



KANSAS MENTORS CONNECTION

Kansas Mentors is excited to relaunch the **Kansas Mentors Connection**, a monthly newsletter.

This newsletter aims to strengthen the connectivity of the statewide youth mentoring network and to educate programs on the resources and technical assistance available through Kansas Mentors.

ABOUT KANSAS MENTORS

Kansas Mentors is a statewide mentoring partnership that connects over 150 mentoring programs with one another and serves as a resource center for communities wishing to start a program.

We believe that all youth deserve a caring adult role model in their lives to support and guide them. In reflection of that vision, Kansas Mentors' mission is to promote safe and effective youth mentoring practices and inspire more Kansans to be mentors.

Looking forward to 2018, Kansas Mentors is dedicated to focusing on the following activities:

Provide training and technical assistance to new and veteran mentoring programs based on the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring.

Administer the Kansas Gold Star Mentoring Program.

Advocate for mentoring and recruit mentors for Kansas programs through mentoring initiatives, newsletters, website, public presentations, social media, and campaigns.

Act as a hub of information for those interested in mentoring; providing resources and connecting individuals, based on their needs, to mentoring programs listed in the Kansas Mentors program database.

JANUARY WAS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Kansas Mentors kicked off 2018 with a proclamation signing declaring January as Kansas Mentoring Month and we attended MENTOR's National Mentoring Summit and Capitol Hill Day in DC. See photos below!



Kansas Mentor Month Proclamation Signing

From left to right is Big Sister Audrey, Little Sister Kayleigh, Hannah Odette, Eric Maydew, Joe Marlow, Governor Sam Brownback, Mickey Edwards, Destinee Parker, Ashley Christiansen, Jamie Crispin, Carolyn Wims-Campbell.



Capitol Hill Day Kick Off in DC



Kansas Mentors Director, Destinee Parker

On site for congressional meetings at the Hart Senate Office Building in DC.



Excellence in Mentoring Awards at the Library of Congress in DC

QUOTES FROM THE EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARDS:

“ I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN TWO TRUTHS:
OUR GREATEST WOUND IS FACING HUMAN
SUFFERING ALONE, AND THAT OUR WORDS
CREATE WORLDS.
- David Milliken, Hutton Settlement Children's Home

“ THERE IS NO START DATE ON ACTIVISM AND
NO EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR DREAMS.
-Jamal Joseph, IMPACT Repertory Theatre

“ WE ALL KNOW WHAT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN:
KIDS MIGHT SLIP. WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS
HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE THERE FOR THEM.
- Eddie Gale, A.D. Henderson Foundation

” ALL CHILDREN
ARE OURS.
ALL CHILDREN
ARE MINE.
- Mamle Lanford Singleton,
Youth Initiated Mentoring

” MENTORING, AT ITS
CORE, GUARANTEES
THAT THERE IS
SOMEONE WHO CARES
ABOUT OUR KIDS AND
ASSURES THEM THAT
THEY ARE NOT ALONE.
- Jeff Fetters,
Federated Insurance Companies

The Kansas Volunteer Commission awarded VGF Mini-Grants to two organizations to promote STEM mentoring. Congratulations!



**2018 STEM Mentoring
Mini-Grant Recipients**

**GIRL SCOUTS OF KANSAS HEARTLAND
USD 350 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**



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KANSAS MENTORS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Kansas Mentors Advisory Council (KMAC), composed of mentoring experts from across the state, provides guidance for how Kansas Mentors can best assist existing mentoring programs and communities wishing to start a program.

KMAC has been working toward defining who we are and what we do. Together, we have made some updates to our council guidelines and to Kansas Mentors' mission statement. We will continue working together to make changes that support our mission.

CURRENT KMAC MEMBERS:

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More exciting changes will be coming so stay tuned!

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