



*Update
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Award for Kansas CBCAP Grantee

The KCK Housing Authority and The Family Conservancy (a Kansas CBCAP grantee) have received an Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development from NAHRO, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. The award recognizes the "Healthy Parents, Healthy Kids" program at Juniper Gardens as a national model of innovative and effective programs for residents of public housing. "Healthy Parents, Healthy Kids" will now be entered in NAHRO's National Awards of Excellence competition.

Family Conservancy staff members, Sabrina Boyd and Kerry Scott, will join members of KCKHA's staff to accept the award at NAHRO's annual conference in Boston in July. They will also have the opportunity to showcase "Healthy Parents, Healthy Kids" to public housing officials from around the country.

Resources

NEW Cultural and Linguistic Competence Family Organization Assessment

The [National Center for Cultural Competence](#) (NCCC) developed the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Family Organization Assessment Instrument (CLCFOA) at the request of the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) to assess organizational cultural and linguistic competence to specifically address the unique functions of family organizations concerned with children and youth with behavioral-emotional disorders, special health care needs, and disabilities.

This tool is intended to support family organizations to: (1) plan for and incorporate culturally and linguistically competent policies, structures, and practices in all aspects of their work; (2) enhance the quality of services and supports they deliver within culturally diverse and underserved communities; and (3) promote cultural and linguistic competence as an essential approach in the elimination of disparities and the promotion of equity.

Your family organization may use assessment results: (1) to provide a summary of the strengths and areas for growth to advance cultural and linguistic competency, (2) for strategic planning,

and (3) to improve the array and quality of services and supports offered for families and youth and the communities in which they live.

The instrument is now available on the NCCC's website and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

[Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visiting Website](#)

The [Children's Bureau](#) within the US Department of Health and Human Services has launched a website, maintained by Strengthening Families National Partner [FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention](#), for Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visiting. The website includes findings from 17 cooperative agreements "to support the infrastructure needed for the widespread adoption, implementation and sustaining of evidence-based home visitation programs" and a cross-site evaluation. Resources are available [online](#) in the form of archived webinars, newsletters, and research documentation.

[Kansas featured in FRIENDS: Parents and Practitioners Newsletter](#)

In the spring edition of *Parents and Practitioners*, a quarterly newsletter produced by the FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council as part of work as a FRIENDS national resource partner, there are three articles which feature Kansas: "2009 Kansas Parent Leadership Conference" and "Date Night Out for Support Group" both submitted by BJ Gore and "Online Opportunities for Parents and Practitioners." To access the newsletter, please click [here](#).

[Premiere of New Original Series "Dad Camp"](#)

The [National Fatherhood Leaders Group \(NFLG\)](#), a consortium of the leading fatherhood organizations in the United States is teaming up with VH1 on the premiere of the television network's upcoming original series "[Dad Camp](#)," on Monday, May 31st, at 10:30 PM ET/PT on VH1.

The National Fatherhood Leaders Group members include the Center for Urban Families; Celebrate Dads; National Center for Fathering; National Center on Fathers and Families; National Fatherhood Initiative; National Partnership for Community Leadership; Center for Research on Fathers, Children and Family Well-Being; Brookings Institute; National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute; and, Fathers Incorporated.

In the series "*Dad Camp*," licensed psychologist, Dr. Jeff Gardere, works with six fathers-to-be, along with their pregnant girlfriends, to help prepare the young men for fatherhood. Through parenting classes, personal challenges around responsibility, and intense couples and group therapy sessions, each couple will learn the importance of selflessness and the commitment they must make to their unborn child.

The National Fatherhood Leaders Group has developed a discussion guide to help facilitate conversations about the issues brought up in the show, including the economic and emotional demands of being a parent. The guide will be found on all of the partners' web sites, as well as "20 Reasons Why A Child Needs An Active Father In Their Life," which provide research findings that support the needs for young fathers to embrace parenthood. The sites will also feature resource pages, linking readers directly to information, advice and support regarding responsible fatherhood.

The partners' goal is to generate awareness and discussion around the importance of fathers in children's lives. The cornerstone of the collaboration is the promotion of national "Watch Parties" for the series premiere. Participating fatherhood groups are now mobilizing their constituents and asking them to create and promote local viewing events tied to the premiere to spark discussion around the country about responsible fatherhood and the challenges that young men face today.

[Hawaii Self Sleep Website](#)

Hawaii's new [Safe Sleep website](#) was launched on March 15, 2010. The website features an award-winning video produced by Hawaii Student TV in partnership with Safe Sleep Hawaii and the Hawaii State Department of Health. Created, produced, and starring students, this video has aired on local television can be viewed nationally through its posting on YouTube.

[Literature Review on Parent Engagement, Involvement, and Leadership](#)

The FRIENDS National Resource Center in partnership with the Child Welfare Information Gateway has compiled a list of parent engagement, involvement, and leadership articles.

Feel free to refer to the articles as needed to help you enhance and sustain your efforts to meaningfully partner with parents in program and policy development. Also, be sure to frequently check the Child Welfare Information Gateway [website](#), for new materials on parent leadership as well as other information useful to your work.

[Upcoming Events](#)

- Kansas Parents As Teachers Association is sponsoring an all-day workshop entitled [The Feeding Relationship: An Introduction to the Possibilities](#) on Thursday, June 3. The event will feature Pam Estes, MS, RD, CD of the Elynn Satter Institute and include sessions during the day geared toward professionals and in the evening focused on parents. Interactive Distance Learning sites will be available around the State. Register at the [KPATA website](#) by May 26th to reserve your spot!
- [Making Decisions Count for Children: The Kansas School Readiness Data Initiative School Readiness Listening Tour](#) hosted by the Kansas State Department of Education Early Learning Staff will be held June 14-17. The intended audience for the Listening Sessions includes teachers, parent educators, social service, health and mental health professionals and others working directly with children birth through Kindergarten and their families. More information about the Listening Tour is available on the Kansas State Department of Education [website](#).
- Save the Date! The next [Kansas Strengthening Families Stakeholder Meeting](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th, 2010. Watch for more details on location and registration!
- [The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children 6th Annual Conference](#) will be held Thursday, September 9th, 2010 at the Kansas Regional Training Institute in Salina, Kansas, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$30.00 (lunch will be provided). The following sessions will be provided: update on DEC efforts in Kansas; Kansas drug trends; Polysubstance Effects on children's development; and a panel of mothers in recovery. Details on the conference and how you can register to attend are available [here](#).
- Save the Date! The [34th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect](#) is scheduled for November 3-5, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS. [Registration](#) will be available in August.

Upcoming Events, Conferences & Training Opportunities in Kansas

Do you have an event, conference or training coming up that would benefit other KSF partners? Let us know, and we will promote it on the KSF website and in the newsletter, the *KSF Update*. Send information to hilharms@ku.edu or contact Hilary Harms Logan at (785) 864-6069.