

# Notes from the Field

## GAIL COZADD

### East Region Director

- KCSL's Center for Restorative Education served 47 students during the 2016-2017 school year.
- From Heart To Home Infant Adoption placed a new baby with a family last month.
- Kasey Jensen, KCSL's Juvenile Intake & Assessment Center (JIAC) supervisor, will represent JIAC in a statewide meeting with Kansas State Department of Education to discuss the impact of SB 367 on schools and how JIAC can assist.
- Supporting School Success served 509 students from Topeka Public Schools during the 2016-2017 school year. Seventy-nine percent of students served improved their daily attendance.
- OASIS Runaway and Homeless Youth Program completed its federal onsite review in July. Staff members Amber Miller, Hannah Hansen and Samantha Sanchez did an incredible job of preparing for and answering questions during the site visit. A job well done!

## CHRISTIE REED

### Head Start Director

- On June 24, Head Start staff participated in a carnival hosted by International Rescue Committee in Garden City in honor of World Refugee Day. KCSL employees hosted a booth at the event and celebrated diversity in the Garden City area.
- Head Start classes start this month. Start dates are as follows: Garfield Elementary location in Garden City–Aug. 15; Cedar Street and East classrooms in Garden City and all Ulysses classrooms–Aug. 21; all Liberal locations–Aug. 28.
- Head Start employees attended all-staff meetings and trainings this month.

Trainings included self care, conscious discipline, customer service, child abuse and neglect identification and reporting and KCSL values. The theme was "Neverland," and staff dressed up on the last day.



KCSL Head Start staff dress up for their Neverland-themed meetings.

- KCSL Head Start staff raised \$600 to split between United Way of Finney County, Seward County United Way and Dollar for Child Fund. Donations were raised through a silent auction and raffle.

## VICKY ROPER

### Director of Education and Awareness/Prevent Child Abuse Kansas Director

#### Child Abuse Prevention

- Child Abuse Prevention activities continue throughout the year. KCSL collaborated with the National Baseball Congress (NBC) World Series to provide pinwheels and additional information about child abuse prevention.

#### Circle of Parents®

- KCSL's Circle of Parents support groups exceeded the number of new parents served for the year. By the end of June, the program served 166 new parents. The yearly goal is to serve 120 new parents.

#### Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

- KCSL staff trained 486 participants in the 2017 grant year exceeding

goal of 400 trainees. The grant year ended June 30.

#### Geary County Fatherhood Initiative:

- KCSL Parent Leadership Supervisor B J Gore is conducting "Father Friendly Check Ups" with partners of the Healthy Start Grant in Geary County.

#### Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

- Registration opens August 28 for the 41st Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect. The conference will be held Nov. 1-3 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel-Maner Conference Center. Hotel rooms are \$85 per night plus tax for single occupancy and \$95 per night plus tax for double occupancy. Registration fees are \$150 for one day, \$200 for two days and \$250 for the entire conference. Visit [kcsl.org/training-conference.aspx](http://kcsl.org/training-conference.aspx) for more information.



Participants practice yoga poses in a training session at the 40th Annual Governor's Conference in 2016.

#### Healthy Families

- Shawnee County Healthy Families hosted a Parent Café with KCSL's Drug Endangered Child case management program and had a great response from parents. During the café, one parent received support from others when sharing about a child going through the increased crying phase described in the Period of PURPLE Crying®.
- Wyandotte County and Southeast Kansas programs had successful site

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visits for their federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funding.

- In Montgomery County, CLDC member Corky Sanford offers an English as a Second Language (ESL) class for Spanish-speaking Healthy Families clients to help them connect with resources.
- Sedgwick County received a \$7,500 grant from Bank of the West to assist with services to families in the program.
- Lyon County is partnering with Subway and Sertoma Club to provide a Family Time event this month. Families will enjoy rides on a miniature train through Sodens Park and a free meal. Emporia's Community Leadership and Development Council members are also assisting with the event.
- Derith Trickey, KCSL's program assurance specialist, trained in Chicago with Healthy Families America and is now a national peer reviewer allowing her to review programs nation-wide and bring new ideas and improvements to our Kansas programs.

## Kinship

- Sixty new kinship families were served in the grant period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 meeting the program's goal.

## Parent Engagement Program

- William Eckles and his son, 4, threw the first baseball at the NBC National Baseball tournament this month in Wichita. Eckles is a single father raising his son who attends TOP Early Learning Centers. Eckles also participates in TOP's Parents As Leaders Advisory Council.

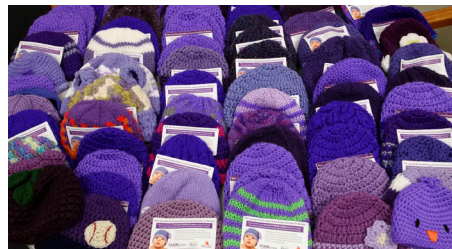
## Parent Helpline & Community Resource Library (CRL)

- Parent Helpline magnets, tip cards and Guides to Reporting Abuse and

Neglect in Kansas can all be ordered from CRL. You can find the order form at [kcsl.org/crl\\_home.aspx](http://kcsl.org/crl_home.aspx).

## Period of PURPLE Crying®:

- KCSL's CLICK for Babies campaign launched in June. KCSL is collecting handmade purple baby caps to distribute to Kansas birth hospitals in November and December. All caps are due by Sept. 30. Caps can be dropped off at any KCSL office or at participating Kansas libraries. Visit your local library to ask if they can send caps to the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library.



*Calling for knitters and crocheters to send baby caps for CLICK for Babies by Sept. 30.*

- New grants have been received from the following foundations: \$2,775 from Central Kansas Community Foundation, \$15,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield and \$10,000 from Capitol Federal.



*Prevent Child Abuse Kansas Director at KCSL Vicky Roper receives Central Kansas Community Foundation Kids FUNd grant for Period of PURPLE Crying® program.*

## Training

- Period of PURPLE Crying® training was provided to the Becoming a Mom curriculum instructors who

provide the information as part of their prenatal classes in 11 Kansas counties.

- Period of PURPLE Crying® training was given to Geary County Hospital staff.
- Family support workers at Forbes Air Field in Topeka received Mandated Reporter Training June 29.
- KCSL's Strengthening Families eLearning course was offered on KCCTO's website for the first time in July.
- KCSL's Clinical Supervisor Lura Borsdorf, LSCSW, RPT-S, will teach a free webinar Sept. 12. The training is titled The Developing Brain, Trauma and Relationships and will cover how participants can create an environment of safety and security that promotes healing for children. Register at [bit.ly/2rwA4yt](http://bit.ly/2rwA4yt).