



*The Insider*

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*Life Span Institute at Parsons*

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### **Professional Service and Other Activities**

Sara Sack reviewed grants for the U.S. Office of Education January 14-15 and 28-30.

Sack, Sack served as Assistive Technology Panel Strand Manager for the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) Conference in Orlando, FL, January 30-February 2.

David Lindeman was invited to serve on the Advisory Board of the National SpecialQuest Birth-Five: Head Start/Hilton Foundation Training Program and attended the first meeting in Alexandria, VA, February 13-15.

David Lindeman was invited to serve on an expert panel of 31 professionals from across the United States to comment on the Head Start Performance Standards in Arlington, VA, March 4 & 5.

### **Presentations**

Buysse, V. (2008, March). *Evidence-based practice continued: A case example*. Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.

Buysse, V. (2008, March). *Evidence-based practice: What does it really mean?* Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.

Goosen, M., Morgan, J., & Stuber, G. (2008, March). *Learning guidelines: What do these mean for special education?* Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.

Hine, K. (2008, January). *Foster Care Treatment Project*. Presentation to Timothy Vollmer's Research Team, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Classroom assessment scoring system*. Training held at Topeka, KS.

Hornback, M. (2008, January). *Early childhood outcomes*. Training held at Garden City, KS.

Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Early childhood outcomes*. Training held at Pittsburg, KS.

Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Early childhood outcomes*. Training held at Wichita, KS.

- Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Early childhood outcomes*. Training held at Topeka, KS.
- Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Early childhood outcomes*. Training held at Hays, KS.
- Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Early childhood outcomes*. Training held at Lansing, KS.
- Hornback, M. (2008, February). *Early childhood recognition and response*. Presentation at Special Education Advisory Council, Topeka, KS.
- Hornback, M., Miksch, P., Rinkel, P., & Nelson, C. (2008, March). *Transition ABCs: Successful activities, indicator basics, and strategies for collaboration*. Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Hornback, M., & Nelson, C. (2008, March). *KDHE (Part C) and KSDE (619) State update*. Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Lindeman, D. P., & Bowman, D. (2008, March). *What's going on in Kansas: An overview of initiatives and activities*. Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Mitchell, L., Lindeman, D. P., & Bowman, D. (2008, March). *Working collaboratively for positive outcomes: Updates from the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services*. Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Mollica, B. M., & Sack, S. (2008, January). *Designing and implementing statewide equipment reutilization programs*. Presentation to the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA), Orlando, FL.
- Rinkel, P. (2008, February). *Brown bag on Kansas' autism initiatives*. Presentation held at Parsons, KS.
- Rinkel, P., & Schnur Shelton, R. (2008, March). *Multi-tiered system of support or pyramid scheme? In search of a role for ECSC*. Presentation at KDEC Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Sack, S. (2008, January). *A review of the Assistive Technology for Kansans Program: Helping Kansans acquire assistive technology*. Presentation for Kansas Legislators at the Schiefelbusch Life Span Institute, Lawrence, KS.
- Sack, S. (2008, January). *A national review of alternative finance programs*. Presentation to the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA), Orlando, FL.
- Sack, S., & Simmons, S. (2008, January). *Working together to provide equipment reuse*. Presentation to the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA), Orlando, FL.

## Publications

Olson, K., & Stiffler, K. (2008). Kansans Mobilizing for Change: Award-winning systems change. *IMPACT: Feature Issue on Direct Support Workforce Development*, 20 (2), 24-25.

## Project Highlight

### **The Early Childhood Leadership Project: A Collaboration with the Kansas Inservice Training System Project David P. Lindeman**

The Early Childhood Leadership Project is designed to provide support and enhance the leadership provided by the Kansas State Department of Education through a variety of activities while specifically addressing the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education requirements related to the early childhood special education indicators. This project will collaborate with the Kansas Inservice Training System through the provision of data analysis, development of required reports, training and technical assistance, and development of guidance materials related to the Kansas State Department of Education's State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR). Specifically, project staff will support focused monitoring through data analysis, targeted training and/or technical assistance, support development of the APR, provide technical assistance support to LEAs/Districts with TIP applications to meet the early childhood indicators, collaborate with KSDE through representation for the development of the Regional Professional Learning Communities with a focus on the early childhood community, development of informational and guidance materials, dissemination of information regarding the project to LEAs/Districts, and development of plan for application of the CLASS Assessment Tool for early childhood special education programs as an indicator quality services for young children with disabilities paired with identification of programs in need of support and areas of support needed. The training and technical assistance for staff development will coincide with the levels of need and support as identified by KSDE for an LEA or District. These three levels are: Level 1-Proactive/General Issues Staff Development, Level 2-Focused Staff Development, and Level 3-Intensive Staff Development. The primary person on the project is Dr. Margy Hornback.

## Staff News

Pam Cress and Charles Spellman spent the entire month of February in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico—they had a wonderful time.

Our sympathy goes out to Sandy Hill with the passing of her father.