This June, MENTOR is joining people worldwide in celebrating Pride Month! We will be highlighting stories of mentorship from the LGBTQ+ community and celebrating the role of relationships in creating a more inclusive and equitable world where young people can be whom they are and feel safe and supported.

Pride Mentoring Resources

HONORING JUNETEENTH 2022
Since 2021, Juneteenth has been a federal holiday in the United States. It commemorates the anniversary of June 19th, 1865, and the announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army General, Gordan Granger proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, the last state in the former Confederacy with institutional slavery. Juneteenth has become a celebration of freedom, equality, culture, and the triumph of the human spirit.

"Let's make Juneteenth commemorative, not of the horrific institution our country embraced, but rather as a showcase of the strength in the American spirit to recognize wrong and set about making it right. In this same spirit, America moves ahead today in leveling playing fields and achieving ever greater equality. Let us celebrate all that Juneteenth teaches us about our country's greatness in our use of the heart to hear and to learn and to work together for all that is good and just."

- John Albuquerque

2022 SERVICE ENTERPRISE COHORT SELECTED
Six Organizations Selected to Begin the Service Enterprise Journey

In July 2019, the Kansas Volunteer Commission became the first Service Enterprise (SE) Certified organization in Kansas through a process led by Points of Light, the world’s largest volunteer service organization. In 2020, the Commission became the SE training hub for the entire state and hosted the first Kansas training cohort.

The Commission now leads other organizations through the SE certification process as a training hub. This professional development process trains organizations to strategically leverage volunteers to encourage them to more effectively and efficiently meet their organizational mission.

The Commission is excited to announce that six organizations will join the 2022 Kansas Service Enterprise Initiative and work toward achieving their SE certifications. AmeriCorps provides funding for this certification process through the Volunteer Generation Fund.

If successful, the organizations selected to go through the certification process will join the top 11 percent of nonprofits nationwide that have earned this honor in volunteer management and organizational performance. A SE certification will put the following organizations at the forefront of volunteer development for the state:

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Service Enterprise
In addition, LiveWell Douglas County will participate in the 2022 training sessions to enhance the experience of the volunteers who drive the cross-sector community coalition’s initiatives.

Executive Director, Jessica Dorsey, says, “The Service Enterprise certification process will give the selected organizations a framework and pathway to build capacity by incorporating volunteers at all levels of their work.”
Congratulations!

Volunteer Manager Support
2022 Mini-Grant Recipients

- Coffey Health System
- Flint Hills Volunteer Center
- Kansas Aviation Museum
- Kansas Nonprofit Chamber
- Medical Reserve Corps of KC
- Neighbor to Neighbor Abilene
- Newton Et Cetera Shop, Inc.
- Peace Connections, Inc.
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas
- United Way of Douglas County

COMMISSION STAFF CELEBRATE
ANNIVERSARIES
The Kansas Volunteer Commission Congratulates Elaine Rodriguez on her first year as Administrative Specialist!
PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING: M.O.V.E

The Kansas Volunteer Commission Congratulates Kay Emerson on two years as the AmeriCorps Kansas Director!
Interested in Joining a Virtual Professional Networking Group for Volunteer Managers?

M.O.V.E. Ottawa is a FREE professional association open to Volunteer Managers who support volunteerism in Kansas. M.O.V.E. stands for Managers of Volunteer Engagement. Modeled after M.O.V.E Topeka, M.O.V.E Ottawa began meeting monthly, in person, in 2017 to support Volunteer Managers in Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Lyon, Miami, Morris, and Osage Counties. Established as a peer networking and learning association to promote volunteerism in these communities and provide space for Volunteer Managers to share ideas and learn best practices. However, in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the group moved to a virtual format. In this virtual format, the group has grown and is now supporting many more Volunteer Managers around the state. The group is excited by this growth and would like to formally invite other Volunteer Managers to learn and share their expertise and professional experiences.

To receive a meeting agenda in advance please email volunteer@ksde.org. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

To attend the next M.O.V.E. Ottawa meeting, please join the Zoom Meetings during the standard, scheduled times by clicking this link:
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, June 15, 2022
9:00 to 10:00 AM
To learn more, please visit www.moveks.org.
or reach out via Facebook.

**M.O.V.E. Ottawa**
Serving Anderson and Franklin Counties
Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month
Thursday, June 23, 2022
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, July 12, 2022
9:00 to 10:00 AM
To learn more, please email volunteer@unitedwaydgco.org

**Volunteer Managers Network**
United Way of the Plains
2022 Dates T.B.D.
12:00 to 1:00 PM
To learn more, please email Abel Frederic afrederic@unitedwayplains.org
NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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