April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to share our immense gratitude for the incredible mentors and mentoring advocates who have committed time, energy, and resources to expanding young people's access to caring and supportive relationships. #MentoringAmplifies

- Welcome to MENTOR’s new CEO, Jermaine Myrie, CEO - MENTOR (mentoring.org)

- New Supplement to Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™ Inclusive Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities - MENTOR

- Next MENTOR Collaborative Mentoring Webinar April 20th at Noon CST: Successful Mentoring Program Expansion: Breaking the Mold

- Past webinars at: Resource Archive - MENTOR (mentoring.org)

National Volunteer Week - April 16th - 22nd.
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Third Friday of the Month
12 pm - 1 pm

April Topic: Best Practices from USD 252 Southern Lyon County school district

USD 252
Southern Lyon County School District

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KANSERVE.ORG

REGISTER ONLINE

Questions? Contact: volunteer@ksde.org
2023 Webinar Series
The Kansas Volunteer Commission announces monthly mentoring, volunteerism, and civic engagement webinars. There is no cost to attend, and webinars will be recorded and posted at https://kanserve.org.

MENTORING WEBINAR SERIES
1st Thursday of every month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Register at: https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrf-qsrzovGtXz8lr0emGLjj_DG_CT13yJ

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES
2nd Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Register at: https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlDOuqpszsqGdawvZuzMUHNDFkBXqe5cY9c

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES
3rd Friday of every month from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Register at: https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-yseqMuE9DyLPOE1vavtN-BJn87iapK
Research shows that youth civic engagement is critical for a variety of reasons. Youth engagement can lead to increased academic performance and improved social-emotional well-being. It builds safe and inclusive school and community cultures and decreases dropout rates. When young people develop healthy civic habits, skills, and commitments, they become more active in community decision-making which leads to broader representation and community benefit.

To support this purpose, the Kansas Volunteer Commission, a program of the Kansas State Department of Education, announces the availability of grant funds to support the civic engagement of youth in grades K-12. For this grant, applicants must engage youth in the planning and implementation of grant activities. Priority will be given to applications that include youth-led and youth-initiated projects.

Examples of such projects include, but are not limited to:

- Develop service-learning activities or lead a community service project.
- Start or support a program to help youth placement in advisory
- Develop opportunities for underrepresented youth to share their voice.
- Encourage a governance shadowing project where youth are paired with local community representatives.
- Start or support a program that encourages youth to attend and participate in regular public commission and school district meetings.

Application and Guidelines are available [here](#).
Cargill
Center for Supportive Communities
City of Carbondale, KS
Cloud County
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
Dunning & Associates CPAs, LLC
Feeding the Children of Central Kansas
Giving the Basics Wichita
Harvesters - The Community Food Network, Kansas Distribution Center
Kansas Aviation Museum
Kansas State Department of Education
KMUW
Mayflower Clinic
One Heart Project
Peace Connections
Salina Arts & Humanities
Spiritaero
TGC Group
United Way of Kaw Valley
Volunteers In Action
Wichita Festivals, Inc
Worthington Cylinders, Maize KS

GOVERNOR KELLY PROCLAIMS APRIL AS FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH
Organizations are invited to apply for the 2023 Service Enterprise Cohort. The Commission will accept applications through May 15. All applicants will be notified of their status by May 30. Our training schedule will be finalized with input from our cohort members and begin with orientation in late June.

Apply here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsQFAg31B3mh0nVEYUDCsyt6t-EyAYvsU6KsdUc6te3vHatmA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The Service Enterprise Program implements research-based
organizational change to strengthen the capacity of organizations to strategically and effectively engage volunteers to address community needs.

Organizations certified as Service Enterprises fundamentally leverage volunteers and their skills to achieve their social mission. These high-performing organizations have deeply integrated volunteers into their strategic plan and day-to-day operations, allowing them to increase efficiency and effectiveness in providing services to fulfill their mission.

When organizations leverage volunteers and achieve an effective volunteer management model, they are significantly more adaptable, sustainable, and better resourced to do their work. Service Enterprises are among the top 11 percent of nonprofits nationwide in volunteer management and organizational performance.

Great candidates for this program have effective volunteer management systems and practices in place and are committed to maintaining certification through continued organizational excellence. Service Enterprise must be supported and implemented by the entire organization.

For program questions, please reach out to Haley Matherly at hmatherly@ksde.org.
AMERICORPS KANSAS PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The Kansas Volunteer Commission Congratulates

Elaine Rodriguez
on two years as Administrative Specialist!

The Kansas Volunteer Commission Congratulates

Kay Emerson
on three years as the AmeriCorps Kansas Coordinator!
The Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita was "Buggin' Out" for Spring Break March 13th -17th! This event was planned and coordinated by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' amazing AmeriCorps member, Jennifer Fedorston. Each day included a different themed program about bugs, a guided hike, and many crafts and activities.

Guests explored pollinators, bug camouflage, edible bugs, decomposers, and aquatic bugs. A "Buggin' Out" mission from Agents of Discovery helped people discover even more as they went hiking. Over 1,000 people came to the Spring Break programs and learned how amazing and beneficial bugs are in our Kansas ecosystems.
The Mission of Managers of Volunteer Engagement (M.O.V.E.) is to build and engage a network of volunteer managers and cultivate a volunteerism culture.

**M.O.V.E. Topeka**

Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please visit [www.moveks.org](http://www.moveks.org).

Or reach out via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).
M.O.V.E. Kansas
Virtual
Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month
Thursday, April 27, 2023
9:00 to 10:00 AM
To learn more, please email
united.way.of.franklin.co@gmail.com

Volunteer Managers Meeting
United Way of Douglas County
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of Odd Numbered Months
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
9:00 to 10:00 AM
To learn more, please email
kabelruch@uwkawvalley.org

Volunteer Managers Network
United Way of the Plains
2023 Dates T.B.D.
12:00 to 1:00 PM
To learn more, please email Abel Frederic
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NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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