WEST REGION
Submitted by Jessica Wadel, Head Start Director

• We are gearing up for the 2014-2015 school year, and we are excited to see the progress that our students and families will make this year. Our Head Start programs have incorporated a new curriculum called Handwriting without Tears to prepare students with correct letter formation, which is essential for the elementary state writing tests. If students are not taught correct handwriting skills, they become tired and their writing deteriorates during the state assessment. Teachers have also added more hands-on opportunities for science and math to give them a strong foundation before state assessments in elementary school.

• Early Head Start home visitors are equipping parents with resources to teach and discipline their children and give them much needed community resources to cover basic necessities. Home visitors constantly encourage families to continue their own education and learn the English language.

• Head Start and Early Head Start (HS/EHS) management staff are working diligently as a team on many projects including: the Program Self-Assessment (PSA), filling open positions, updating program Integrated Service Plans (ISPs), and preparing for all-staff training. Our HS/EHS family service workers are also completing family orientations so that we can be fully enrolled earlier in the program year. The staff are increasing recruitment efforts and completing multiple applications in order to strengthen our waiting list.

• We’re busy planning our annual Head Start all-staff event that will be held in August. The all-staff event is a great opportunity for the staff from our various locations to get together and learn new things to implement throughout the school year.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
Submitted by Chad Child, Clinical Program Director

• Clinical services has had some great changes. We have added three new therapists. These therapists give us an opportunity to see additional clients ages 0–5 and bilingual families. In addition, one of our Master level social workers, Christina Romero, received her clinical licenses— a huge accomplishment. Congratulations Christina!

• Our Crisis Nursery program has really taken off serving 14 families, seven of those in the last month.

• We have had therapists invited to be keynote speakers at conferences and invited to do an array of trainings at local group homes with staff.

• The annual United Way of the Plains grant application is underway and we look forward to that partnership continuing.
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PREVENT CHILD ABUSE KANSAS
Submitted by Vicky Roper, Director, Education and Awareness and Prevent Child Abuse Kansas Director

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• There were 120 participants in the KCSL eLearning program this quarter.

• Montgomery County was able to offer families the ability to get family portraits taken at no cost at their May Family Time event using volunteer photographers.

• Hutchinson had three families graduate at their May Family Night. They were also awarded full-funding from the United Way of Reno County.

• The Wichita Healthy Families program is partnering with the E.C. Tyree Clinic to train staff in the Breastfeeding Educator Program in August.

• Healthy Families in Emporia partnered with the Emporia Public Library on their April Family Night. It was a Community Family Night with story time, art activities and snacks. In May, they participated in the teddy bear clinic and health fair with Newman Regional Health promoting Healthy Families and Child Abuse Prevention Month. They partnered with the Keep It a Safe Summer event in May for Family Night. Free bicycle helmets were distributed. In June, Family Night focused on Fathering and the Keys to Positive Parenting with guest speaker Victor Hercules of the Topeka program.

• The Healthy Families Johnson County program received $15,000 from the Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties that funded a safety picnic in June.

• The Wyandotte County Healthy Families program partnered with the Unified Government to host a family event at the zoo in June.

• Shawnee County held a Parent Café in June. In May, they had 18 families at Family Night. They have a new partnership with their local KCSL Community Leadership and Development Council. They are putting together committees to provide dinner to families at Family Nights.

• KCSL has served 140 people in support groups and 91 people in Parent Cafés this past quarter.

• KCSL received $1,500 from Kids for Kids for the Kinship Navigator Program.

• KCSL has confirmed Derek Clark as the keynote speaker at November’s Parent Leadership Conference.

• The Kansas 2014 Click for Babies campaign was officially launched in June. A webinar was held for volunteers, hospitals and partners with details for this year’s campaign.

• Full funding for Sedgwick County Pre-K was received through the Kansas State Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year.

• Eight parent videos and eight webinars to educate professionals were completed and are now on KCSL’s YouTube channel. The number of views has exceeded 2,000.

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