

# Conference Information

- Conference is FREE!!!
- FREE child care for children 12 & under available on site!!!!
- Mileage reimbursement (up to \$100.00) and hotel room will be paid for any parent attending the conference outside a 100 mile radius of conference location.

## Registration Information

Registration is available online at [www.kpirc.org](http://www.kpirc.org)

If you are unable to register online please contact Natalie Schweda at (785) 783-2975, Toll Free 1-866-711-6711.

An email will be sent confirming registration for the conference.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 16, 2010!!!!!!!**

## Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Holidome  
605 SW Fairlawn  
Topeka, KS 66606

**Parents:** Room reservations will be made by Natalie Schweda. You will be notified if a hotel room is available for you.

**Staff and Providers:** You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Rooms are available at a conference rate of \$75.00 when you mention the Parent Leadership Conference. Call the Holiday Inn directly at 1-800-822-0216 or (785) 272-8040.

# Goals of Conference

## Families, professionals and staff will:

- Understand the meaning of advocacy and how to become effective advocates for all children;
- Develop skills necessary to be actively engaged in local, state and national issues impacting children and families;
- Understand the importance of family engagement and its link to educational success for all children.

# Planners & Supporters

Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund  
Families Together, Inc.  
Head Start Collaboration  
Child Care Aware of Kansas  
Kansas Children's Service League  
Kansas Head Start Association  
Kansas Parent Information Resource Center

Kansas State Department of Education Migrant Education  
State Interagency Coordinating Council  
Kansas State Department of Health and Environment  
Kansas Fatherhood Coalition  
Kansas State Department of Education Parents as Teachers  
Family Advisory Council

# FAMILIES

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## 2010 Parent Leadership Conference



**October 1-2, 2010**

**Holiday Inn  
Topeka, Kansas**

*Register online at  
[www.kpirc.org](http://www.kpirc.org)*

*All sessions are translated  
into English or Spanish*

**NEW!!**  
*Fatherhood Sessions  
available*

# PLC Agenda

## Friday, October 1, 2010

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Welcome

9:15 am - 10:15 am

**Relationships 101: "Toni's Top 10 Tips for Building Strong Relationships"**

Join motivational speaker Toni Boyles for a lively session on the most effective ways to build and maintain relationships with key people in your family's circle. Learn ideas for preventing problems as well as strategies for addressing the challenges of "people understanding people." **Toni Boyles, CEO (Chief Encouraging Officer)**

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am - 11:45 am

**Parents in Action! Helping Your Child Reach College \***

This session will provide information on how you, as a parent, can help your student reach college. You'll learn about the benefits of education, the resources that exist, and how you can prepare your student for this important journey. **Alejandra Hernandez- Castro**

**The Indelible Mark of a Father on the Life of a Daughter**

Combining the latest research and resources, participants will explore proven ways to engage fathers and daughters in thriving relationships characterized by openness, mutual acceptance and affirmation. **Lucy Bloom**

**So What is Advocacy Anyway?**

In this session participants discover what being an advocate looks like, then how to plan ahead to reach a goal when advocating is necessary. Participants will be able to identify a problem they wish to avoid or solve and develop a plan to address it. **Karen Cochran**

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm

**Parents as Experts: Understanding how to Navigate Systems and Services for your Child with Special Needs**

Lesli Girard will help parents learn about formal and informal supports that are available to families and to their sons or daughters with disabilities. **Lesli Girard**

**7 Habits of Highly Effective Fathering**

This workshop takes a close look at the essential components of fathering and provides hands on concepts that dads can implement as soon as they get home! **Bob Clifton**

**Building Relationships with Childcare Providers**

Families and caregivers both want what is best for young children. Having a trusting, reciprocal relationship is a key part of achieving this goal. In this session, we will explore some strategies for starting, building and strengthening this collaboration. **Michelle Gilbert**

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 pm - 3:20 pm

**Healthy Communication Within the Family \***

This session will discuss the importance of communication and how it is key to successful family dynamics from early childhood through adolescence and beyond. **Yvette Sosa & Elva Samaniego**

**Positive Behavior Support for Families: Teaching Skills**

Parents will learn hands-on strategies and techniques to immediately implement with their children. Parents will gain a better understanding of WHY children behave the way that they do and WHY routines and schedules are so important. **Cyndi Antoni**

**Everyday Advocacy: How to Speak Up for Your Child**

Join the Kansas PTA Extension Services as they help you understand the steps to overcome obstacles when it comes to speaking up about an issue that might be affecting your child's learning. **Denise Sultz & Jackie Waters**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Parent Advocacy Panel

4:30 pm

Adjourn

6:00pm

Dinner/Entertainment

## Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:30 am - 8:45 am

Continental Breakfast

8:45 am - 9:00 am

Door Prizes

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Legislative Address

9:30 am - 10:00 am

How Parents Changed the Child Care System

10:00 am - 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am - 11:15 am

Parent Café

11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Parent Testimony

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm

Adjourn

Sessions marked with an asterisk (\*) are spoken in Spanish

