



KECCS Update

Stakeholders Meeting Special Edition December 2008

More than 80 KECCS Stakeholders met in Salina, KS on November 13 for updates on the Plan and ongoing discussion around Plan implementation. Special thanks to Rae Anderson with the National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) for facilitating! Find links to handouts and updates on the [KECCS website](#), and listed below for your convenience.

- Meeting Agenda
- Revised KECCS Plan
- School Readiness Update, Gayle Stuber
- Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week 2008 – Bear Feels Sick by Karma Wilson
 - Remember to enter activities in support of Kansas Reads to Preschoolers week on the [State Library's website](#)
- Links to resources
 - [MyPyramid for Preschoolers](#), US Department of Agriculture
 - [Self-Assessment tool](#) for early care & education programs, Center for the Study of Social Policy
 - [eLearning](#) program, Kansas Children's Service League
- Updates from around the state
 - Policy update
 - Kansas Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics Update, Dr. Dennis Cooley
 - [Bright Smiles for Kansas Kids](#) - a program for provider education on Fluoride Varnish application for children ages 0 – 3
 - Kansas toolkit for providers on [obesity](#)
 - [Turn a Page, Touch a Mind](#) early literacy program with funding from the Kansas Health Foundation
 - Kansas Association of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (KAIMH), Terry Leatherman
 - See the November 2008 *KECCS Update* for details on the first Infant Mental Health Endorsements in Kansas!

- Kansas Parent Leadership Conference, Tammie Benham & Vicky Roper
 - See the November 2008 *KECCS Update* for highlights of this year's Parent Leadership Conference!
- Breakout sessions
 - Physical Fitness & Nutrition, Nancy Keel & Rita Gedney
 - Fatherhood, Don Youts
 - handouts from Don Youts (in Rebecca's e-mail)
 - [National Center for Fathering](#)
 - Kansas Preschool program roundtable, Gayle Stuber
 - Child Care Licensing BEST team, Chris Ross-Baze & Mary Murphy
 - Integrating protective factors, Lana Messner & Vicky Roper
 - Handout s from Lana (in Rebecca's e-mail)
 - Protective Factors toolkit
 - Kansas Parent Initiative, Hilary Harms, Jackie Counts & Rebecca Gillam
 - Powerpoint
 - Parent Involvement Model
 - Technology Resources List

Upcoming Events, Conferences & Training Opportunities

- The [Kansas Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic](#) will be held February 20-21, 2009 in Manhattan, KS.
- *Save the Date!* A Natural Playscapes Workshop with Rusty Keeler will be held March 6, 2009 in Hesston, KS. Visit [KACCRRRA's website](#) for more details.
- *Save the Date!* The **Kansas Fatherhood Summit** will be held [April 2-3, 2009](#) in Wichita, KS. Stay tuned for more information.
- *Save the Date!* The **Infant Mental Health Conference** will be held April 9-10, 2009 in Salina, KS. Victor Bernstein will be the keynote speaker.

Do you have an event, conference or training coming up that would benefit other KECCS partners? Let us know, and we will promote it on the KECCS website and in the newsletter, the *KECCS Update*. Send information to keccs@ku.edu or contact Rebecca Gillam at (785) 864-7123.