

Opportunity Knocks

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Remaining funds in Compassion Kansas 2009 Grant. The Board of Directors (of *tiny-k* Foundation) is preparing a proposal for the remaining \$4000 from the Compassion Kansas grant. The funds will be used for the purpose of increasing the public awareness of *tiny-k*.

Kansas Action for Children: Changes in the leadership. **Shannon Costaradis** moved up from executive vice present to President and CEO. **Gary Brunk** leaves the executive position but will continue to work on special projects and federal issues for KAC. He was President for 14 years and was a key member of our panel during the Compassion Kansas Fund Development Retreat in October 2009 for the *tiny-k* Foundation. Congratulations to all!

School Readiness, Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC). The next ELAC meeting is Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

SRS Child Care and Early Education Advisory Meeting. There will be NO SRS Child Care and Early Education meeting for the July quarter. SRS plans to coordinate future meetings with other Early Childhood stakeholder meetings within the state. More details will be sorted out in the next two months.

On June 17th, Governor Mark Parkinson issued an Executive Order (10-05) to establish a new **Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council**. This was a result of federal legislation, the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-134). The *tiny-k* Foundation is interested in having a representative on this new advisory committee.



SAVE THIS DATE!

CCECDS Annual Planning meeting will be **August 27, 2010, 9:00-4:00**, at the SRS Learning Center in Topeka.

Be there to add input from local communities to the annual plan for the 2010-2011 work of the Coordinating council on Early Childhood Developmental Services.

Primary Elections August 3, 2010. All 125 seats in the Kansas House of Representatives will be decided by Primary Election. Walk-in advance voting is available in some Kansas counties. Many counties offer a preview ballot through the county clerk's office. Have you expressed your early childhood values to your local candidates? Are you registered to vote? Don't miss it--Get involved!



Fast Bucks from Fast Foods! Featured today are some of the successful fundraisers our Coordinators used to meet the challenge of a new fundraiser for the Ross and Marianna Beach Foundation Grant during the 2nd Challenge period.

Deanna Berry, Coordinator of Russell Child Development Center Children & Families Network, worked with **Pizza Hut**. They donated 20% of their sales on March 3, 2010. It cost the Network \$5 and they received \$200. Also, their local **McDonald's** provided 400 "Buy 1-Get 1 free" cards which the Network sold for \$10 each. They raised \$1,000. DeAnna reports that these were relatively easy fundraisers to carry out.

Sally Henry, Coordinator of Clay/Washington Counties Infant-Toddler Services, conducted a promotion called "Great Food, Great Cause" as a Fundraiser at **Wendy's**. The Network raised \$531.34 and spent \$55.20 on advertising.

This website is worth checking! <http://www.fundraising-ideas.org/DIY/burgerbucks.htm>