



The Insider

Life Span Institute at Parsons

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Pat White, Editor

Honors

Tammie Benham, Coordinator for the KITS Early Childhood Resource Center was presented with the “Shining Star” recognition for her many and varied contributions to the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers project August 31, 2006. Tammie received this recognition for serving as the original webmaster for the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers in 2005 and currently serving as the web content chair and co-web designer for the 2006 project.

Her vision in web design encouraged hundreds of project participants with little or no technology experience throughout the state to contribute pictures of participation and preschooler programming ideas in an online format. The Kansas Reads to Preschoolers project website also provided ways to document and share program experiences as parents, grandparents, mayors and elected officials, and many others read to over 25,000 children during the 2005 National Children’s Book Week.

Presentations

On July 26, 2006, the Kansas Inservice Training System teamed with Nurturing Families, the Leavenworth County Infant-Toddler Services program to bring Dr. Barbara Kuczen to Lawrence to present a workshop on the Hawaii Early Learning Profile (HELP).

Griffin, C., Ebert, K., & Simmons, S. (2006, July). *Peer support training*. A 2-day workshop to teach farmers and spouses with disabilities peer mentoring skills. Co-sponsored by the National AgrAbility Project at the University of Wisconsin and Kansas AgrAbility, Salina, KS.

Hornback, M., Goosen, M., & Whaley, K. (2006, July). *Kansas monitoring and technical assistance strategies for inclusive preschool placement options*. Presentation to the 6th National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.

Lindeman, D. P. (2006, July). *Interagency collaboration: Where are we and what do we want to do?* Presented at the Leavenworth County LICC, Leavenworth, KS.

Lindeman, D. P., Rinkel, P., & Benham, T. (2006, July). *Kansas Inservice Training System: Initiatives and services*. Four posters presented at the 2006 Annual KSDE Leadership Conference, Wichita, KS.

Rinkel, P., & Kongs, C. (2006, August). *The Assessment and Evaluation Programming System*

(AEPS). Three regional training workshops presented to early childhood special education and early intervention teams from Derby, Hays, and Lansing, KS.

Sack, S. (2006, August). Considerations and possible roles for the federal government in the reutilization of assistive technology. Presentation to the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (www.icdr.us), Washington, DC.

Smith, C. L., Lindeman, D., & Broyles, L. (2006, June). *Hitting a moving target: Building a collaborative evaluation process during times of great organizational change*. Poster presentation at the Annual Head Start Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Stewart, C., Davis, C., Lindeman, D. P., Denk, J., Stickle, L., & Conley, K. (2006, July). *Help is on the way*. Paper presented at the 2006 Annual KSDE Leadership Conference, Wichita, KS.

Publications

Williams, D. C., Johnston, M. D., & Saunders, K. J. (2006). Intertrial sources of stimulus control and delayed matching-to-sample performance in humans. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 86, 253-267.

Grant Submissions

Kathryn Saunders submitted a grant “Computerized Instruction of Fluent Letter Naming and Word Construction” CFDA 84.327A: Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Students with Disabilities, July, 2006.

Sara Sack submitted a CFDA No: 84.235V-1 Model Demonstrations for Assistive Technology Reutilization Grant titled “Expanding Reutilization Efforts to Include Organizational, Navigational and High Cost Technologies,” September, 2006.

Grants Awarded and/or Renewed

Dave Lindeman has received renewals for the following grants/contracts:

Kansas Inservice Training System, Kansas State Department of Education
Kansas Inservice Training System Infant/Toddler Component, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Child Care Focus Resource and Referral, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Southeast Kansas Respite Care Program, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center
Active Treatment Training Program, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center and Kansas Neurological Institute

Coordinated Resource and Support Services for Persons with Dual Diagnosis, SEK Respite, Inc.

Dave Lindeman and Chris Smith have received renewal for Contract “Program Evaluation for SEKCAP Head Start and Early Head Start,” Southeast Kansas Community Action Program.

Dave Lindeman has received a new grant “ECHO Consortium II,” Kansas State Department of Education.

Dick Saunders has also been notified that the Program Project had a percentile of 6.5 that is very favorable for funding.

Kate Saunders is waiting for the paperwork to be finished for her newly funded NIH R01 proposal “Recombinative Generalization of Within-Syllable Units in MR.”

Project Highlight

ECHO Consortium II

Dave Lindeman

The Early Childhood Higher-education Options (ECHO) Consortium is composed of early childhood faculty from colleges and universities across Kansas who are committed to collaboratively support and enhance the development and delivery of teacher training programs to meet the standards for the Kansas early childhood unified license. To meet these ends the consortium has achieved a number of noteworthy accomplishments including: development of a mission statement with guiding principles, redesign of the early childhood curriculum at a number of Kansas teacher training programs, development of multiple matrices comparing early childhood courses with teacher standards, program approval by KSDE of five early childhood teacher training programs, comparing course work across teacher training programs, and identifying and developing 10 courses to be delivered via e-learning opportunities.

These achievements were realized through systemic change created at three levels: a) at the course level through the unification of regular and special education content into new courses, b) at the college/university level through curriculum redesign that will prepare students to meet the new teaching standards and support collaboration between early childhood teacher trainers and early elementary education teacher trainers, and c) at the state level through the development of courses designed to be delivered through a distance education consortium to allow students to access courses at any and all participating colleges or universities.

The proposed project will continue the work of the ECHO Consortium. Specifically, the consortium will continue the development and refinement of course work, continue to take steps in the replication of Great Plains Dean’s Council Model for inter-university course work, and develop a framework for a sustainable infrastructure for inter-university course sharing.

Staff News

Sara Major was in Wichita the second and fourth week of August for training on Partnering for Safety and Performance – Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (PS-MAPP) – basically means she is now certified to instruct and certify individuals to be foster parents.

Roger Stanley has joined the staff of the Southeast Kansas Pilot Project to Replicate the Oregon Model of Intervention with Antisocial Youth Families directed by Dr. Jerry Rea. He has an office in the Research Center, ext. 1908.

Peggy Gentry has joined the staff of the Southeast Kansas Pilot Project to Replicate the Oregon Model of Intervention with Antisocial Youth Families directed by Dr. Jerry Rea. She has an office in the Research Center, ext. 1879.

Tammie Benham, Coordinator for the KITS Early Childhood Resource Center, has resigned her position as of August 31, 2006.