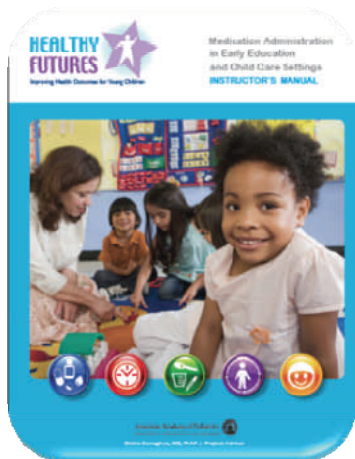


Medication Administration Training Implementation Grant Awarded To Improve Health and Safety Of Children In Child Care

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The Kansas Chapter Child Care Contact (CCCC), Greta McFarland, MD, FAAP; Ashley Clinic, Chanute and Brenda Nickel, RN, BSN, Child and School Nurse Consultant, Bureau of Family Health, KDHE, have been awarded an implementation grant for the Healthy Futures: Improving Health Outcomes for Young Children Medication Administration Curriculum, supported by McNeil Consumer Healthcare.

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The grant funds will be used to:

- Conduct training to “Train the Trainer” that will include professional registered nurses
- Conduct training with child care providers
- Develop a Web-based training to be accessed by child care providers through KS-TRAIN to facilitate training of providers who may not be able to attend a face-to-face training opportunity.

Training for health professionals will begin in May with the on-line training to be available fall 2010. For more information, contact either Greta McFarland at gmcfarland@ashleyclinic.com or Brenda Nickel at bnickel@kdheks.gov. For more information about this special project go to www.healthychildcare.org/specialprojects.html.

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Nickel will be providing training to professional registered nurses at the school nurse summer conference in an effort to increase the capacity for trainers throughout Kansas in schools and in public health departments. For more information, go to <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=conted&p=/ksn/>.