose to, or be asked to, work on a holiday. Those classified staff and unclassified, non-exempt staff who work on a holiday may accrue holiday compensatory time for later use.

Reminder from Purchasing Department

Invoice Turn Around:

The University only has seven (7) days from the time the invoice and goods are received to the time they must be received in Voucher Audit. Therefore, it is extremely important that you stamp and date invoice the day you receive them and process them within the next day or two. If for some reason, you do not receive your invoice and/or goods within a timely manner, please contact your vendor, document findings and process paperwork as soon as you can.

NOTE: For everyone else: When you make a purchase of any type, please give documentation to your purchasing agent within a few days, so they may process their paperwork in the time given.

Invoice size:

Any and all receipts/invoices for travel and/or purchases to be processed for payment that are not the standard 8 1/2 x 11 size of paper must be taped on a blank white 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper.

Kansas Industries for the Blind:

When ordering from Kansas Industries for the Blind, be sure to let them know if you will be paying from State funds or non-State funds. The reason for providing this information is so that Ks Industries for the Blind will know whether or not to create an interfund voucher or an invoice. So, when you order please know exactly how you will be paying for the order.

Duplicate Payment:

When paying an invoice, please make sure you have not already paid the invoice. It doesn't take that long to check for duplication of invoicing. For example, you might accidentally pay a vendor twice when you make a payment to the vendor from a cash register receipt and then turn around and 12 days later receive an invoice for the same items and amount.

If the receipt/invoice you are paying from does not actually indicate it is an invoice, check with the vendor to see if they will send you an invoice. Don't ever assume anything, be on the safe side and follow up—know your vendor and what they actually require you to pay from.

Presentations

In November, two invited presentations at A Closer Look: Understanding Disability, Interhab 1999 Direct Service Conference in Salina, by

Kathy Olson and Patty Black, titled "*Dual diagnosis: An overview of mood disorders*"

Patty Black and Kathy Olson, titled "*Friends and leisure*"

Kathy Olson and Joe Evans presented a poster session at Many voices ... Different perspectives ... Shared mission: Facilitating Collaboration Among People with Disabilities, Families, Educators, and Researchers - 1999 AAUAP Annual Meeting in Bethesda, MD on "*Meeting diverse community needs through training: Exemplary training initiative projects*".

In December, the following presentations were made at the 15th Annual International Division for Early Childhood Conference - Crossing Boundaries: Vision for the 21st Century held in Washington, DC:

David Lindeman, J. Woods, D. Jones, and L. Mullis titled, "*FACETS: Family-guided Approaches to Collaborative Early-intervention Training and Services*"

Vera Stroup, M. Campbell, M. Beasley, and David Lindeman titled, "*Transition from infant/toddler programs to preschool programs: A collaborative statewide training initiative to impact change*"

J. Woods, L. Mullis, D. Jones, and David Lindeman titled, "*Embedding interventions within family identified natural environments*"

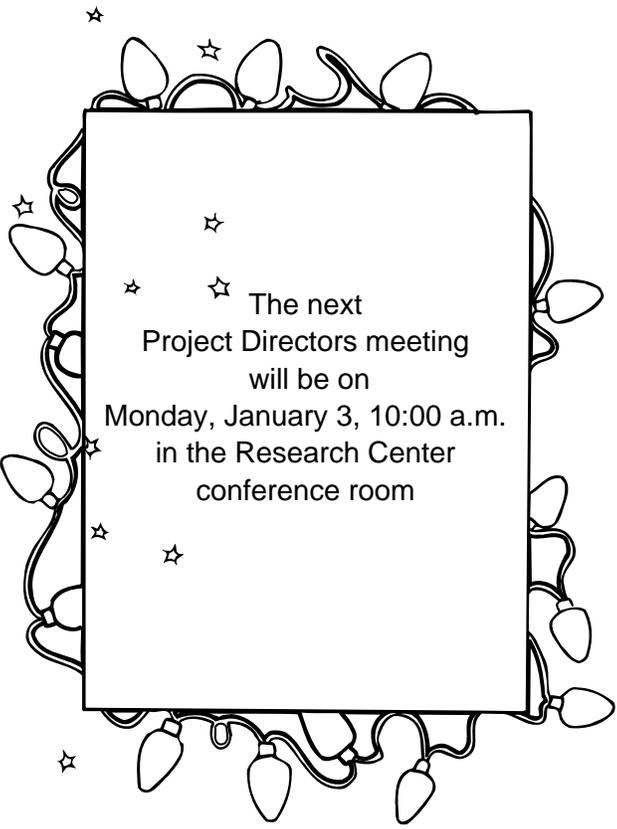
J. Filer, B. Hussy-Gardner, H. Bernstein, and Vera Stroup titled, "*Career options for doctoral level early childhood special educators*"



Videotape Recently Produced

Kathy Olson, J. Hellings, and Patty Black have recently produced a videotape, on "*Dual Diagnosis: Mood Disorders and Developmental Disabilities*".





The next
Project Directors meeting
will be on
Monday, January 3, 10:00 a.m.
in the Research Center
conference room



Machine Language

There's nobody home now to answer the phone,
So please leave a message when you hear the tone.
But if you're a burglar, we're not going to call —
We're cleaning our shotguns while screening your call.

Important Reminder

If you are scheduling a meeting, workshop or other activity that will bring visitors into either of our buildings, please notify the people who work in that building by E-mail as soon as your plans are made and a definite date has been set. Don't forget to reserve the conference room you wish to use. A calender is posted on each door.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>
Feb 17, 2000	<i>Supporting the Mental Health of Adoptive Families.</i> [Contact Person: Julie Willems, 316-241-5150, Ext. 111]	Lindsborg, KS
March 2-4	<i>KDEC Annual Conference.</i> [Contact Person: Debbi Mai, 316-267-5437]	Wichita Airport Hilton
April 6	<i>Taking Care of the Caregivers.</i> [Contact Person: Julie Willems, 316-241-5150, Ext. 111]	McPherson, KS
April 17-18	<i>Infant-Toddler Services Spring Conference.</i> [Contact Person: Joe Porting, 785-296-8625]	Salina Holiday Inn
April 27-28	<i>Transitioning into Developmentally Appropriate Practices (TDAP) Conference.</i> [Contact Person: Misty Goosen, 785-864-0725]	Wichita Airport Hilton