

Presentations

Presentations at the 2000 Spring Conference: Providing Services for Young Children in Natural and Least Restrictive Environments, held in Salina in April included:

"*Writing interagency agreements*" presented by David Lindeman and J. Whitney.

"*Identifying natural routines with families to promote effective intervention*" presented by Glenda Ibarra, Juli Graffeo, and Vera Stroup-Rentier.

Reminder: The TIAA-CREF retirement plan seminar will be held on Thursday, May 11, at the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center Auditorium from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. If you would like to schedule a one-on-one visit with the TIAA-CREF representative that morning, please get in contact with Laura Hanigan because the slots are filling up fast.



New Staff

Debbie Moody is the new receptionist at the KUAP. She will be the main contact person for the public in our building, as well as supporting our office management needs.

Welcome Debbie!

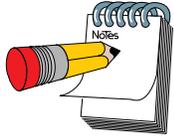


The impact of setting events on aggressive behavior and social interactions of students with emotional and behavioral disorders and their teachers.

This project examines the effects of the occurrence of particular environmental events on the classroom behavior of children with emotional and behavioral disorders. These environmental events may include emotional states, interactions that occurred early in the day, physical states (i.e., illness, fatigue, etc.), and changes in the classroom context (e.g., seating arrangement, instructional format, different peers, etc.). These environmental events are reported using an observer checklist that is completed at the time of direct observation of classroom behavior. The classroom behavior is recorded using a continuous measurement system in which numeric codes, representing different types of social interactions, are entered into a laptop computer by observers. The observer codes every behavior that the student displays during a 30-minute session. Data from the sessions are analyzed to examine the sequential relations between events in the classroom, as well as to assess the relation between the environmental events and the classroom behavior. Depending on the results, interventions are designed to attempt to minimize the aberrant or inappropriate student behavior.

Staff on this project are:

Richard Shores, Ed.D. - Project Director
Karen L. Mahon, Ed.D. - Project Coordinator
Laura Cruz, Carla Buske, Becky Holeman - Research Aides
Kelly Perry - Research Assistant



Business Office . . . from Laura Hanigan

Accelerated Pay Period: Due to the Memorial Day holiday on May 29, 2000, you will be needing to submit your time and leave forms for the week of May 21-27, to Laura Hanigan by Noon on Tuesday, May 23, 2000.

Retirement Death & Disability: As a result of recent legislation, the employer fringe benefit cost for employee death and disability has been suspended for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2000 and all of 2001 beginning 04/01/00 thru 06/30/01.

Mailing of Pay Advices & Checks: The payroll office routinely receives calls each pay period by employees who have not received their paycheck or advice on pay date. It should be noted that these documents are mailed by the Department of Administration through the U.S. Mail on the following schedule: pay advices are mailed on the Wednesday proceeding payday and paychecks are mailed on the Thursday proceeding pay day. We can verify if an employee has been paid, but we cannot track through the U.S. Mail a particular check or advice. We do encourage employees to notify the payroll office if they don't receive their check or advice by the Monday or Tuesday following payday so that we may explore options to getting a duplicate document produced.

Classified Maximum Annual Leave: Employees should be informed of the use or annual leave that is in excess of the maximum accumulation based on years of service. Employee must use those hours in excess of the maximum no later than the last pay period in the fiscal year that is pay period beginning 5/28/00 and ending 6/10/00 paid 6/23/00 or before separation date. Any hours in excess of the maximum with the beginning of Fiscal Year 2001 will be forfeited.

The maximum accumulations of hours based on years of service are:

0 < 5 = 144.00
5 < 10 = 176.00
10 < 15 = 208.00
15 > = 240.00

Student hours: Students may work up to thirty (30) hours per week from all positions when school is in session during the academic year; forty (40) hours per week otherwise. All work hours should be paid from FWS funds as long as the student does not exceed their FWS award. If hours exceed 60 for a bi-weekly pay period, social security will be withheld. All F1 Visa holders may work up to 20 hours a week while enrolled in the appropriate hours of study during the time school is in session; during the time when school is not in session they may work up to 40 hours per week.



Trash Day Success!

Well, Wednesday, April 19, EARLY evening, the weather cooperated for us to successfully pickup our miles that were adopted by "KU at Parsons". I would say it was a great success with 32 bags of trash collected!! But, then, to my dismay, the tornado near Erie threatened to spread our collection back out. However, I did some checking Thursday morning and found our bright blue bags still there on the side of the road.

Thank you to Pam Cress, Chuck Spellman, Jennifer O'Donnell, Dean Williams, Laura Hanigan, Kathy Olson, Sandy Hill, and Robin Bayless. Also, thank you to the PIs that picked up the tab for refreshments at the social gathering afterwards.

The "Chuckie Award" was won by Laura Hanigan for the most unusual (and cute!) piece of trash. There was a close vote with Chuck Spellman's collage of interesting items, but Laura's item won by a pinch. Uh, I mean by a nose. Congrats, Laura!

In addition to the Chuckie Award, there were several other prizes for participants. Laura Hanigan won some Jayhawk pasta (little pasta noodles shaped like Jayhawks), Chuck Spellman won a nice KU windsock to hang from his weathervane, Dean Williams won a very practical outdoor thermometer with the KU Jayhawk logo on it, and Kathy Olson won a beautiful KU wall banner/flag. There were also some small miscellaneous gifts. Gifts and prizes were courtesy of the KU Alumni Association and KU Student Union.

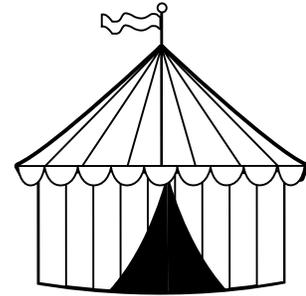
If you did not participate this year, we missed you! But it will be coming around again this fall, so plan on participating. Who know what gifts and prizes I'll have lined up for the fall participants.

This program is good exposure for our KU program here at Parsons. We definitely did our part to "Think Globally, Act Locally!" Thanks for your support!

Until this fall, David Parnell

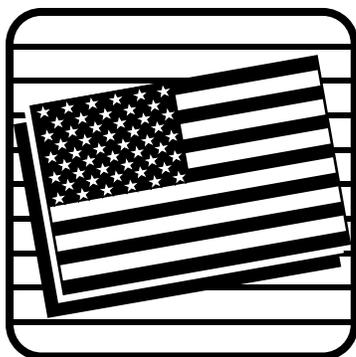


Come one, Come all the to the
biggest big top traveling circus.



Carson & Barnes 5-Ring Circus will be at the Flynn Industrial Park (North of Individual Mausoleum off of Highway 59) on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, sponsored by the Labette County Chapter of the American Red Cross . It's a night for the whole family and an evening you will never forget. There will be over 100 exotic animals and entertainers to dazzle you for 90 minutes. You may come early that morning and see the elephants and there counterparts raising the big top and in the afternoon you may come back and get a closer view of the animals, by getting rides from various animals, and then of course staying for the two shows, which begin at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at Labette County American Red Cross, Labette County State Bank (all locations), Commercial Bank (all locations), First State Bank (Edna and Cherryvale), Exchange State Bank (St. Paul), Bank of Parsons, and Ron's IGA. A percentage of the ticket sales will benefit the Labette County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the residents of Labette County. Cost of the tickets prior to the date of the show are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, the day of the show the tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Get your tickets early.



**Remember Our Country's
Heroes on MEMORIAL DAY**

The next
Project Directors meeting
will be on
Monday, June 5, 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 5-7	<i>Nurturing Kids Who Care: Promoting the Well-being of Children and Families in Supporting Communities</i> ACCK Summer Seminar in Early Intervention. [Contact Person: Julie Willems, 316-241-5150, X 115]	Lindsborg, Kansas
June 11-13	<i>Family-Centered Care Coordination for Children with Special Health Care Needs.</i>	University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN
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

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