

KANSAS PARENT INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER

2008-2009 SUMMARY REPORT



FROM THE NATIONAL LEVEL

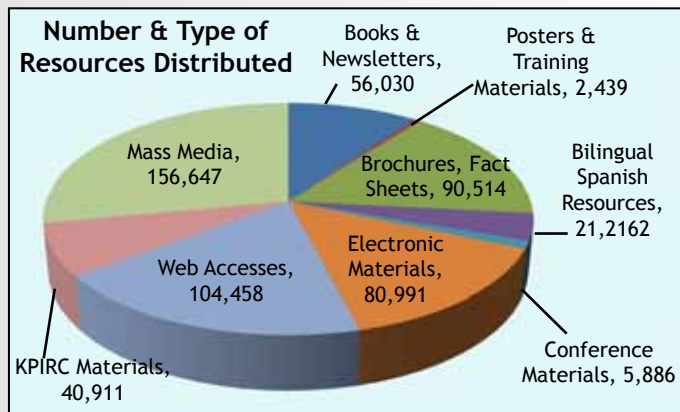
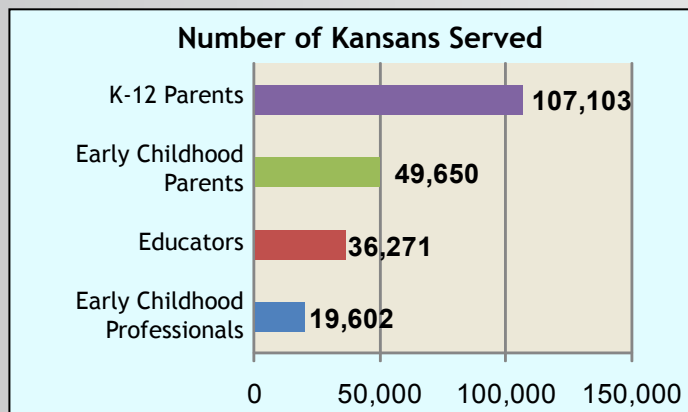
Title V of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, (NCLB), authorizes establishing federally funded parental information and resource centers that provide training, information, and support to parents, schools, districts and other organizations that carry out parent education and family involvement programs.

Parent Information Resource Centers help implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs and activities that lead to improvements in student academic achievement and that strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel in meeting the educational needs of children.

FROM THE STATE LEVEL

The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center promotes meaningful parent involvement at all levels of education and provides information and resources to help parents, educators and other organizations promote the educational success of every Kansas child.

PROGRAM OUTREACH



PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

- Migrant Parent Advisory Council
- State Library of Kansas
- KS Learning First Alliance
- Families Together, Inc.
- Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA)
- Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
- Kansas National Education Association (KNEA)
- Kansas Head Start Association (KHSA)
- Kansas Parent Teachers Association (KS PTA)
- Communities in Schools of Kansas (CIS)
- Child Care Aware (KACCRRRA)
- Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN)

TITLE I SCHOOL SERVICES

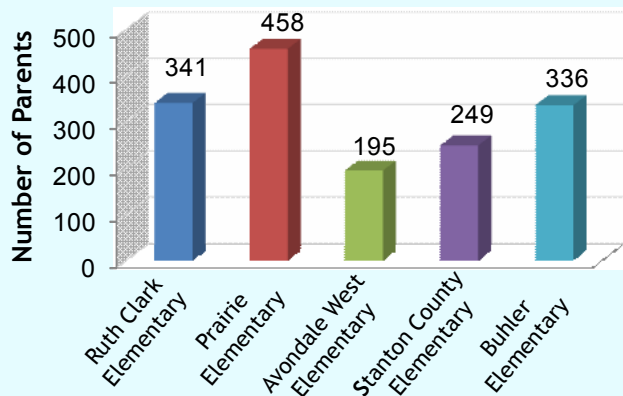
KPIRC provided all 653 Title I schools with information on ESEA, PTA National Standards for Family School Partnerships, effective parent involvement strategies, parent rights, public school choice and tutoring services. In addition, KPIRC staff provided professional training to Title I district and school representatives via multiple statewide training sessions and conferences, as well as onsite technical assistance.



Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) is a federally funded project of Kansas Families and Schools Together, Inc. (KFST), a non-profit, 501(c)(3), whose mission is to provide resources for the benefit and support of public and community education statewide.

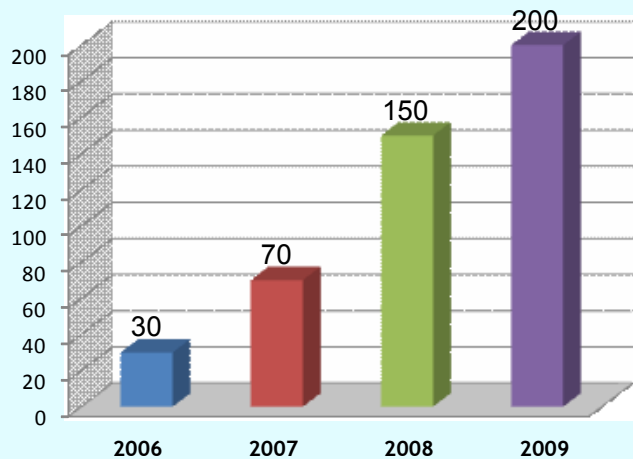
YOUR KPIRC IN ACTION

Family Parent Partnerships Projects (FPPP's)



- KPIRC annually provides funding to 5 Kansas districts/schools to promote parent involvement.
- Each district/school agrees to establish a parent involvement center/area and implement innovative parent involvement strategies.

Parent Leadership Conference Attendance



- KPIRC, along with other organizations, hosts an annual Parent Leadership Conference which provides information to parents about the importance of advocacy and parent involvement and its link to educational success for all children.

Governor's Proclamation

In 2008 and 2009, the Kansas Governor proclaimed October as Parent Involvement Month. KPIRC and its State Advisory Board craft the proclamation and request this event.

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Number of Major KPIRC Activities by Type



BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children Member
- Kansas Charter School Advisory Board Chair
- Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Plan Committee Member
- Kansas Fatherhood Coalition Member and Chairperson for Resources Committee
- Kansas Homeless Coalition Team Member
- Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA)
- Kansas Library Association Member
- Kansas Parent Leadership Conference Committee Member
- Kansas Parent Teacher Association Member
- Kansas Parents as Teachers Association Member
- Kansas Preschool Program Policy Group Member
- Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Book Selection Committee Member
- Kansas Staff Development Council
- KNEA Read Across America Committee
- KSDE MTSS Transformation Team
- KSDE Quality Performance and Accreditation Committee
- KSDE State Personnel Development Grant Family Liaison
- KSDE Title 1 Committee of Practitioners
- KU Technical Assistance Systems Network (TASN INKS) Liaison
- Parent Leadership Conference Chair
- Relatives as Parents Program Committee
- Social and Rehabilitative Services Child Care and Early Education Advisory Committee Member