



# KANSAS MENTORS CONNECTION

FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KANSAS AFTERSCHOOL EDUCATOR  
CONFERENCE: APRIL 6 & 7

**KVC WILL REIMBURSE REGISTRATION FEES!**



The Kansas Volunteer Commission will reimburse registration fees for the 2018 Kansas Afterschool Educator STEM pre-conference AND/OR main conference for organizations in our youth mentoring network. Not sure if your organization qualifies? Email [mentor@ksde.org](mailto:mentor@ksde.org).

The 2018 Kansas Afterschool Educator Pre-Conference and Main Conference will be held on April 6-7, 2018 at the Kauffman Foundation Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

## REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MARCH 28!

### April 6: Dimensions of Success and Quality STEM Programs Pre-Conference

Registration fee: \$20

Description: Attendees will explore elements of a strong STEM learning environment through hands-on experiences, share strategies to develop a strong STEM identity, offer a curriculum vetting tool, and more.

[Click here to register for STEM Pre-Conference](#)

(NOTE: KVC will only reimburse for the STEM pre-conference, not the other two pre-conferences)

### April 7: Kansas Afterschool Educator Conference

Registration fee: \$30

Description: Session topics will include STEM, social emotional learning, healthy living, leadership, art, and youth development.

[Click here to register for the  
Main Conference](#)

## FREE TRAINING FOR MENTORING PROGRAMS OFFERED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA!

Midlands Mentoring Partnership is offering FREE training sessions covering several topics on best practices in youth mentoring throughout 2018. These are FREE training sessions with lunch provided for those lasting the full day.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn youth mentoring best practices for your organization. Omaha is just a hop, skip, and a jump away for much of the state and IT IS FREE!!!

If you are interested, please notify MMP at least one week prior to the training date, if not sooner. See the offerings, dates, and contact information below:



## Elements of Effective Practice (EEP)

This training will cover best practices for mentor program design, management, operations, and evaluation. Content provides school, community, and faith-based teams with tools to design a quality mentoring program based on the MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership's Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™. This training also provides a solid foundation of knowledge regarding mentoring best practices for recruitment, screening, training, matching and initiating, monitoring and support, and closure.

## Screening Applicants for Effectiveness (SAFE)

The Screening Applicants for Effectiveness (SAFE) training helps evaluate current methods and offer suggestions for strengthening mentoring program practices. The workshop focuses on characteristics of child predators, the grooming process, and red flags that will cue programs to take a closer look at potential mentors and ensure they are the right fit. Participants take away tools and approaches for the screening process that range from first contact with a potential mentor until long after the match is made.

## Trauma 101 & Recovery

Trauma-informed mentoring is an approach to engaging youth in mentoring relationships with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives. This training will cover how trauma affects youth, what trauma informed care is, how to create safe environments for youth, and ways to avoid re-traumatizing practices.

# 2018 Trainings

## Elements of Effective Practice

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Wednesday, May 9

Tuesday, August 21

Wednesday, November 14

## SAFE Training

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17

Wednesday, July 11

Tuesday, October 16

## Trauma 101 & Recovery

9 a.m. - noon

Tuesday, March 20

Wednesday, June 20

Wednesday, September 12

Tuesday, December 18

Email [info@mmpomaha.org](mailto:info@mmpomaha.org) to register.

## MIDLANDS MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

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## CONTENT CONTRIBUTIONS!



If you have mentoring stories and/or photos that you would like to share with the mentoring program network in Kansas, please forward your content to Kansas Mentors at [mentor@ksde.org](mailto:mentor@ksde.org). We would love to share these in future editions of the Kansas Mentors Connection!

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