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Blue Pinwheels Spin In The Frigid April Air

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CAP Month Campaign, 120th Anniversary Activities

While you were trying to stay warm this unusually frigid April, we were braving the cold to plant blue pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) month. April is recognized nationally as CAP month. This year's theme "Strengthening Families and Communities" and the blue pinwheel reinforced our efforts to focus on the positive ways in which we can help prevent child abuse. Kansas is a leader in child abuse prevention, and CAP month was an excellent opportunity to highlight the many prevention programs across the state.

CAP month got off to a good start with two kickoff events in Topeka on April 4. The Kansas Department for Children and Families planted a pinwheel garden on the south lawn of the Capitol with Governor Brownback. Following the Capitol event, another garden was planted at the Kansas Children's Discovery Center with the Pre-K class and staff from TDC's Little Explorers Learning

Center at Trinity, KCSL CEO/President Dona Booe and Jim Redmon, Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund. The children explored all of the Discovery Center activities, participated in pinwheel crafts and completed coloring pages. To kickoff CAP month at the national level, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) rang the opening bell at the NASDAQ Market Site in Times Square on April 2.

Pinwheel gardens were also on display in various areas across the state. As the Kansas Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and organizer of the Pinwheels for Prevention® Campaign in Kansas, KCSL partnered with the Junior League of Wichita on April 1 to plant the largest pinwheel garden in Kansas! The Junior League of Wichita purchased and planted 800 pinwheels on the corner of Rock Road and Central, which is one of the busiest intersections in Wichita. Libraries

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Junior League of Wichita with their 800 pinwheels

Family Vaca Giveaway

We're kicking off summer right by giving away a \$500 gift card to Great Wolf Lodge! Enter by "liking" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/mykcsl](https://www.facebook.com/mykcsl) and sharing our page with your Facebook friends. The Winner will be announced on our Facebook page on July 12!

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From the President's Desk



When I came to KCSL seven years ago, I began to more fully understand how child abuse can really be prevented by starting early

and working with the entire family through models of care like the Period of PURPLE Crying© and Healthy Families America. Through our work, parents can acknowledge and face the worst in their life knowing that KCSL will help them rise above generations of misguided and misinformed parenting practices and create new paths to success for their family.

Many do not understand or are not aware of the impact KCSL has on keeping children across this State free from abuse and neglect. We produce some amazing results with the families we help and we want to do more this next year to educate our communities on our impact. Beginning on May 24, 2013, in Topeka, Building Healthy Families Tours will begin. These are not "building tours" but rather a tour of our mission, "to protect and promote the well-being of children." The tour guests are not asked to donate or volunteer for service but rather to listen to amazing stories of individual family success and share in a vision for our future. Eventually, we hope to provide "Mission

Tours" in all of our locations across Kansas.

By preventing child abuse, strengthening families, and empowering parents, families involved with KCSL can achieve self-sufficiency, ensure their children are safe and healthy, and give back to their communities. The Building Healthy Families Tours will educate the public on how that happens through models of care that are based in research and evidence and cost only 20 percent as much as interventions that happen after children experience abuse, like foster care. Our guests will also see how KCSL helps those children who were not so lucky and did in fact need more costly interventions to keep them safe. We know there are families who, when properly prepared, can adopt children who have experienced trauma and grief and lead them successfully through life.

Consider joining us in Topeka for a Building Healthy Families Tour. Our schedule is noted below and you can reserve a seat by calling Ramona Miller, at (785) 215-6403. And be sure to stay tuned in your own communities as the Building Healthy Families Tours come to your town!

Sincerely,

Dona Booe, President/CEO

LOCATIONS

Cimarron	315 N. 2nd	(620) 855-3889
Dodge City	Village Square Mall #20 2601 Central Ave.	(620) 805-6454
Emporia	215 W. 6th, Suite 209	(620) 340-0408
Garden City	705 Ballinger 603 E. Cedar 4101 E. US Hwy #531	(620) 276-3232 (620) 805-6454 (620) 276-4323
Hugoton	304 E. 6th	(620) 544-7016
Hutchinson	400 W. 2nd St., Suite A	(620) 664-5000
Independence	315 W. Sycamore	
Kansas City	650 Minnesota	(913) 371-2220
Kingman	208 W.B.	(620) 532-1871
Lenexa	15717 College Blvd.	(913) 621-2016
Leoti	P.O. Box 14	(620) 375-4933
Liberal	50 Village Plaza 150 Plaza Drive	(620) 624-9220 (620) 626-5339
Pratt	401 S. Hamilton	(620) 672-3994
Satanta	800 Tecuensch	(620) 649-2754
Stafford	318 E. Broadway	(620) 234-6180
Topeka	3545 SW. 5th St. Center for Restorative Ed. 400 SE 40th	(785) 274-3100 (785) 438-6800
Ulysses	921 N. College 120 W. Grant Ave.	(620) 356-4180 (620) 424-4320
Wichita	1365 N. Custer Wichita Child Guidance Center 415 N. Poplar	(316) 942-4264 (316) 686-6671

Building Healthy Families Tour Schedule

Wednesday, June 26 - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday, July 9 - 5:30 PM
 Monday, July 22 - 5:30 PM
 Wednesday, July 24 - 10:00 AM
 Wednesday, July 24 - 12:00 PM
 Tuesday, August 6 - 10:00 AM
 Tuesday, August 6 - 12:00 PM

Wednesday, August 28 - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday, September 10 - 5:30 PM
 Thursday, September 26 - 10:00 AM
 Thursday, September 26 - 12:00 PM
 Tuesday, October 8 - 5:30 PM
 Wednesday, October 16 - 2:00PM

KCSL's 120th Annual Meeting

KCSL hosted its 120th Annual Meeting Luncheon and Awards Ceremony April 19 at the Ambassador Hotel in Wichita. This is KCSL's opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations that make a difference for Kansas children and families. The Honorable Judge James Burgess, retired Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Eighteenth Judicial District, gave the keynote speech and was presented the Distinguished Service to Children Award.

"This year is an exciting year for KCSL, as we celebrate 120 years of service to Kansas children and families," KCSL President and CEO Dona Booe stated. "I'm honored to serve as President and CEO of KCSL during this exciting time, and I'm proud of the continued success and growth of our Child Abuse Prevention Services and our strong legacy of adoption. We are looking forward to many more successful years of service to Kansas children and families and the impact we will have on reducing the risk of child abuse and strengthening families in Kansas."

The Emporia Gazette received the Media Friend of Children award for its' commitment to publicizing KCSL's first annual Red Stocking Breakfast in Emporia. Gazette staff went above and beyond to ensure that information about the event was complete and correct in the newspaper. In addition, they donated nearly \$3,000 in advertising to help promote the event. The event was extremely successful and attendance was twice what had been projected.

Their dedication to our cause is also demonstrated by allowing our local KCSL supervisor to write and submit monthly articles about child abuse prevention strategies and services, to be published on the Health and Living page of the newspaper.

The Nancy Perry Building Better Communities Award went to Dillons Food Stores for their partnership with KCSL to help spread awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Last year, Dillons sold blue pinwheels in each of their 66 Kansas food stores promoting Child Abuse Prevention Month and KCSL. In addition they paid for six billboards in Topeka and

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*Above: Judge Webb, outgoing KCSL Chair Brad Heyen, Dona Booe and incoming KCSL Chair Dave Schmoeller.
Below: Joe Mason and Shanell Nieves were special guests and spoke about the adoption of their three children.*

120 Years of Adoption

Attendees at the Annual Meeting received a copy of our newest publication *Celebrating 120 Years of Adoption*, featuring 12 decades of stories as told by moms, dads and children. To view the booklet, go to www.kcsl.org and click on the banner ad.



KCSL Trivia

In 1926 Kansas Children's Home Society and Christian Service League merged to become Kansas Children's Home and Service League.

Do you know why?

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Community Leadership and Development Council Focus

Kansas City, Roberta Earll



Community Leadership and Development Council (CLDC) members are KCSL's "local voice" in towns and cities across the state. They assist KCSL with fund raising events,

community awareness activities, appreciation initiatives for foster parents and staff and creating connections and opportunities for the agency within their communities.

Why did you join the CLDC?

A co-worker in Wichita, who was already a CLDC member, told me KCSL was looking to add members in all their market areas. At the time I had no idea what KCSL was all about and I sort of laughed

because when I lived in Wichita I drove by their office on a regular basis and always wondered. After learning more about the Healthy Families program and the efforts to prevent child abuse before it occurs, I wanted to become involved.

What is the council working on now?

We will begin focusing on obtaining sponsors and auction items for the annual Red Stocking Breakfast. As is the case every year, it's very important to raise as much additional money as possible to offset funding shortfalls.

What have you learned about KCSL since you became a council member?

I have learned how KCSL works to improve the lives of children by assisting with the education and resources to build and maintain the family structure. The educational programs such as Period

of PURPLE Crying and Healthy Families promote the prevention of child abuse before it occurs. The Healthy Families program provides a support network for the participants which is very apparent when you spend time at the monthly meeting.

Why is KCSL important to you?

It is important to me because every child deserves to live a life without abuse. KCSL provides such a wide variety of programs which have made an impact in thousands of children's lives.

What would you say to someone who is interested in the CLDC?

I would tell them it is an excellent organization to support and encourage them to attend a monthly meeting. I would share how strongly I feel it is to be supportive of an organization which is proactive instead of reactive in the prevention of child abuse.

Did You Know?

Emprise Bank Gift

KCSL received a gift of \$1,000 from Emprise Bank in April. Senior Vice President of Emprise and KCSL Foundation Board member Randy Steinert successfully secured the gift from Emprise to support KCSL's efforts on Child Abuse Prevention.

Federal Sequestration Affects KCSL's Head Start

A series of spending cuts, called sequestration, canceled approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources March 1 across the federal government for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. Since Congress was unable to arrive at a budget deal earlier this year, the result is automatic

cutbacks to several government programs, which includes KCSL's Head Start.

The federal sequester and its mandatory budget cuts have caused KCSL's Head Start program to lose over \$200,000 from its annual budget. This significant reduction in funding will force KCSL to make strategic decisions to minimize the effects on children and families served. In the coming months, KCSL will determine how to implement the 5.27 percent funding reduction based on community strengths and needs. Without compromising the quality of services to children and families, KCSL will maintain serves to the neediest of areas. Currently, the Head Start and Early Head

Start program has funded enrollment of 559 children over 13 counties. The cuts described above only address fiscal year 2013 funding. Future Head Start funding will depend on further Congressional action.

Making Every Mile Count

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the fourth annual Miles4Kids fundraising team participated in the Prairie Fire Race Series in Wichita on May 5. This year, Miles4Kids raised more than \$2,700 for KCSL's Healthy Families program in Sedgwick County! Donors were entered in a drawing to win prizes such as a Kindle Fire HD. BIG THANKS to Miles4Kids for continued support of KCSL! To find out more information or how you can get involved in this annual event, visit www.miles4kids.org.

Governor's Conference Call for Proposals

The 37th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect will be November 6-8 at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Opening keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Block, immediate past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. We are still working on finalizing additional keynote speaker as well as institute and workshop presenters.

From Heart to Home Success

KCSL's From Heart to Home Infant Adoption program finalized six adoptions in 2012 meeting the goal set for the year.



Tune In For Kids

Meet great kids needing adoption on these stations:

**In Northeast Kansas, "Wednesday's Child"
with Lori Hutchinson on WIBW TV-13**

**In Southeast Kansas, "Monday's Child"
with Lisa Oligis on KOAM TV-7**

**In South Central and Western Kansas,
"Susan's Kids"
with Susan Peters on KAKE TV-10**

You & A Child



Charly, age 14
ID# CH-5684

Charly likes playing sports; soccer, volleyball, basketball and cross country are some of her favorites. She does well in school and is a good student; math is her favorite subject. Charly would like to someday become a social

worker and help others. Charly prefers to live in a city and she would like a family that is active and willing to allow her to participate in the activities that interest her. She will need a home that can provide her with some one-on-one attention.



**Kajana,
Kavon &
Ka'Neisha,
ages 7, 5 & 4**
ID# CH-5506,
CH-5507 & CH-5508

Kajana, Kavon and Ka'Neisha would like a forever family that is patient, kind and loving. Kajana loves playing, singing and dancing. She likes to be outside, riding her bike or jumping rope. Kajana has a lot of energy so an active family would be a good fit for her. Kavon enjoys being outside, playing with his action figures and pretending to be a super hero. He responds well to positive praise and affection. Ka'Neisha enjoys playing with her dolls, watching movies and going outside. She interacts well with peers and with adults. She is generally happy and likes to smile. Kajana, Kavon and Ka'Neisha would do best in a home that can provide structure, affection and appropriate consequences/rewards for their behaviors.

**To learn more about adoption visit www.adoptkiskids.org or call 877-457-5430.
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Annual Meeting

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Memorial Gifts

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Irl and Pauline George
Bruce and Nelda Reynolds
Dolores Sillin
Everett and Patricia Thompson
Lois Werner

approximately 260 radio advertisements, which played on Wichita, Topeka, Manhattan and Lawrence radio stations. They included information in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month through the purchase of blue pinwheels in their weekly newspaper circular.

Jack Cooley of Liberal was presented with the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award for his advocacy work on behalf of KCSL as well as his generous contributions to our annual Red Stocking Breakfast event and the Head Start children in the community. He has been a mainstay at the Liberal Red Stocking Breakfasts, marketing auction items as well as being outspoken about KCSL programs and services. This past Christmas, Cooley and his wife continued a tradition of purchasing gifts for every Head Start child in Liberal when the previous giver moved out of town. "Jack brings so much joy to the children in the Head Start program in Liberal," Jeff Pffingsten, KCSL Development Manager for Western

Kansas, said. "He has become a true advocate for KCSL and we couldn't have imagined accomplishing our goals in 2012 without his help. He is a tremendous asset to our efforts in Liberal, and definitely deserves to be honored with this award."

Other award recipients included:

- Chance, Francis, Harding Group, LLC. (Corporate Friend of Children)
- Dr. Katherine Melhorn, Dr. Kerri Weeks and Dr. Terra Frazier (Direct Service to Children)
- Sabrina Perez-Glatt (Outstanding Employee Achievement)
- Brad Heyen (KCSL Board Leadership)

Outstanding Community Leadership & Development Council (CLDC) Awards went to the following members:

- Harry Stephens, Emporia
- Elaine Fox, Garden City
- Maribell Wetzel, Hutchinson
- Mary Daugherty, Johnson County
- Randy Steinert, Wichita
- Bobbie Padgett, Topeka

Community Partnership Reinforces Interventions

A new partnership is having a wonderful impact on treatment with moms and children who have trauma histories. With access to Botanica Gardens in Wichita, early childhood therapists utilize the children's garden to work on parent/child interaction and bonding, calming techniques and sensory-based activities teaching self-regulation. One child shared, "this is the first time I've ever touched a flower." An area at Botanica Gardens has been renamed to this statement as a result of this interaction.



Chairish the Children & Kickstands for Kids

The second annual "Chair"ish the Children Special Event and Live Auction benefiting KCSL was held at and sponsored by the Liberal Country Club on April 27 in Liberal. Twelve chairs created by local students and professional artists were auctioned off at the event. Two of the featured chairs auctioned for \$700 each, bringing the total raised to \$3,500! All proceeds benefited KCSL's programs in Seward County including Head Start, Early Head Start, the Parent Helpline (1-800-CHILDREN), the Community Resource Library and The Period of PURPLE Crying® program.

The third annual Kickstands for Kids Motorcycle Ride took place on April 20 at Heartland Park in Topeka and raised \$3,500. To commemorate our 120th Anniversary, 73 motorcyclists took a 120-mile ride through Carbondale, Scranton and Harveyville with a stop in Burlingame. Lunch was provided by Dickey's Barbecue. Major sponsors for the event included WIBW, Heartland Park, V100 Radio, St. Francis Health Center and Grace Liquor. All proceeds benefited KCSL's Center for Restorative Education in Topeka, which provides educational, social and behavioral supports to at-risk youth.



Kickstands went up at 1PM as Kickstand for Kids participants pulled out of Heartland Park in Topeka.

KCSL Receives Grant for PURPLE

KCSL received a \$10,000 grant from Amerigroup for the Period of PURPLE Crying® program. Amerigroup is a healthcare company that specializes in managing publicly funded health programs for our nation's most vulnerable. This additional funding for the Period of PURPLE Crying will allow us to reach more parents in Kansas and teach them about the normalcy of infant crying and that it is never ok to shake a baby. To learn more about the Period of PURPLE Crying, please contact Anne Auld at aauld@kcsl.org.

KCSL Trivia: By 1926, the public felt like there was a redundancy of services between the two agencies since both were doing similar work. This merger also eliminated the dilemma donors had to decide which organization should receive their gift.

CAP Month

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distributed 27,500 bookmarks with prevention information on them about strengthening families. Statewide partnerships were established with Dillons Food Stores, Spangles and Natural Grocers to help raise awareness. Radio public service announcements played all month across the state in addition to a statewide "Wear Blue Day" on April 19.

CAP month activities took place in 30 counties across the state during the month of April. In addition to raising awareness for CAP month, KCSL celebrated our 120th Anniversary with three family-friendly events on April 27. In Emporia, KCSL kicked off our first 120th Anniversary celebration at the Emporia Arts Council (EAC). Children enjoyed cookies and free form art activities followed by a children's concert by Rockin' Rob. Some of the young artists left their art to be displayed on the Children's Wall at the EAC. KCSL partnered with other agencies as part of the Crawford County Fatherhood Advisory Council to host F5 (Fathers, Families, Friends, Food and Fun) at Lincoln Park in Pittsburg. This event encouraged fathers to spend time with their children. During the 120th Anniversary party families participated in mini golf and other activities, food, door prizes and fun! The last event was a birthday party themed tailgate before the Sporting KC vs. Portland Timbers game. Pinwheel gardens were displayed at the entrances to the stadium. Tailgaters enjoyed food, birthday cake, a balloon artist, giveaways and other family-fun activities. Miss Kansas Teen USA Alyssa Klinzing joined the festivities to take pictures and sign autographs.



Miss Teen USA, Alyssa Klinzing poses with guests at our Sporting KC tailgate.

Upcoming Events

Klicks for Kids

June 10 thru July 3
Coffey County Library
Burlington, New Strawn,
Gridley and LeRoy, KS

July 8 thru July 22
Meadowbrook Mall
Pittsburg, KS

Topeka Gives

June 19
Fairlawn Plaza
Topeka, KS

Governor's Conference

Nov. 6 thru Nov. 8
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, KS



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www.kcsl.org



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Children are our future, and that's why at KCSL they are our top priority. When planning for the future distribution of assets, many people are surprised to learn there are a number of ways to provide charitable gifts to KCSL. In addition to remembering family, friends and other loved ones, consider including KCSL in your plans so we can ensure that the next generation of children and families thrive! Contact KCSL President/CEO, Dona Booe at dbooe@kcsl.org or (785) 274-3100 for more information.

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