

Conference Information

- Conference is FREE!
- FREE child care for children 12 & under available on site!
- Mileage reimbursement (up to \$100.00) and hotel room will be paid for any parent attending the conference outside a 100 mile radius of conference location.

Registration Information

Registration is available online at www.kpirc.org

An email will be sent confirming registration for the conference.

If you are unable to register online please contact Natalie Schweda at (785) 783-2975, Toll Free 1-866-711-6711.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 12, 2011

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Holidome
605 SW Fairlawn
Topeka, KS 66606

Parents: Room reservations will be made by Natalie Schweda. You will be notified if a hotel room is available for you.

Staff and Providers: You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Rooms are available at a conference rate of \$75.00 when you mention the Parent Leadership Conference. Call the Holiday Inn directly at 1-800-822-0216 or (785) 272-8040.

Goals of Conference

Families, professionals and staff will:

- Understand the meaning of advocacy and how to become effective advocates for all children;
- Develop skills necessary to be actively engaged in local, state and national issues impacting children and families;
- Understand the importance of family engagement and its link to educational success for all children.

Planners & Supporters

Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Families Together, Inc.

Head Start Collaboration Office

Child Care Aware of Kansas

Kansas Children's Service League

Kansas Head Start Association

Kansas Parent Information Resource Center

Kansas State Department of Education Migrant Education

State Interagency Coordinating Council

Kansas State Department of Health and Environment -

Kansas Infant Toddler Services/tiny-K

Kansas Fatherhood Coalition

Kansas State Department of Education Parents as Teachers

Family Advisory Council

Kansas Fatherhood Coalition

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2011 Parent Leadership Conference



September 30-October 1, 2011

**Holiday Inn
Topeka, Kansas**

*All sessions
are translated
into English or
Spanish*

*Fatherhood
Sessions
available*

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ONLINE AT
WWW.KPIRC.ORG

PLC Agenda

Friday, September 30, 2011

8:30 am - 9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:15 am Welcome

9:15 am - 10:15 am

Banishing Bullying Behavior

This presentation will cover the five types of bullying; causes and dynamics of bullying behaviors; skills training for students; strategies for students, educators, parents and child advocates; research implications and resources to sustain a cultural change in our schools.

10:15 am - 10:30 am Break

10:30 am - 11:45 am

Communication: Youth to Family

*This session will focus on identifying factors that lead to poor parent to child communication. Parents will gain knowledge on how to improve relationships with their children, and also learn to communicate effectively with them. **Kansas Consortium for Youth Voice***

Implementation of SWPBS: A Parent as a Professional Leader Perspective

*This session will provide information on how you, as a parent, can help your student reach college. You'll learn about the benefits of education, the resources that exist, and how you can prepare your student for this important journey. **Shonda Anderson***

You Mean it's that Easy? Embedding Learning Opportunities for Kids into Daily Routines

*Participants will explore ways that families can turn day-to-day activities into learning opportunities for kids at all ages, from birth through elementary school. **Marti York***

11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Ten Ways to Be a Better Parent *

*This presentation on role modeling for children will include personal testimonies and strategies for becoming a better parent. **Victor Hercules***

Parents as Experts: Understanding How to Navigate Systems and Services for your Child with Special Needs

*Parents are the experts when it comes to their children. During this session, parents will learn about formal and informal supports that are available to families and to their sons or daughters with disabilities. **Lesli Girard***

Healthy Fatherhood

*A father's role (biological or otherwise) has a significant impact on a child's success in life. This session will discuss how fatherhood is a responsibility and a privilege and explore strategies for strengthening fatherhood in the lives of children. **Andy Hutchinson, Bruce Bynum, Travis Alexander and Joe Kotsch***

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm Break

2:15 pm - 3:20 pm

What Does Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Mean for My Family?

*This session, will discuss the important factors to be considered in thinking how students with disabilities can be meaningfully served in regular settings where they can interact with peers, and how to make decisions about what the least restrictive environment (LRE) might be for an individual student. **Jean Ann Summers & Shonda Anderson***

Being a Dad: On Purpose

*This session will explore the epidemic of fathering gone wrong. We will focus on attachment based fathering, the father wound, and strategic needs of boys and girls. Ideas will be shared that can help Dad hit the ground running toward a better relationship with his kids! **Bob Clifton & Nina Keeler***

Empowering Parents in Children's Academic Success

*This session will discuss the importance of parental involvement within the academic pursuits of their children. The discussion will identify means by which parents may empower themselves to successfully challenge their children to achieve academic success. **Tabor Medill***

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Parent Advocacy Panel

4:30 pm Adjourn

6:00pm Dinner/Entertainment

Saturday, October 1, 2011

8:30 am - 8:45 am Continental Breakfast

8:45 am - 9:00 am Door Prizes

9:00 am - 9:30 am Legislative Address

9:30 am - 10:00 am To Be Announced

10:00 am - 10:15 am Break

10:15 am - 11:15 am Parent Café

11:15 am - 12:30 pm Parent Testimony

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Adjourn

Sessions marked with an asterisk (*) are spoken in Spanish