

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTATION

Introduction

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is committed to quality services for infants and toddlers with identified developmental delay and/or disability and their families. KDHE ensures access to information to address questions and concerns of providers by providing technical assistance and consultation through referrals to various statewide resources.

I. KDHE Technical Assistance and Consultation

Technical assistance and consultation are available from KDHE Infant-Toddler Services/tiny-k upon request. State personnel are available to make visits to community early intervention programs, confer by phone, arrange conference calls, and provide written information in response to concerns. The Kansas Infant-Toddler Services/tiny-k office number is (785) 296-6135. KDHE contracts with other consultants and programs at the state and national level for additional training and technical assistance.

Resources and information related to early intervention services is available on the KDHE Infant-Toddler Services/tiny-k website at <http://www.kdheks.gov/its/> or <http://www.ksits.org/>.

II. Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS)

KDHE contracts with the Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS) to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to the networks. KITS is a program of the Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities at Parsons, Kansas.

The KITS project is designed to provide a training and resource system for early intervention networks and early childhood special education program staff through collaborative training and technical assistance activities on a comprehensive statewide basis. Additionally, parents and staff of agencies collaborating with these early intervention networks and preschool programs are afforded the opportunity to be involved in all activities associated with the project. The comprehensive system is realized through four identified system components of collaboration / linkages, information services, training, and technical assistance. Early intervention training and technical assistance may be scheduled by individual program, region or statewide.

Updated information on KITS trainings and other trainings of relevance to networks can be found at <http://www.kskits.org/training/>.

III. Regional and Statewide Meetings

Regional and statewide Part C meetings are conducted by KDHE to provide a regular and ongoing means of technical assistance to local programs. A representative of each community early intervention network is expected to attend.

Technical assistance is recognized as a vital step in ensuring quality and appropriate services across the state. In order to ensure quality services to young children and families, technical assistance activities may be required by KDHE for a local network.

IV. The Make A Difference Information Network

The Make A Difference Information Network, (800) 332-6262 V/TDD, <http://www.makeadifferenceks.org/> is available to parents and service providers in Kansas to provide information concerning resources or to refer calls to a person who can provide the necessary information.

V. Other Resources

Kansas Infant-Toddler Services/tiny-k
<http://www.kdheks.gov/its/> or <http://www.ksits.org>

Kansas Inservice Training System (KITS)
<http://www.kskits.org/training/>

Families Together, Inc.
<http://www.familiestogetherinc.org/>

Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
<http://www.kansasicc.org/>

Kansas Health Policy Authority
<https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/public/providermanuals.asp>

Sound Beginnings (Kansas Newborn Hearing Screening Program)
<http://www.soundbeginnings.org/index.html>

U.S. Department of Education, Building the Legacy: IDEA 2004
<http://idea.ed.gov/>

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC)
<http://www.nectac.org/default.asp>

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/reg/ferpa/index.html>