



The Insider

Life Span Institute at Parsons

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Pat White, Editor

Honors and Awards

Honorary pins given to Classified and Unclassified staff with 5 to 50 years of service.

Charles Spellman (35)	Kathryn Saunders (15)	Pat Kidwell (10)
Robert Christensen (25)	Dean Williams (15)	Steven Mills (5)
Tony Grady (15)	Allen Crim (10)	Christopher Smith (5)
David Lindeman (15)	Rathe Karrer (10)	

David Lindeman was recently elected as a Member-at-Large to the Executive Board of the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Grants and Project Awards

Mills, S. C. (2003). Children's SSI Project, *Disability Determination Service, Childhood Disability Resource Guides*, \$12,000 over 3 months (University of Kansas subcontract to Association of University Centers on Disabilities). Social Security Administration, Office of Disability.

Mills, S. C. (2003). Title II Part D of the No Child Left Behind Act, *Enhancing Education Through Technology*, \$150,000 over 18 months (University of Kansas subcontract to Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, \$6,509 over 13 months), Kansas State Department of Education.

Mills, S. C. (2003). Title II Part D of the No Child Left Behind Act, *Enhancing Education Through Technology*, \$150,000 over 18 months (University of Kansas subcontract to Holton USD 336, \$6,509 over 12 months), Kansas State Department of Education.

Presentations

Deluccie, M., Lindeman, D. P., Anderson, D., & Thompson, B. (2003, May). *Together we can: Enhancing professional development through the work of the early childhood higher-education options (ECHO) consortium*. Paper presented at the Growing our Profession—Kansas Professional Development Institute, Salina, KS.

Jack, S. L. & Broyles, L. (2003, March). *Positive behavior support system for Head Start programs: Year in review*. Presentation at the First International Conference on Positive Behavior Support, Orlando, FL.

Jack, S. L., Broyles, L., Lindeman, D. P., & Burke, J. (2003, May). *Developing positive behavior support in Head Start programs: A systems approach*. Presentation at Region VII Head Start Training Conference, Kansas City, MO.

Lindeman, D. P., Campbell, M., Horn, E., & Mitchell, L. M. (2003, May). *New Early Childhood Teacher Licensure System: What's happening*. Paper presented at the KSDE/KSDC Annual Conference, Closing the Gap, Wichita, KS.

Mills, S. C. (2003, March). *School isn't a place anymore: An evaluation of a virtual high school*. A paper presented at the annual international conference of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education, Albuquerque, NM.

Frieden, B., & Mills, S. C. (2003, March). *Ensuring all students gain technological fluency through online assessment*. A paper presented at the annual international conference of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education, Albuquerque, NM.

Publications

Bejarano, R. (2003). Effects of interresponse-time shaping on multiple schedule performance. *The Psychological Record*. Manuscript accepted for publication.

Williams, D. C., Jack, S. L., Mahon, K. L., & Shores, R. (2002). Measuring effects of drugs on human social behaviors. *Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Bulletin*, 20, 9-12.

Products

Olson, K. M., Black, P. A., & Hellings, J. A. (2003). *Dual diagnosis: Mood disorders and developmental disabilities* [Video tape and Manual]. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes.

Olson, K. M., Black, P. A., & Hellings, J. A. (2003). *Dual diagnosis: Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders* [Videotape and Manual]. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes.

Project Highlight

*Kansas Equipment Exchange
Sara Sack and Sharon Morton*

Good news arrived on April 30th when KUCDD-Parsons staff were notified that the collaborative effort between Kansas Adult Medical Services and the University of Kansas, Kansas Equipment Exchange (KEE) had been approved. Sara Sack is the Project Director and Sharon Morton is the Project Coordinator. Tony Grady and the Media staff will provide web support services.

This new venture is a “win-win project” for all ---- KU, persons with disabilities, taxpayers, and state government. The five regional Assistive Technology Access Sites will work with the Independent Living Centers, disability organizations, civic, and faith-based organizations to develop a responsive equipment pick-up, clean-up, and delivery system. The goal for the program is to get high quality assistive technology to people as quickly as possible without charge. Although the project has been operating for less than a month, consumers have already reported their satisfaction with this new reuse effort. One gentleman called to report that his new power wheelchair was “a lifesaver” and offered to volunteer at the Wichita AT Access Site and wanted to add project staff to his Christmas list!

As of June 1, 2002, any durable medical equipment purchased by Medicaid will remain the property of the state of Kansas. KEE staff will contact the recipient shortly after they have received the new equipment to find out if it is meeting their needs or if additional training or support is needed to get maximum benefit from the device. When the recipients no longer need the equipment, they are to contact the KEE toll free number (866-666-1470) to arrange to have the equipment picked up. Members from the regional Kansas Equipment Exchange network pick up the item, clean, and repair it as necessary, or work with the KEE Coordinator to have a vendor refurbish the device. The KEE Coordinator checks the applications and arranges to recycle the equipment to another consumer. The equipment is redistributed, at no cost, to “Medicaid beneficiaries, Medicaid eligible, or those likely to become eligible for Medicaid.” Available equipment and equipment wanted lists will be available on the project website.

While the program is just in its infancy, KEE has had many calls inquiring about the program and equipment availability. One state has already called wanting to replicate this new project! For more information contact Sharon Morton, KEE Program Coordinator, at smorton@ku.edu or by calling 1-866-666-1470.