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## A New Strategy for Combating Bullying

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## KCSL Announces Bullying Prevention Hotline

**O**n August 17, KCSL President and CEO Dona Booe along with Diane DeBacker, Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), announced the launch of an anonymous helpline for Bullying Prevention during a press conference at KCSL's Topeka office. Bullying and its prevention has become a critical issue for schools, communities and parents alike. It's no longer about "kids being kids."

KCSL and KSDE have recognized a need to develop a resource helpline for parents

and youth directly dealing with the serious issue of bullying. KCSL views bullying as a form of child abuse - peer to peer. Because of this, KCSL is taking an active role to provide resources to teens, parents, teachers and communities to help prevent bullying in Kansas high schools.

The helpline is staffed by trained professionals and volunteers who listen to each caller's concerns and seek to provide the caller with resources that can assist them. We strive to provide connections, empower people and transform our culture

to one of kindness. The Parent & Youth Resource Hotline has the capabilities to communicate with all non-English speaking callers. In addition, KCSL provides an array of online learning opportunities for teachers on bullying issues.

If you have questions about a bullying situation please call our 24 Hour Parent & Youth Resource Hotline at 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373). The Resource Line can also be contacted via text or email at 1800children@kcsl.org.

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# From the President's Desk



**A**h, September!

Does this time of year not make you yearn for the fond memories of "back-to-school" experiences? To this day when September

arrives I find it necessary to buy a new pair of leather shoes whether I need them or not. It was an important day in my "back-to-school" preparation when Mom and Dad announced the trip to Brown's Shoe Store in Emporia for new leather school shoes. The event was always combined with the excitement of shopping for the important teacher generated list of school supplies. It was always one of the best days of the year for me.

Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) includes education and school supports for struggling children and families in Kansas as a part of our array of child abuse prevention services. When KCSL was founded in the late 1800's, French Author Victor Hugo, wrote: "He who opens a school door, closes a prison." From the beginning, KCSL has understood how education is a part of the prevention of child abuse and neglect that ultimately saves \$7 in more costly services for every \$1 invested early. We have valued the important impact education has on reducing adverse childhood experiences and improving economic and healthcare outcomes for Kansans. This year many exciting enhancements to our school-based programming have been accomplished:

- In partnership with the Kansas Department of Education, implementation of a new statewide Bullying Prevention Hotline at 1-800-Children to assist the reported 30 percent of children targeted for bullying in Kansas public schools.

- Consolidation of four of our Garden City Head Start classrooms into a single location that will provide efficiencies and improved quality of services.
- Continued funding from the Kansas Department for Children and Family Services and the United Way of Greater Topeka to support our work with children reported at high risk of truancy and their parents in both Emporia and Topeka.
- Completion of the year one study and evaluation for our Topeka Center for Restorative Education. Building the necessary evidence behind this model that promotes high school graduation and community service for at-risk youth may help KCSL replicate the program in other communities.
- With thanks and gratitude to the leadership and generosity of many KCSL friends in the Liberal community, building renovations for a new and expanded Head Start school (serving 40 additional children) is now underway and expected to be completed for the start of the second semester.

Because we know that not all children experience happy and positive experiences at school for a variety of reasons, KCSL can impact those adverse experiences and engage children and their parents into successful relationships that make learning possible. We start early, through programs like Healthy Families America and Early Head Start, to help parents value and develop the social/emotional relationships necessary with their children to make learning possible. Then through positive academic experiences, like Head Start, parents learn to engage and lead in their child's education and school experience,

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# KCSL Hosted Early Head Start Parent Leadership Conference

**K**CSL, along with the Kansas Head Start Association and the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) hosted the Early Head Start Parent Leadership Conference for the first time this past month. The conference was held in Topeka at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center June 22-23. Approximately 120 Early Head Start parents and 125 children attended the event.

KCSL's BJ Gore worked closely with the statewide Parent Leadership and Advisory Council to ensure that the conference was parent led and driven. The conference featured two keynote speakers: Bernie Dorsey, founder of the Conscious

Fathering program, and George R. Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary of DCF. Several other workshops featured presenters and parent advocates from all over the state.

The event was planned by a coalition of seven agencies including KCSL, Kansas Head Start Association, Families Together, Kansas Parent Information Resource Center and DCF. Parent leaders from across the state were also part of the planning committee. KCSL was the administrative agent, while the Kansas Head Start Association served as the fiscal agent for the conference.

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establishing healthy patterns and habits that will benefit the child throughout their formal education journey. And for families and youth who are struggling to successfully engage in the education and learning process and may even be contributing to a school's failure to achieve reading or other academic goals, we partner with public schools to intervene with intensive supports that ensure children are at school, individually supported to make improvements and given opportunities to be successful in their education.

I want to thank the KCSL staff who personally contributed to the "back-to-school" classroom supply drive during our Annual All Staff Meetings in August. These gifts help children and parents who may not have

had even the basics to get back to school, let alone a new pair of leather shoes. At KCSL, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to be successful in school and we know it helps all of us when they are.

I thank each of you who continually support our cause of preventing child abuse in Kansas!

Dona



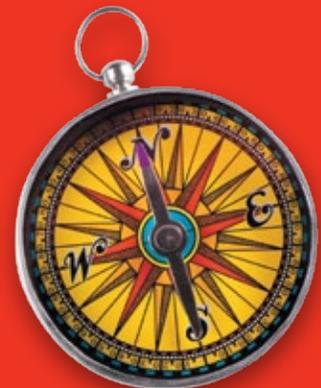
*Dona Booe, President/CEO*

# CINC Receives Additional Funding

**I**n May Gail Cozadd, North Central Region Director, submitted a request to the Johnson County Department of Corrections for additional funding in the amount of \$31,000 for 2013. The Child In Need of Care (CINC) program has received \$61,658 in funding (nearly double the requested amount) for the state fiscal year 2013, which began July 1, 2012.

"This additional funding allows KCSL to offer 24/7 service coverage and more timely responses provided to CINC Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC)," Cozadd commented. "Johnson County Department of Corrections is recognizing the level of service we do and compensating us for it."

The funding increase will also ensure the safety and well-being of staff and children served, allow for an additional part-time Intake Counselor and eliminate the need for on-call coverage from midnight until 8 a.m., except in the case of sick or vacation leave.



# Cox Communications - Statewide Sponsor

**K**CSL received a \$5,000 contribution from Cox Communications for statewide Red Stocking Breakfasts. The funds will be used to plan breakfasts in several locations. In addition, we received an

in-kind contribution of \$25,000 to be used for advertising on cable television. Ten thousand dollars will be used for an advertising campaign for Red Stocking Breakfast and the remaining \$15,000 will

go to our child abuse prevention programs. Thank You Cox Communications for your generous contribution!

## Did You Know?

### Regional Meetings Promote Positive Work Practices for KCSL Staff

The KCSL Staff Council hosted regional staff meetings in Topeka, Wichita and Garden City in August. The meetings allowed staff to have a break from the norm, be inspired and have a little fun. Staff in the Topeka area listened to a presentation by SuEllen Fried, Founder of Prevent Child Abuse Kansas and Bullysafe USA. In Garden City and Wichita, staff heard an inspirational message from KCSL's Melinda Kline. In addition, staff participated in a baking competition and played "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?". The day was packed full of fun, and staff in attendance received one contact hour of credit.

### Supporting School Attendance Program Celebrates a Successful School Year

The Supporting School Attendance (SSA) Program recently celebrated another successful school year. This past school year, they contacted 564 families, which is more than they have ever been able to do before. The program currently has three full-time workers and enlisted the help of three interns from both KU and Washburn. "Without the support of our staff and interns, we couldn't have achieved so much this year," Keri Herren, Program Services Supervisor, said. "Thank you for working so hard to make a difference!"

The team celebrated the end of the school year with a party for all their clients at the Topeka Zoo on May 5. About 65 people were at the party where every student received an award and each family got a gift basket. Pizza and cake were also served. "Having the party at the zoo was a great

luxury for many of our families, as many can't afford it," Herren said. "We were so excited to give them this opportunity, and they were able to spend as much time enjoying the zoo as they wished."

The team is currently preparing to kick off the 2012-13 school year. Last year was a great success, and the SSA team is looking forward to being even more successful next year!

### Garden City Moves and Consolidates Offices

KCSL's Garden City offices have moved into a larger space. Garden City staff worked tirelessly the last few months to consolidate seven classrooms into five. We are happy to announce our newest location, 603 E. Cedar St. The 8th St. Center, the Ballinger Classroom and the 1505 Fulton Terrace offices are now housed in the new Cedar St. location.

### Registration is Open for the 36th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The 36th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will be October 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. This year's conference will feature keynote speakers Lori Moriarty and Jeff Linkenbach. Moriarty, Vice President for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children [www.nationaldec.org](http://www.nationaldec.org), will present "Identifying Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Approach." Linkenbach, founder of MOST of Us [www.mostofus.org](http://www.mostofus.org) and Director and Senior Research Scientist at Montana State University, will present "The Science of the Positive." View registration and conference details at [www.kcsl.org](http://www.kcsl.org).

# You & A Child



## **Lexis, Kamry, Stevon, Stefon & Shelbert "Shelby", Ages 13, 11, 9, 9 & 8**

ID# CH-5716, CH-5717, CH-5718, CH-5719 & CH-5720

Lexis, Kamry, Stevon, Stefon and Shelbert "Shelby" would like a forever family that is patient, kind and dedicated! Lexis is fun loving and happy most of the time. She enjoys coloring, drawing and playing games. Lexis likes church activities, summer camp and other outside activities. Kamry is fun and outgoing. She makes friends easily and she naturally slips into the leader role. Kamry has a lot of friends and enjoys spending time with them. Stevon and Stefon are very loving and considerate twins.

Stevon is funny and likes drawing, coloring and spending time outside. Stefon is a sweet and well behaved young man. He is sensitive and needs extra attention and reassurance sometimes. Shelby can sing and dance and put a smile on everyone's face. Shelby likes sports and playing outside. Lexis, Kamry, Stevon, Stefon and Shelby would do best in a forever family that can provide stability and clear expectations.



## **Isiah, Age 13**

ID# CH-5524

Isiah is a very smart young man who does very well in school and speaks intelligently. He is a great reader and enjoys science fiction books. Isiah has a great sense of humor. He enjoys playing soccer, participating in martial arts and collecting rocks. Isiah needs a family who is very patient, creative and committed. Isiah would do best in a family that has the ability to challenge him intellectually.

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# Council on Accreditation Review a Success

In July, a COA Peer Review Team conducted a site review of KCSL's administrative and program services. The review lasted a total of three days and entailed file and documentation reviews and interviews with board members, staff, community partners and clients. At the exit meeting, the reviewers took turns reporting their findings to the group. All reviewers found KCSL to have committed staff, grate-

ful clients and strong community partners. Typically results are provided within 45 days of the review with the exception of rare circumstances when no corrective actions are required and an organization can receive an expedited accreditation. KCSL has received notice of expedited accreditation. Congratulations to all KCSL staff for this remarkable accomplishment.

## Stay it Forward



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# Red Stocking Breakfast Honorary Chairs Selected

It may have been one of the hottest and driest summers Kansas has seen, but that didn't stop KCSL from planning a fabulous year of Red Stocking Breakfasts. Seven breakfasts will be held in December to raise money for KCSL's child abuse prevention programs and services. Four locations have selected honorary chairs who will partner with KCSL to promote the breakfasts in their communities. Honorary chairs for Emporia's First Annual Red Stocking Breakfast are Don and Robbie Hill. Don is a Pharmacist at the Medicine

Shoppe and serves the 60<sup>th</sup> District in the Kansas House of Representatives, and Robbie is a recently retired educator and counselor. In Hutchinson, the honorary chair is Russell Reinert, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Central Bank and Trust Company. Wichita's Honorary Chair is John Allison, Superintendent of Wichita Public Schools. Joe Lauria from WDAF Fox 4 will be the honorary chair for the Kansas City Breakfast.



*Russell Reinert*



*Joe Lauria*



*Don Hill*



*John Allison*

# KCSL Impelements New Clinical Software

**K**CSL's new clinical software, BrightEHR, was fully implemented June 1. This software integrates the entire clinical program and provides additional efficiencies. "BrightEHR will allow KCSL to do many things such as, share staff resources we couldn't get when we had two different software systems," Toni Higdon, Director of Quality Management, said.

"We no longer have to enter service data by hand. We can send a single report instead of daily service logs, and we no longer have a paper chart we have to file or pull for information."

The software is going through the Drummond certification process. When it is fully certified, clients will be able to do such

things as look up their own records online and we will be able to send information electronically to other providers. Higdon continued, "like any new software there is a learning curve but overall clinicians seem to be happy with what the software can do for them."

## Adopt Kansas Kids Reinforces the Mission of KCSL

**A**dopt KS Kids (AKK) has been busy "protecting and promoting the well-being of children" in many ways. Since January, they have sponsored a handful of families who only want to adopt, held activities and represented many families in Best Interest Staffings (BIS). One of their first families, Joe and Shanell, were chosen in a BIS for a sibling set of three from the AKK website.

Joe and Shanell raise Joe's two children but did not have children together, until now. Before contacting the AKK program their adoption journey had been filled with hope but also many disappointments. AKK was able to notify them in early May that they had been selected. Shanell said it was the best Mother's Day gift that she was able to meet her children for the first time. The family is elated, and the children are as well. Family Services Supervisor

Melinda Kline recently had a conversation with Shanell about how things were going for her and Joe. Shanell admitted that they go to bed exhausted but quickly added, "just hearing them call us Mommy and Daddy just makes me want to let them write on the walls and eat ice cream for dinner. Sometimes I look at the KVC website and tear up seeing the little stamp that says 'Found a Forever Family.' That's us!"



Joe and Shanell with their five children.

## Make A Difference for Kids

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# Upcoming Events

## Klicks for Kids

Sep 4 Salina Central Mall  
thru Salina, KS  
Sep 18

Sep 20 Blue Valley Library  
thru Overland Park, KS  
Oct 4

## Parent Leadership Conference

Oct 5 Ramada Hotel &  
thru Convention Center  
Oct 6 Topeka, KS

## Governor's Conference

Oct 15 Hyatt Regency Hotel &  
thru Century II  
Oct 17 Wichita, KS

## Red Stocking Breakfast

Dec 1 Lone Star Steakhouse  
Garden City, KS

Dec 1 Jack Stack Barbecue  
Overland Park, KS

Dec 1 Carlos O'Kelly's  
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Dec 6 Carlos O'Kelly's  
Wichita, KS

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Topeka, KS

Dec 8 Pizza Ranch  
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## Celebrating Fatherhood Month



In June we celebrated Fatherhood month by encouraging fathers to develop positive relationships with their children and to embrace and value the importance of their presence in their children's lives. On May 18, Governor Brownback signed the Fatherhood Proclamation developed by the Kansas Fatherhood Coalition establishing June as Fatherhood month. Representatives from KCSL included BJ Gore, Bruce Bynum, Jery Márquez and Travis Alexander. The Kansas Fatherhood Coalition is a collaboration of many partners from across the state including KCSL.

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