

# 2003 Kansas PTA Convention Workshops

## Descriptions and Presenters *(workshops subject to change)*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003 2-4:30 P.M.**

**Workshop #101** (note, there is a slight chance this workshop may be switched with Workshop #302) –

**Strengthening Programs of School, Family, and Community Partnerships” \***

**Presenter: Dr. Joyce Epstein, Director, Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships and the National Network of Partnership Schools**

*“The opportunity for Kansas people to listen to and dialogue with Dr. Joyce Epstein, the national expert on how schools can successfully partner with parents, is an opportunity that shouldn’t be missed.”*

*Alexa Pochowski, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education*

Description: School, family, and community partnerships are essential for successful schools and for successful students. This workshop will help parents and educators understand family and community involvement as a core component of school improvement, and its importance for attaining education goals for student success. The workshop will discuss: (1) an overview of the six major types of involvement; (2) how to meet key challenges to involve all families; (3) how to reach specific school improvement goals and results for students; and (4) how to organize an Action Team for Partnerships. Other tools and materials will be shared to plan a program, write a One-Year Action Plan, implement and evaluate teamwork and progress. This information can be used to help schools meet the requirements for parental involvement in the No Child Left Behind Act.

Attendees also will be introduced to the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) at Johns Hopkins University. NNPS is a resource for schools, districts, and state departments of education to obtain tools and materials for developing and sustaining research-based programs of partnership. There will be time for questions.

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003 2-2:45 P.M.** (this workshop runs concurrently with #101)

**Workshop #102**

**Awards and Contests**

**Presenter: Susie Beyer, Kansas PTA Awards and Contests Chairman**

Come and find out about the numerous programs Kansas PTA participates in. This is a chance to hear what other schools in our state are doing with their programs and how you can do it, too!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003 3-4:40 P.M.** (this workshop runs concurrently with #101)

**Workshop #103**

**“Strategies for Changing Bullying Behaviors”**

**Presenter: Randy J. Wiler, Leawood Police Department**

Randy Wiler is an expert in the identification and recognition of bullying behaviors and was awarded the Distinguished Services Award to Families and Children at the 1999 Kansas Governor’s Conference. Randy draws from many personal life experiences in developing this presentation, some of which have involved his son. This workshop provides child advocates with the “tools” they need to recognize bullying behavior and to intervene on behalf of children who are bullied.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003 10:30-11:30 A.M.**

**Workshop #201**

**“Underage Drinking—A National Problem of Significance”**

**Presenter: Dr. Karl Krawitz, Shawnee Mission West Principal**

Child advocates will learn of the rising concern of underage drinking in Johnson County, around the State and across the Nation. Attendees will learn how they can become more empowered on how they can deal with addressing this issue in their school districts.

**Workshop #202**

**“Take Time: Build an Emotionally Healthy Kid”**

**Presenter: Susan Crain Lewis, MSSW, Senior Vice President, Education and Evaluation, Mental Health Association of the Heartland**

Parents take a great deal of time making sure that their kids eat well, and get enough rest and exercise to build healthy bodies. Building healthy minds and emotions is just as important, but is often overlooked, many times because we don't know “how”. Come learn and receive practical tools for developing lifelong emotional health in your kids, and answers to the question, how will I know if my kid is (emotionally) healthy?

**Workshop #203**

**“Building a Diverse PTA”**

**Presenter: Paula Pawlowski, National PTA Representative**

To maintain the vision of our founders, PTAs are striving for maximum participation from the community, and to make their practices, policies, programs, and projects open to all who are concerned with the health and welfare of children. In this workshop, participants will discuss how to develop strategies to build awareness and sensitivity and explore steps to expand the PTA's outreach.

**Workshop #204**

**“Range of the Strange – Understanding Your Middle School Child”**

**Presenter: Mr. Jim Wink, Indian Woods Middle School Principal Shawnee Mission School District**

This workshop is just what the doctor ordered to cure parents of the “my child never acted like this until he/she entered THAT building” ailment. Presented in a humorous format, learn and develop a better understanding of the mystery of middle school-aged child development. A “must see” for parental survival!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003 2-4 p.m. Workshops #301 and #302 run concurrently with workshops #401 through #504**

**Workshop #301**

**“Intensive PTA Presidents' Training: Everything a President Needs to Know to Succeed”**

**Presenters: Gail Vertz, Kansas PTA President, Peggy Davis, Kansas PTA First Vice President, Lynette McFarland, Kansas PTA Secretary, Debbie Taylor, Kansas PTA Parliamentarian & Bylaws Review and Paula Pawlowski, National PTA Representative**

A “must” for current or future PTA presidents. Learn all necessary information to be a well-informed president. Hear time-management tips, conflict resolution ideas and PTA regulations. Everything you need to know about your budget and required reports, minutes and bylaws and parliamentary procedures.

**Workshop #302\***

**"No Child Left Behind Legislation" and other educational issues”**

**Presenter: Dr. Alexa Pochowski, Assistant Commissioner of Education, Kansas State Department of Education**

The latest information on the "No Child Left Behind Legislation" (NCLB) and other current educational issues (such as graduation requirements and QPA revisions) will be presented. Learn about NCLB provisions, timeframes and the impact of this legislation on the schools and children of Kansas. .

*\* Workshop #302 may be switched with #101. Check out the Kansas PTA website after 2/15/03*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003 2-2:45 p.m.** Workshops 401 through 404 run concurrently with workshops 301 & 302

## **Workshop #401**

**Treasurer I**

**Presenter: Kim Pflaum, Kansas PTA Treasurer**

This workshop is designed to teach an incoming or a first year treasurer the basics of their position. Issues that will be discussed include duties, procedures, preparing the budget, treasurer's reports and management of funds as well as record keeping and sales tax.

## **Workshop #402**

**"R.E.A.D. to Kids (Reconnect, Educate, Add Dads to Kids)"**

**Presenter: George Williams, National Center for Fathering**

A 1997 National Father Involvement Study confirmed the importance of fathers in children's lives by proving their involvement directly affected performance. Attendees will learn ways to help foster the interaction of dads in school settings. They will also learn of the "Watch D.O.G.S. Across the Nation" program where Dads of Great Students are encouraged to have a presence on school campuses to offer support and supervision.

## **Workshop #403**

**"Making Lemonade Out of Lemons"**

**Presenters: Kansas PTA Past Presidents**

Through this workshop, delegates will learn that sometimes all the planning you do will not necessarily produce the desired results and the Past Kansas PTA Presidents have stories to prove it! Come learn their secrets to success and how to turn things around.

## **Workshop #404**

**"Involving Minority Parents"**

**Presenter: Christy Levings, Kansas NEA President**

As the diversity of Kansas increases, we need to reach out to all parents. How do we involve minority parents? Are the issues, needs and questions of minority parents being addressed? This session will address the need to reach out to all parents and involve them in the public school community.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003 3:15-4 p.m.** Workshops 501 through 504 run concurrently with workshops 301 & 302

## **Workshop #501**

**Treasurer II**

**Presenter: Kim Pflaum, Kansas PTA Treasurer**

This advanced workshop continues the treasurer training. More complex issues will be presented in this workshop including the unit audit, IRS form 990, unrelated business income and corporate sponsorship.

## **Workshop #502**

**“Can You Hear Me Now? Communicating Across Cultures”**

**Presenter: Carmen Sachs, Shawnee Mission Area Council**

Attendees will learn of more successful methods of reaching out and including all parents. Delegates will come away with ideas that will allow them to develop units and councils that are more representative of their school communities.

## **Workshop #503**

**Membership Recruitment**

**Presenter: Terry Wintering, Kansas PTA Membership Chairman**

The growth and vitality of PTA lies in the strength and diversity of its membership base. Learn to improve the effectiveness of membership recruitment and retention.

## **Workshop #504**

**“Community Conversations”**

**Presenter: Christy Levings, KNEA President**

This session will provide information on a powerful tool for involving communities in conversation on the issues important to parents and schools. This process developed by research allows parents and other community members to share their ideas and listen to all stakeholders on the challenges and needs of educating our children.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2003 8:30-9:30 A.M.**

## **Workshop #601**

**Roundtable Discussions: Elementary Teacher Appreciation, Secondary Teacher Appreciation, Internet Safety and Involving Preschools**

**Presenter: Tammy Bartels, Kansas PTA Programs and Safety Chairman, Deb Zila, Kansas PTA Region 8 Vice President, Terry Wintering, Kansas PTA Membership Chairman and Rae Ann Kobylinski, Kansas PTA Leadership Chairman**

Come and share your ideas and concerns in an informal setting. If possible, please bring copies describing your projects, programs and tokens of appreciation to share.

## **Workshop #602**

**“Putting the Standards into Action”**

**Presenters: Jan Long, Kansas PTA Vice President Education Services, Kim Frieling, Kansas PTA Parent Involvement Chairman and Darla Tucker, Kansas PTA Region 3 Vice President**

Have you thought "The Standards are great, but it looks too involved and I don't understand it." Think no more! We are here to take away the confusion. Come and learn the way to start this wonderful program - or find out that you are already doing it, then see how to tie everything together. No matter where your PTA is at - we will have a fun time together!

## **Workshop #603**

**Bylaws- Secretary Information - Parliamentary**

## **Procedure**

**Presenters: Lynette McFarland, Kansas PTA Secretary and Debbie Taylor, Kansas PTA Parliamentarian**

This exciting and fun filled workshop is directed towards helping Secretaries be all they can be! Bylaws and parliamentary questions will be answered in simple terms.

## **Workshop #604**

### **Forget Perfect Parenting**

**Presenter: Lisa Earle McLeod, author of *Forget Perfect***

Finding joy, meaning, satisfaction, and fun in the job that's never done. You're not trying to create a perfect childhood, you're trying to create a functioning adult. Just because it's going loud, messy, and dirty doesn't mean it's going wrong - it usually means it's going right.