



Save the Date!



Thursday, September 2, 2010

SIDS & Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment

In 2007, 14 Kansas children died in regulated child care. Twelve of those deaths were infants aged 8 months and younger who were found unresponsive while napping in regulated family child care homes. Most were in unsafe sleep environments and not supervised during their nap time.

Learn indicators of high quality infant care and safe sleep practices that will help lower the risk of SIDS for children in child care programs. Let's create a safe sleep environment and provide a safe, stimulating play/learning environment.

Open to all Parents & Providers

Call Child Start at 316-682-1853 ext. 302 to make a reservation!

Session will be held at the Child Start office:

1069 S. Glendale (in the large conference room) on

Thursday, September 2, 2010 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm



\$ 18.00 for 2 hours of in-service training or 2 Professional Development Membership hours.





Save the Date!

Saturday, October 9, 2010



Enhancing Services for Children with Autism and Their Families

Autism diagnoses are increasing and children with autism usually also possess sensory processing behaviors. This module shares information about:

- Autism and the autism spectrum
- Involving families
- Describing sensory processing issues
- Identifying sensory responses
- Planning for addressing challenging behaviors

Having an understanding of sensory processing behaviors can assist those who work with children by helping develop appropriate expectations for behavior and defining, promoting, and developing techniques for decreasing the occurrence of challenging behaviors. Participants will also build skills for collaboration with families to better meet the needs of the children.

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Session will be held at the Child Start office:

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Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 8:30am - 4:00pm

\$ 54.00 for 6 hours of in-service training or 6 Professional Development Membership hours.





Get To Know Your SRS
El Dorado SRS Service Center
OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

410 N. Haverhill Road

El Dorado, KS 67042

Open House Agenda
September 8, 2010

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Welcome & Regional Update

Cyrilla Petracek

South Central Regional Director

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Presentation of SRS Services

Media Presentation repeated every 20 minutes.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Information Booths

Service Center Tour

Refreshments

SRS staff look forward to meeting you and
answering your questions.

Please specify any special accommodations,
such as media of choice, before
August 25, 2010, by contacting Marla Cutsinger
at 316-321-4200 ext. 220

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Rescue. Defend. Shelter. Support.

**6th Annual Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
Conference
September 9, 2010
Kansas Regional Training Institute
Salina, Kansas**

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Registration fee is \$30.00
Lunch is included

Sessions

Update on DEC Efforts in Kansas
Kansas Drug Trends
Polysubstance Effects on Children's Development
Panel of Mothers in Recovery

View the [Save the Date flyer](#) for more information. Registration is available [here](#).

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

The 34th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will be held November 3-5, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS. The conference is an educational, networking and recognition event recognized as the most comprehensive conference in Kansas regarding the issues of child abuse and neglect. The Kansas Children's Service League along with co-sponsoring organizations and underwriters present the Governor's Conference.

The objectives of the conference include:

1. To provide information about exemplary models of prevention and intervention services for children and families.
2. To provide a networking opportunity for Kansans interested in the welfare of children.
3. To recognize individuals or organizations who have provided outstanding services to children.
4. To publicize the needs of children and families and the opportunities to meet those needs.
5. To provide certifiable training opportunities for individuals who work professionally providing services for the benefit of children and families

Registration for the 34th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is now open. Registration rates are as follows: \$150 for one day, \$200 for two days and \$250 for all three days. These early bird prices are available until October 12th, 2010 after that a \$25 late fee will be applied.

Once you begin the 4 step registration process you must complete it entirely, including payment. Registrations that are not finished or paid for will be deleted from the system. If you would like to register online but pay by check please contact [Pam Noble](#) for instructions.

If you would like a printable list of session descriptions please click [here](#).

If you would like to register by mail the printable form is available [here](#). Please note that payment must accompany the registration.

To view the registration brochure online please click [here](#).

To register online for the conference click [here](#) or the link in the "Sign Up to attend the conference" section below.

For more information contact [Pam Noble](#) at (316) 942-4261 x1343.

For hotel reservations please contact the [Hyatt Regency-Wichita](#) , 316-293-1234. Mention the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to receive the \$92.00/night (plus tax) room rate. Please make your room reservations by October 3rd, 2010 to ensure your rate.

Sign Up to attend the conference

[Sign Up!](#)

Sign up today to reserve your spot in this year's conference! Register before 10/12/2010 to avoid late fees.

Online registration ends on 10/31/2010

Call For Proposals

Call For Proposals are no longer being accepted for the 2010 conference. Watch this spot for the opportunity to submit a proposal for next year's conference.

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Our Need	Donate Now and support KCSL. It's easy-peasy with our online form.
Our Word	Sign up and stay up-to-date on KCSL news and events.

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You're Invited...

Wichita Community Baby Shower
Saturday, October 16th, 2010
Sedgwick County Extension Office
7001 W 21st St. N., Wichita, KS
10 am to 2 pm
FREE to the public

This event is a resource fair for new or expecting parents. Parents and families can learn how their baby can get a healthy start on life. Attendees can earn baby clothing items by visiting information booths as well as attending educational classes.

If you would like more information, please call (316) 264-3419 x. 10 or visit us online at

www.wbabyshower.blogspot.com

Plan to attend!

KHPA Comments on CMS Recommendations regarding CHIP:

I Application, Enrollment and Redetermination

1- Application Backlog:

Conclusion: 42 CFR 457.340(d) requires the State to ensure timely determination of eligibility. Standards for determining eligibility must not exceed forty-five calendar days. Kansas Healthy Policy Authority (KHPA) provided an update on the backlog of applications that has occurred within the State. KHPA indicated that they believed contracting with a new clearinghouse, PSI, would help in eliminating the backlog and noted that PSI is consistently processing the applications that are submitted. In addition, an antiquated eligibility system has not supported the number of eligibility/enrollment applications submitted, resulting in a backlog of applications and limited capacity to expand outreach efforts and to facilitate enrollment of eligible populations. The State reported that as of April 23, 2010 there were 20,210 pending applications and reviews at the Clearinghouse. KHPA has amended the contract with PSI in order to suspend certain performance expectations regarding processing times, including the following two standards:

1) "98% of all applications, reviews and request for coverage (for households with an open program) shall be screened and either referred to on-site KHPA staff or if the SCHIP determination completed within 30 calendar days. This must include 100% of cases referred to on-site KHPA staff. This allows KHPA staff to complete their determination within policy guidelines.", and

2) 100% of all applications, reviews, and requests for coverage (for households with an open program) shall be screened and the SCHIP determination completed within 45 calendar days of receipt. Unless specifically allowed according to policy, this includes all applications, reviews, and requests for coverage which have been denied for failure to provide information and the information is subsequently provided within timeframes specified by policy to allow the application, review, or request to be reinstated and processed".

To address this issue, KHPA has moved eligibility cases to another contractor location for completion. Additionally, KHPA has utilized temporary employees, overtime and have received provider donations to help alleviate some of the backlog. KHPA has also designed a project to develop and implement an online application, eligibility determination system, and an outreach plan. In April 2009, Kansas was awarded a \$40.3 million grant over five years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA). This grant is to assist the State in expanding access to affordable health care coverage by funding the development of the new eligibility system and allowing families to apply online. The grant also would be used to fund outreach efforts in communities. The State indicated that the grant will hopefully improve the backlog, eligibility determinations, and State's ability to meet federal requirements.

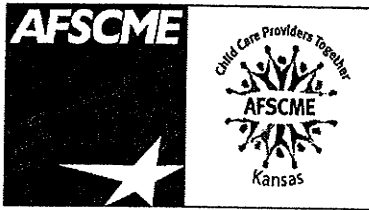
Recommendation: To ensure timely determination of eligibility in CHIP and maintain compliance with Federal regulations, please provide an action plan within 90 days from the date of this report regarding how Kansas plans to resolve this issue.

KHPA's response: KHPA plans to use a three-pronged approach to resolve the application backlog. In addition to continuation of the current efforts described above, KHPA will :

- a. *Implement system modifications to hasten the application processing. Many of the system enhancements have already been implemented. For example:*
 - *The system's functionality has been improved by adding keyboard shortcuts, hot keys, and better search capabilities within the system;*
 - *The system was enhanced to enable workers to make multiple month determinations at one time.*
 - *Implementation of a single screen to create cases*
 - *Elimination of duplicate entry by allowing entry of a case into a single system and transferring it to the eligibility system overnight.*

- b. *Adopt CMS approved eligibility policy options to simplify the eligibility determination process: For examples: KHPA will be accepting self-declaration of income; state staff will do minimum verification of the contractor's work prior to authorizing Medicaid eligibility; parents will be allowed to apply for children 18 years of age; KHPA and its contractor will perform eligibility determination only for those individuals who request coverage on the application; KHPA will initiate in phases the Express Lane eligibility option-targeting food stamp recipients first; KHPA will pursue the establishment of access to the SSA electronic verification system to confirm the declaration of citizenship with SSA records in lieu of the current presentation of citizenship documentation; KHPA will also utilize a newly developed pre-populated review form for adult beneficiaries seeking to renew their HealthWave eligibility and implement passive review determinations for child beneficiaries renewing their HealthWave eligibility. KHPA plans to fully implement these eligibility simplification policies over the next 6 months.*

- c. *KHPA will continue to seek financial resources from multiple sources to increase application processing capacity. Strategies include seeking private funding from philanthropic foundations, submitting budget enhancement requests to the governor and legislature and seeking a favorable CHIPRA bonus payment decision.*



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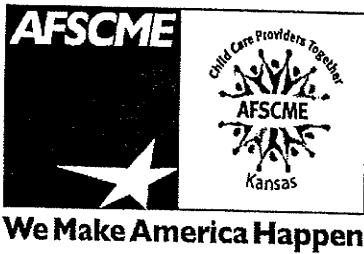
Help a Peer by providing support:

- Answering questions about licensing and it's paperwork process
- Giving ideas about marketing and increasing enrollment
- Supporting their efforts in arranging their home environment
- Providing overall support to increase the quality of their home program to help them maintain their license.

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mduttonhurt@thefamilyconservancy.org or call 913-742-4176

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Family Child Care Providers Are you newly licensed or getting licensed?

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