



# The Insider

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## Richard Saunders, Ph.D., Retires

Richard Saunders, Ph.D., University of Kansas Senior Scientist with affiliations involving KU’s Parsons Research Center, the Research and Training Center on Independent Living, the Weight Management Center, and the Kansas Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Center, is surrounded by friends, family, and colleagues in celebration of his research career as he retires, Friday, January 4 in Lawrence.

Dr. Saunders conducted research with his wife Muriel Saunders in the areas of intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, including adaptive switch technology, supported routines, health promotion, and weight loss interventions.

Dave Lindeman, Director, LSI/Parsons, said, “The gathering to honor Dick recognized many of his accomplishments and contributions to our

field. Remembrances also recalled a few more humorous events. We will miss Dick’s contributions.”

Attendees from the Life Span Institute at Parsons, Parsons Research Center include: Dean Williams, Kate Saunders, Muriel Saunders, Katie Hine, Dave Lindeman, and Sara Sack.

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## JUST THE “STATS”

Recyclers from across Labette County dropped off their old TVs, microwaves, computer towers, printers, and monitors as well as radios, record players, boom boxes, cameras, and other electronic waste in Oswego, Kansas on October 20, 2012. Parsons/LSI was well represented by Volunteers, Kathy Olson, Karen Larson, Sara Sack and Dave Lindeman.

Dr. Lindeman, Director, LSI/Parsons, said **“More than 30 pallets of e-waste were collected from individuals, schools and businesses.** The numbers were small, when compared to some of the other collection events, but a steady stream of people brought in e-waste. **The Oswego E-waste Collection was a success in keeping a semi-load of electronics from going to the landfill.** Labette County should be proud to again have supported e-waste collection and responsible recycling.”

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



### Kansas Fire Safety Solutions

Project Director:  
Sara Sack, Ph.D.

Project Coordinator:  
Sheila Simmons, M.A.

Funded by U.S. Department of Homeland Security / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



Collaborating Agencies: Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, OCCK, Resource Center for Independent Living, SKIL Resource Center, Inc.

**Kansas Fire Safety Solutions** will accept and approve applications from people who are deaf or hard of hearing; install free smoke alarms that meet the unique needs of these individuals; plan a home fire drill specific to each home, and assist with a home safety survey to prevent fires, burns, falls, and other common home injuries. Kansans of all ages with a documented hearing impairment (deaf or hard of hearing), are eligible.

ATK is a federally funded program to assist persons with disabilities to increase access to,

provision of, and funding for assistive technology. ATK will rely on its five regional AT Access Sites to provide outreach, eligibility determination, and installation and training to people who are deaf or hard of hearing of all ages across the state.

Individuals, family members or service providers interested in the Kansas Fire Safety Solutions program can contact the program by calling toll-free 800-KAN DO IT (800-626-3648) or complete an application online at <http://www.atk.ku.edu/>.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

- Barker, R. M., Saunders, K. J., Brady, N. C. (2012). Reading instruction for children who use AAC: Considerations in pursuit of generalizable results. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 28, 160-170.
- Barker, R. M., Sevcik, R. A., Morris, R. D., & Ronski, M. A. A model of phonological processing, language, and reading for students with mild intellectual disability. *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. Accepted pending revision.
- Hayashi, Y., Naylor, K., & Saunders, K. Effects of receptive letter identification training on letter naming in prereading children. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. Accepted pending revision.
- Yoo, J. H. & Saunders, K. J. The discrimination of printed words by prereading children. *European Journal of Behavior Analysis*. Accepted pending revision.
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## PRESENTATIONS

- Chvojicek, R., Guillen, C., Lindeman, D.P., & Woodcock, R. (2012, October). *Training and technical assistance on child outcomes measurement: Beyond the face-to-face!* Panel discussion at the Measuring and Improving Child and Family Outcomes Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Gethmann, D., Goosen, M., & Kennedy, P. (2012, September). *Lessons learned from states*. Presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual RTI Early Childhood Summit, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.
- Kasprzak, C., Lindeman, D.P., Nelson, C., & Rinkel, P. (2012, October). *Data drill down: Supporting local programs in realizing the possibilities for using data*. Paper presented at the Measuring and Improving Child and Family Outcomes Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Messner, L., & Rinkel, P. (2012, October). *Pyramid model 101: A road map to effective practices*. Presentation to Annual Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- Miksch, P., Lindeman, D.P., Kyzar, K., & Turnbull, A. (2012, October). *Tiered coaching as professional development in early intervention: The Early Years model*. Paper presented at the Division for Early Childhood 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families, Minneapolis, MN.
- Nelson, C. (2012, October). *Kansas early learning standards – Connecting all early childhood programs*. Workshop for the North Kansas Special Education Service Center, Oakley, KS.
- Nelson, C., & Lindeman, D.P. (2012, October). *Supporting itinerant service delivery through a state-level technical assistance project*. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families, Minneapolis, MN.
- Rinkel, P. (2012, November). *Resources on effective practices for supporting families of young children with challenging behavior*. Paper presented at the annual Autism Across the Lifespan Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Rinkel, P. (2012, November). *Supporting effective practices for serving young children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment*. Invited lecture to University of Kansas students in ABSC 444: Curriculum development for young children, Lawrence, KS.
- Rinkel, P. (2012, December). *Building a behavior support team*. Inservice training presented for Central Elementary School, USD 320, Wamego, KS.
- Rinkel, P., Lindeman, D.P., & Nelson, C. (2012, October). *Evaluating the results of intensive technical assistance through goal attainment scaling*. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood

28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families, Minneapolis, MN.

Rinkel, P., Lindeman, D.P., Nelson, C., & Miksch, P. (2012, October). *Realizing a shared vision of transition at age three: A systems approach*. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families, Minneapolis, MN.

Smith, T. & Nelson, C. (2012, November). *Early childhood least restrictive environment (LRE)*. Presentation to the Annual Joint Meeting of the State Interagency Coordinating Council and the State Special Education Advisory Council, Topeka, KS.

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## PROJECT/GRANT NEWS: Save these Dates!

**February 5-7:** Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) announces the Assistive Technology Low Vision Fair, 10 am – 4 pm in Wichita on February 5; Topeka, February 6 and in Salina on the 7<sup>th</sup>. For more details, call your regional AT Access Site at 800-KAN DO IT (800-526-3648).

**June 4-7:** Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS), will hold the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual KITS Summer Institute, *Teaching Young Children Through Intentionally Designed and Balanced Learning Experiences*, in Lawrence, June 4-7. The week will be devoted to specific teaching strategies and methods that can be used to create a balance between activities that are explicitly led by adults in large and small groups, and those that are intentionally designed, but carried out in an embedded manner within centers and daily routines. Participants will learn techniques increasing child language production and understanding as well as specific strategies for encouraging and reinforcing listening skills. For more information or to register, online at <http://www.kskits.org/training/KITSSummerInst.shtml>

**September 12-13:** Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) in collaboration with Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association will hold their annual AT Expo and Conference in Topeka, September 12-13. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the latest in technology and strategies with more than 30 presentations and 90 exhibitors. For more information, online at <http://www.atk.ku.edu>

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## STAFF NEWS



**Kate Saunders, Ph.D., Senior Scientist**, has been named a member of the Awards Committee, Division 25 of the American Psychological Association (APA), (2011- 2013).

**Katey Schmidt Naylor** and her husband, Eric, are the proud parents of their baby son, Alek, and Katey is on track to complete the final requirements for her doctoral degree this semester. So double congrats!

## BROWN BAG SEMINAR

### Rachael Swopes presents research topic: Substance Abuse and Incarcerated Women

Rachael Swopes, a doctoral student in the University of Tulsa Clinical Psychology PhD program and completing a child clinical psychology internship at Duke University Medical Center, presented her research topic, *Substance Abuse and Incarcerated Women*, on January 17, 2013 at a Brown Bag Seminar, LSI Parsons' Media Studio to 29 staff from Parsons State Hospital and Training Center and the Life Span Institute at Parsons. Her current treatment and research interests are focusing on trauma-focused interests and intervention, disruptive

behavior in children, and dissemination of evidence-based treatment strategies.

Swopes' presentation focused on an effectiveness study of an integrated treatment for trauma and substance use for incarcerated women. The purpose of her study was to evaluate the effectiveness of a comprehensive *Helping Women Recover/Beyond Trauma* (HWR/BT)-based treatment program (implemented by Oklahoma Department of Corrections) versus a matched comparison sample not attending the target treatment. An engaging discussion on research methods followed.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Rock Chalk Jaywalkers/PSH&TC – Team Update



The Rock Chalk Jaywalkers/PSH&TC thirteen team members continue toward their goal of raising \$4,000 for the 2013 Labette County Relay For Life. To date, the team has raised just over 65% of its goal, a total of \$2, 618. Members include: Laura Hanigan, Cynthia Huebner, Michelle Hughes, Karen Lawson (team co-captain), Dave Lindeman, Nora Manier (team co-captain), Chris Miller, Debbie Moody, Jessica Moss, Kathy Olson, Renee Pierce-Hickles, Marlys Shomber-Jones, and Leatha Thompson.



Upcoming events include a **Valentine Dinner & A Movie Prize Drawing**. Tickets are available (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) by contacting Debbie Moody (Ext. 1959) or any other team member. Debbie will draw the winning ticket on Friday, February 8. A second-prize winner will receive a balloon bouquet and a box of chocolates.

Nora & Karen will bake **Valentine sugar cookies** for delivery on Monday, February 11. Preorders should be called in to Karen (Ext. 1618) by Friday, February 8. Small, iced cookies are \$3 – half dozen or \$5 – dozen. Large, iced cookies are \$2 each. A personal message can be added to the large cookies for \$1 extra.

The team's third-annual garage sale is being planned for early in May. If you have any items you wish to donate, just contact a team member.

Please continue to support the Rock Chalk Jaywalkers/PSH&TC team's efforts by joining the team, or making a contribution. The webpage is: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/RockChalkJaywalkers-PSHTC>

## **Volunteer Opportunity: E-Waste Collection Event In Parsons, Saturday, April 27**

**Responsibly recycle your old televisions sets, computer towers, monitors, keyboards and mice.**

**Bring your microwaves, boom boxes, turntables, radios, cameras and other electronic waste that you no longer use to the**

**Parsons E-Waste Collection Event,  
Saturday, April 27, 2013,  
9 a.m. – 12 Noon,  
Marvel Park, Parsons, KS**



If you can help by volunteering a few hours of your time on Saturday morning for e-waste recycling, your help is needed. If you have electronic waste to recycle, this would be an excellent and no cost way to accomplish that and if you could do both, even better.

The KU Life Span Institute at Parsons is a co-sponsor of the Labette County E-Waste Collection Events that have been held in Parsons, Altamont and Oswego on a rotating yearly basis. Our commitment is to inform KU staff and friends of the e-waste events and encourage participation either through recycling e-waste with a licensed recycling organization or volunteering to help with the collection event.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Patty at [pablack@ku.edu](mailto:pablack@ku.edu).

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