

Kansas Division for Early Childhood Newsletter

About the KDEC Conference Keynote ...

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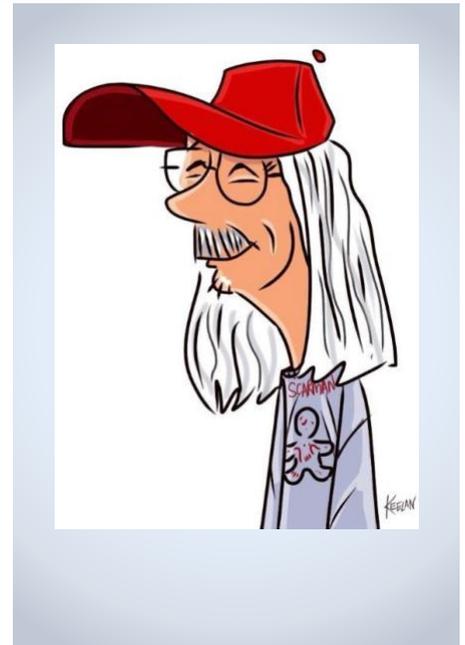
Scarman is about empowering children and adults alike to see a glimmer of hope in the darkest of places. Especially from within. We all have

acceptance while providing support, friendship and unconditional love. With this notion and overcoming these

"We are not given a good life or a bad life. We are given life. And it's up to us to make it good or bad." - Ward 'Scarman' Foley

scars, some you can see and come you can't. Helping others to feel so-called normal just the way they are. Being proud of themselves, their struggles and every single scar. Spreading a message of hope, courage and self-

struggles himself, Ward created the Scarman Dolls. This is a blank doll that allows children to draw their own scars on while hoping they begin to love and accept themselves



just the way they are.

Scarman was created by Ward to resemble some of his scars but he states that the Scarman doll represents all of us. We all have scars. Some we can see and some we can't. Join us on March 1 at the KDEC conference to hear Ward Foley's inspirational story.



<http://ectacenter.org>

PR4RP: Season's Greetings from aRPy and your Kansas aRPy Ambassador

I'm excited to announce that KDEC has provided aRPy and his Kansas aRPy ambassador a page of our own on the website! Look for the "[aRPy](#)" tab in the menu bar at the top of the home page. In November 2017, I launched the first [PR4RP News](#) as a method of communicating with early childhood practitioners and others about practical, accessible resources to support us in our work to improve outcomes for infants, young children, and families across Kansas. You can access current and future issues of the PR4RP News in the navigation pane on the right of aRPy's page on the KDEC website, where you can also subscribe to have notifications of new issues sent to your email address.

The work of aRPy and his cohort of ambassadors for the DEC Recommended Practices (RPs) will intensify in 2018, thanks to renewed funding for the Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center through 2022. Planning is underway to determine what additional information, training, resources, and activities are still needed to promote the use of the products and tools that have been developed to support implementation of the DEC RPs.

Please join me at the 2018 KDEC Conference where aRPy and I will be providing two separate but complimentary sessions. First, we'll be sharing information about the 2014 DEC Recommended Practices themselves, providing access to a new version of the RPs with examples, and inviting you to take the aRPy Pop Quiz Challenge online. Find out if you can recognize features of an RP when you see them! In the second session, we'll use scenarios to demonstrate how practitioners, administrators, trainers and others can use the professional development products (including online courses) developed to support implementation of the DEC RPs to support infants and young children with disabilities across settings.

If you have any questions about the DEC RPs, or the ECTA Center's DEC RP products and tools, please contact me!

Happy 2018, and as aRPy says, "Peace on Earth for All the Little Ones!"

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2018 KDEC Conference



Join KDEC March 1 & 2, 2018 for the 36th Annual Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Wichita, KS. This year's theme is "It Takes a Village". We are pleased to announce that Ward Foley, Scar Man, will be this year's Keynote Speaker. For additional information on Ward Foley, please visit his website at <https://www.wardfoley.com/>. Registration is now open and can be accessed through www.taese.org. CEUs will be available.

KDEC Pre- and Post-Conference Sessions

Join us at the KDEC conference for pre-and post-conference sessions. Space is limited!!

Pre-Conference Session (February 28, 10:00 – 4:00):

Presenter: Geneva Hallet, Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion.

Topic: The Interior Life of a Child and How to Support It

This workshop will focus on identifying the social and emotional needs of children birth to 5 years and understanding how to positively support this growth and development. It will highlight a child's temperament and recognize how a child might get his/her social and emotional needs met within the family and in preschool. The importance of collaborating with families to develop and implement learning opportunities for their young child will be

demonstrated. Information will be provided through presentation, handouts, and viewing video clips supporting the participant's ability to apply theory to practice. Participants will apply strategies to case vignettes in an effort to create the best possible outcome to support the child. Small group activities will be completed as well as a resource plan to take home. Teams are encouraged to attend this preconference session together

Post-Conference Presenter (March 2, 9:00 – 4:00):

Presenters: Drs. Phoebe Rinkel and Stephanie Keller, KCCTO/Brookes Kindergarten Snapshot Trainers

Topic: Kansas Kindergarten Snapshot Training

This workshop will replicate earlier training provided by KSDE and will focus on the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Tool: Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3™) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2™). This opportunity will provide workshop participants with the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Core training and materials. This opportunity is for districts that may have missed the earlier KSDE training, or may wish to provide training for new or additional Kindergarten Snapshot Train-the-Trainers. Persons attending the training will need to purchase and bring their ASQ3 and ASQ-SE2 kits.

Additional information regarding Pre-and Post-Conference sessions can be found by accessing the following website: http://kdec.org/KDEC_PrePostWorkshop2018.pdf

KDEC Mini Grants for Projects which Enhance Learning for Young Children and Support their Families

The Executive Board of the Kansas Division for Early Childhood (KDEC) is pleased to announce a mini grant competition for programs serving young children with disabilities and their families. Up to three mini grants will be awarded for amounts up to \$1000.00 each.

Projects can be an academic learning experience, program-based research, creative activity for supporting learning by children and families, or a focused staff-training activity. Projects may come from an agency serving young children with disabilities, or a college/university student in collaboration with a faculty advisor. Examples of agencies include LEA's, Head Start Program, Community Preschool, and/or Child Care Centers serving children with disabilities. Please note that at least one individual involved in the mini grant proposal and the implementation of the project must be a current member of KDEC.

Please email Tammy Wallin at wallint@ku.edu for a mini grant application. **Applications are due by January 26th, 2018.** Proposals will be reviewed by the KDEC Executive Board and funds will be

award during the KDEC Conference 2018 and then will be distributed after March 2, 2018. The awarded projects must complete final project by August 20th, 2018.

Member Spotlight



My name is Krickit Ketterl and I live in Oberlin, Kansas. I work for the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center as an Early Childhood Special Education teacher. I have worked in education for ten years with the last eight in early childhood. I've spent six years working in preschools but over the last two years my focus has moved more towards early intervention for infants and toddlers. I have a strong passion for working with children and their families, helping them be as successful as possible.

I am married to my wonderful husband Spencer who is a lineman for PrairieLand Electric and have two step-children. Ryan is 13 and an active 8th grader who enjoys basketball, being 4-H vice-president, and shooting sports. Taylor is 11 and a very busy 6th grader. She participates in any activity she can and is currently the secretary for our 4-H club.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family whether it be playing cards, sports or enjoying our time at the family farm. I also enjoy playing sports and lately I have become a runner and ran my first half-marathon last year. My family is very important but helping children, whether it be working with them and their families during work, volunteering at church, coaching youth sports, or being a 4-H leader, is a great passion of mine also.

Currently at work, I am a master coach for our tiny-k team as well as on the Leadership team. We are working on writing better IEPs and making our program better at all times. I am also running for Vice-President of KDEC and look forward to working with others across the state to improve the program state-wide because Early Intervention is so important.

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