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RESOURCES

Save the date!

The first **Kansas Dropout Prevention Summit** will be Tuesday, October 20 at Wichita State University, Rhatigan Student Center. There will be discussions on Kansas high school dropout rates and how to turn the numbers around. Business leaders, parents, schools, youth, community representatives and anyone interested in dropout prevention should attend. Please drop in and be part of the solution. For more information, visit www.kansasdropINS.org or call Jessica Noble at 785-296-1521.



2009 Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The 33rd annual conference will be held November 4-6 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, KS. The conference is an educational, networking and recognition event recognized as the most comprehensive conference in Kansas regarding the issues of child abuse and neglect. Kansas Children's Service League along with 20+ co-sponsoring organizations and underwriters presents the Governor's Conference. For complete conference and registration information, go to www.kcsl.org/training_conference.aspx.

Keynote speakers include Dr. Martin Maldonado-Duran, Child and Family Behavioral Health Unit, Truman Medical Center, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Missouri, Kansas City and Deborah Daro, Ph.D., Research Fellow, Associate Professor, Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago.

Cultivating Healthy Kansas-A Leadership Summit on Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Will be held on December 1-3 at the Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel and Manor Conference Center. Twenty state and local partner organizations from across Kansas will host the summit. For more information on the conference, visit www.cultivatinghealthykansans.org/.

It is amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawnmower, snow-blower or vacuum cleaner.

— Ben Bergor

March of Dimes: "My Nine Months" The March of Dimes has resources to address women's ability to achieve term pregnancies and to decrease the number of prematurely born infants. These resources can be located at: www.marchofdimes.com/prematurity/21243.asp.

Suicide Hotline for Farmers The Sowing the Seeds of Hope program provides behavioral health services to uninsured, underinsured and other at-risk farm and ranch families and ag workers in seven states. Despite droughts, floods and ongoing economic challenges to family-sized farm operations, the suicide rate has not increased in states that have these services. The Farmers Suicide Hotline's number is 1-800-447-1985 or for more information go to: www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/seedsofhope.html.

Blue Cross Blue Shield is offering (40) \$1,000 grants for school nurses that teach healthy habits (including nutrition & physical activity) addressing childhood obesity in Kansas (all counties except Johnson and Wyandotte). The funds are usually used to purchase equipment.

For more information, visit www.bcbsks.com/AboutUs/Foundation/healthy_habits.htm.