

Grants/Contracts - Renewals & New

The contract for Respite Services for the 11 counties in southeast Kansas was renewed. Staff includes: Nancy Tiede, Coordinator: Diane Salyers, and PI: David Lindeman.

The contract for the Coordinated Resource and Support Services Project (CRSS) with area mental health centers and CDDOs was renewed. This contract provides crisis intervention services for persons diagnosed with mental retardation and mental health problems. Staff: David Parnell and Alan Crim, Coordinator: Diane Salyers, and PI: David Lindeman.

The Active Treatment Training Program, a contract to provide specialized training, supports and services to the staff at the Kansas Neurological Institute, and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center was renewed. Staff: Mary Maxwell, and PI: David Lindeman.

The Child Care Focus, a child care resource and referral program for five counties in southeast Kansas has received three different grants: one for the core resource and referral services, one to focus on support and training for providers providing services to infants and toddlers, and one to focus on recruitment of new child care providers. Staff: Angela Metcalf and Barbara Fabrycky, and PI: David Lindeman.

The Kansas Inservice Training System was again funded by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). The KSDE grant is for a five-year period and staff includes: Misty Wallace, Tammie Benham, Vera Lynn Stroup-Rentier, Sarah Walters, Chelie Nelson, Misty Goosen, and PI: David Lindeman.

Bear Hugs: Sick Child Care - In collaboration with Southeast Kansas Respite, Inc., a grant to establish a program to address issues of child care for sick children was funded. Project Staff: Pam Cavitt.





Child Care Focus

Child Care Focus, a child care resource and referral program, licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, was begun in 1992 with a startup grant funded by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Dr. David Lindeman, Project Director, and Barbara Fabrycky, Project Coordinator, have been with the program since its inception. In 1992, Child Care Focus served only Labette County residents with referrals for child care, technical assistance, and a quarterly newsletter.

The following year, Cherokee County was added to the Service Delivery Area of Child Care Focus. A training program for child care providers and the beginnings of a resource checkout library were added. In 1995, Montgomery and Chautauqua Counties were added, followed later in 1997 by Elk County. The newsletter became a bi-monthly publication in the same year.

Child Care Focus staff increased in 1999 with the addition of Melanie Hansen, a student, who assists with general office duties in connection with the Butterfly Kisses, Sick Child Care grant, a project of Child Care Focus in Cherokee County, funded by the Kansas Health Foundation, through Family Life Centers of Cherokee County.

Angela Metcalf joined the Child Care Focus team in January of this year as the Infant Toddler Specialist, a position funded by SRS through KACCRRRA (Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies).

Two new grants were recently awarded by SRS. The Child Care Networking Grant for Labette and Montgomery Counties will increase the capacity and quality of child care in the two counties. One new employee will be hired as a result of this funding to assist with the general program at Child Care Focus. Bear Hugs, Sick and Substitute Child Care Program is a collaborative effort of Respite Services and Child Care Focus. The program will recruit and train people to care for mildly ill children who cannot attend school or child care, respite providers and substitute child care providers to work in existing centers or homes. Pamela Cavitt is the Coordinator of the Bear Hugs project. Bear Hugs will serve all five counties in the CCF Service Delivery Area.

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Partial funding for the daily operations of Child Care Focus comes from SRS through KACCRRRA and from Mainstream through the Family Asset Coordination Project of Labette County. Child Care Focus is a member of both the Kansas and National Associations of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

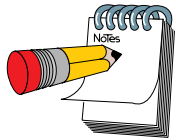
Child Care Focus is an active partner with Early Head Start and collaborates with many other area and state agencies such as: Parents as Teachers, Birth to Three, Labette Community College, Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (KCCTO), Local Interagency Councils, Child and Adult Care Food Programs, Local Child Care Committees, and more.

In the first half of the year 2000, Child Care Focus has sponsored or provided training for 155 participants from all five counties. There are currently 490 names of providers and community partners on our mailing list and we have published three editions of the Child Care Focus Newsletter in 2000. In addition, Child Care Focus has participated in the following:

- Wesley Church Parenting Fair in Parsons
- Hosted the regional Professional Development Initiative (PDI) Orientation Meeting for Southeast Kansas
- Co-coordinated the Southeast Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children's (SEK-AEYC) Spring Mini-Conference
- Participated in the Cherokee County Nutrition Fair in Baxter Springs
- Attended local interagency meetings in all five counties
- Project Coordinator and Infant Toddler Specialist have attended the week-long Infant Toddler Intensive Training from West Ed, sponsored by Early Head Start.

~Award~

In June, KU Provost David Shulenberger presented Sheila Simmons with the KU Classified Non-Teaching Employee of the Month award. Sheila was honored for her outstanding effort and dedication toward building the Assistive Technology for Kansans Project. The Kansas process for acquiring assistive technology has been directly influenced by Sheila's actions and efforts and more Kansans have the technology that they need to live and learn because of her work. A notice of the award and a very nice piece describing Sheila's efforts will appear in the Oread in the near future so be sure and watch for it!



Business Office . . .

Laura Hanigan/Tammy Schoenhofer

Governor Graves has designated the following holidays during 2001 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	Monday, January 1, 2001
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15, 2001
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2001
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2001
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2001
Veteran's Day*	Monday, November 12, 2001
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday & Friday, November 22-23, 2001
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2001
Discretionary Holiday	

The Discretionary Holiday is an additional day with pay provided to eligible classified and unclassified employees for observance of another type of holiday, or other special day during calendar year 2001. Employees who work a Monday through Friday schedule should plan to use their Discretionary Holiday by Saturday, December 22, 2001, due to the December 25th 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 if classes are in session, unclassified faculty and staff will not be eligible for a holiday. *KU classes are in session on Veteran's Day; therefore Veteran's Day is not considered a holiday for KU unclassified employees.

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

Termination of Employment:

An employee, either classified or unclassified, do not have to report for duty on their last day of work. He/she may either use their discretionary day or vacation time through and up to their last official day of employment with the State of Kansas. Whatever is done should be discussed with your supervisor.

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New Account Codes:

Effective with fiscal year 2001 business, items with a useful life expectancy of one year or more and costing between \$500 - \$1999.99 will be classified as "non-inventory capital outlay" and will be coded as account code 14XX9 (non-inventory). Items with a useful life expectancy of one year or more and costing \$2000 or more will be classified as account code 14XX0 (inventory). Likewise, the inventory limit will be going to \$2000 for the university. As more information is acquired, Tammy Schoenhofer will pass the information along. If you have any questions in regards to purchasing, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy.

Learning Quest Program:

Effective July 1, 2000, the Learning Quest Program became available which offers a tax-deferred way to invest for a child's education. This program, sometimes called a 529 plan, provides tax incentives to those contributing to an education account and offers important advantages over other college investing methods.

Anyone can open an account - parents, grandparents, siblings, and anyone can be named the beneficiary of the account, even yourself. There is a \$25 monthly investment minimum if you live in Kansas and a two-year wait before a qualified withdrawal can be made. If you pay Kansas income taxes, you will be able to reduce your state adjusted gross income by the amount contributed, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per year per student or \$4,000 if you are married and filing a joint return.

American Century was selected to manage the investment for this program and provide customer service for investor accounts. You will have a choice of three diversified investment portfolios, depending on risk tolerance: aggressive, moderate and conservative. You can make contributions via automatic transfers from your bank account or through payroll deduction, which will be available for the payroll period 7/23 - 8/5 (paid on 8/18). For payroll deduction, please call the 800 number below and request an enrollment kit and a payroll deduction form. American Century will send you a confirmation of your payroll deduction request which you should sign and send to the Benefits Office to set up the payroll deduction. The deduction code will be LEARNQ.

For more information about Learning Quest, call 1-800-579-2203 or visit www.learningquestsavings.com. Please feel free to contact the Benefits Office for any needed clarifications at (785) 864-4946.

Publications

An article by Jennifer O'Donnell, J. Crosbie, Dean Williams, and Kate Saunders titled, "*Stimulus control and generalization of point-loss punishment with humans*" has recently been published in the Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior. This is one of two articles selected from the May, 2000 issue to be available as an electronic reprint on the Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior Web page.

If you haven't looked at the Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior.sig Web page lately - have a look at its dazzling new format. The Co-Editors are Richard Serna at the E. K. Shriver Center and our own Jennifer O'Donnell. The address is <http://www.eahb.org>.

Personnel Notes

Celso Goyos from the Federal University of San Carlos is working in the Research Center for the next few weeks.

Sandy Hill has become a full-time employee working half-time as a research assistant for Dick and Muriel Saunders and half-time doing purchasing and front desk duties.

Manish Vaidya will be taking a faculty position at the Behavior Analysis Program at the University of North Texas this fall.



The next
Project Directors meeting
will be on
Monday, August 7, 10:00 a.m.
in the Research Center
conference room

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>
June 16	<i>Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & Fetal Alcohol Effects.</i> [Contact Person: Debra Childress, 785-235-5437]	Olathe, Kansas
June 20-23	<i>KITS Summer Institute: Brain Research and Its Implications for Intervention in Natural and Least Restrictive Environments.</i> [Contact Person: Misty Goosen, 785-864-0725]	Wichita, Kansas
June 30-July 1	<i>Early Childhood Workshops - Summer 2000.</i> Pre-registration: (316) 341-5385 or (877) 332-4249 [toll free] by June 23.	Emporia, Kansas
July 31-Aug. 4	<i>15th Annual Early Intervention and Early Childhood Summer Institute.</i> [Contact Person: Lisa McKean, (757) 566-3300; FAX (757) 566-8977.	Williamsburg, VA

For more information or registration forms on any of the above, please check the Conference Bulletin Board in your area.