

## Let's Celebrate Our Accomplishments Together!

If you or anyone on your staff recently received or renewed a CDA credential, earned an associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or achieved NAEYC/NAFCC Accreditation, let us know. Please email [eryn@east.ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:eryn@east.ks.childcareaware.org) by Sept. 5, 2018.

## Second Step Program in Shawnee County

Helping young children develop social-emotional skills is one way to prepare them for school. Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas will be offering a short-term project focusing on teaching social-emotional skills to children beginning in August. This project is available to 10 child care centers and 10 family child care programs serving children ages 3 to 6 years old that are located in Shawnee County. Participating programs will receive one Second Step Curriculum kit and a free training in August focusing on implementing the curriculum in their program. Follow-up support will be offered through a peer-learning community session. This will provide participants the opportunity to share successes, challenges and problem solve with others that are using the curriculum. The project will conclude in December 2018. This project was made possible thanks to a grant from The Women's Fund through the Topeka Community Foundation.



If you are interested in participating in this project, contact Renee at [renee@east.ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:renee@east.ks.childcareaware.org) or 785-440-4508.

## Child Care Program Vacancy Drawing Winners

Child care providers in the Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas service delivery area who updated their vacancies and profiles by April 20, 2018, were entered into a drawing for a gift or gift cards. Congratulations to the following individuals whose names were drawn:

- Julianna Hillig, Cherokee County
- Arell Davis, Geary County
- Sally Starkweather, Crawford County
- Shelly West, Cherokee County
- Brandy Bunde, Shawnee County

We will continue to offer child care providers who update their vacancies and profiles the opportunity to be entered into a drawing each quarter. The next quarter begins July 1, 2018, with entries being accepted through July 20, 2018. These updates are made to ensure that we are not only keeping your information current, but that we are offering correct information to those seeking child care.

Contact us July 1 through 20 to update and/or confirm your information at 785-357-5171, 877-678-2548 toll free, and select option 1. You can also log on to your online profile to make your updates at <https://stage.worklifesystems.com/program/16>.

## Area Child Care Provider Wins National Award

Congratulations to Corinne Carr, owner and operator of Special Blessings Child Care in Emporia, Kan., for receiving the 2018 Terri Lynne Lokoff Children's TYLENOL®, Children's ZYRTEC® National Child Care Teacher Award. Carr was one of 50 to receive the award based on her design of an "enhancement project that illustrates the educational, social and emotional benefits for children in [her] care." Her project, The Story Walk, combines reading and walking into an adventure that children will enjoy participating in. Thanks to a grant that accompanies the award, The Story Walk project will be implemented by Carr.

If you or a child care provider you know has recently received an award or accolade, please email [eryn@east.ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:eryn@east.ks.childcareaware.org). We would be happy to share all of the wonderful news and the positive impact child care providers in Kansas are making.

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*This edition includes information about the Capital City Learn & Share, SE Kansas Conference & more!*

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# Regional News, Notes & Professional Development

# 2018 Capital City Learn & Share



## Sing Me a Story – Music to Foster Literacy Skills and a Love of Reading in Young Children

Featuring Keynote Speaker **Dr. Dena Register**

**Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

*Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 with lunch included.  
Advance registration and payment are required and ends on Sept. 17, 2018, at 8 a.m.*

Located at the **Ramada Inn Downtown**  
420 SE 6th Ave. • Topeka, Kan.

Come ready to sing, move and have a good time as we explore the powerful connections between music and early literacy. Participants will explore many fun, hands-on activities that use music and movement to foster a love of books and build language and literacy skills in an early childhood classroom.

*Approved for Directors, Family Child Care, Infant, Toddler and Preschool.  
Core Competency: 2 Levels 1 & 2 • CDA: 2 • In-Service Hours: 5*



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**Dr. Dena Register** is a life-long lover of both music and children's literature. As a board certified music therapist and professor at West Virginia University, she has used music to help young children develop communication and literacy skills through singing, instrument play and movement. She served as a member of the Topeka C.A.R.E.S. (Creating Access to Reading Excellence Success) Early Reading First grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide music therapy services as part of a comprehensive early literacy program. Her book, "The Sounds of Emerging Literacy: Music-based Applications to Facilitate Pre-reading and Writing Skills in Early Intervention," is used by music therapists and early childhood educators alike to incorporate music in their classrooms. She loves that through music, learning and fun can go hand-in-hand!

## To register...

Register online at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. You can also call 785-357-5171, 877-678-2548 toll free, or complete the form to the right and submit it with the registration fee to Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas, 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., Ste. 201, Topeka, Kan. 66604.

\*\*\*If you require **special dietary needs**, email [eryn@east.ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:eryn@east.ks.childcareaware.org). For those signing up multiple attendees, please confirm their dietary needs and notify the email listed above for any special needs. Without prior notice, special dietary requests will not be available.

# 2018 Southeast Kansas Conference

## Fired Up or Burned Out?

Featuring Keynote Speaker **Holly Elissa Bruno**

**Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

*Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. The conference is free to attend and includes lunch.  
Advance registration is required and ends on Oct. 1, 2018, at 8 a.m.*

Located at **Allen Community College**  
Technology Building • 1801 N Cottonwood St. • Iola, Kan.

Professionals in early childhood are exceptionally skilled at caring for others, but often overlook the need to care for themselves. After all, by multitasking, managing classrooms/programs/people, serving families (including our own), haven't we gotten used to "being all things to all people?" Self-care can seem like a luxury. In this inspiring and engaging session, Holly Elissa will help early childhood professionals reclaim their joy and make work fun again!

*Approved for Directors, Family Child Care, Infant, Toddler, Preschool and Licensing.  
Core Competency: 8 Level 2 • CDA: 6 • In-Service Hours: 4*



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**Holly Elissa Bruno, MA, JD**, is a best-selling author, international keynote speaker, ground-breaking radio host and seasoned team builder. She served as Assistant Attorney General for the state of Maine and Assistant Dean at the University of Maine School of Law. While working as Associate Professor and Dean of Faculty at the University of Maine-Augusta, she was selected "Outstanding Professor." An alumna of Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management, she teaches leadership courses for The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership and Wheelock College.

Holly Elissa has written multiple best-selling books. Most recently, "The Comfort of Little Things: An Educator's Guide to Second Chances" was released to rave reviews from within and outside the early childhood field. iTunes also has ranked Holly Elissa's radio programs in its top 200 k-12 podcasts.

Holly Elissa's keynotes receive stellar audience reviews internationally and across America. To "recovering attorney" Holly Elissa, life is too short to do anything but enjoy it daily.

## Please check the box next to the conference(s) that you are registering to attend:

☐ **Capital City Learn & Share**  
Ramada Inn Downtown • Topeka, Kan.  
Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 • Cost: \$30

☐ **Southeast Kansas Conference**  
Allen Community College • Iola, Kan.  
Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 • Cost: Free

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