

Kansas Early Years Online Modules Combined with an Onsite

Module 1 - Acknowledgements

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Nancy Peeler is the proud mother of a now 20 year old daughter. Nancy has been witness to the “growing years” of early intervention from both a parent and professional perspective.



Jane Fergus is the mother of two beautiful children. Her youngest son, Frankie experiences significant issues that impact his health and development. Jane and her husband value every moment they have to spend together as a family.



Joo Young Hong graduated from the University of Kansas with her PhD in 2013. Joo Young’s primary areas of interest include partnerships, quality of life of families from multicultural backgrounds and deaf education.



Cristina Hargitt is a mother of a beautiful two year old daughter and lives in Kansas with her husband Ryan. Cristina completed both her B. S. in Speech-Language Pathology and her M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology at Fort Hays State University in 2007. Cristina has worked in early intervention since 2007.



Charlie and Veronica Jones are the parents of a gorgeous young man they have named Carter. Both Charlie and Veronica chose to spend any spare minute they have being together as family.



Cara Shoss has been working as an occupational therapist for the last 20 years with most of this time in early intervention settings. She has worked with a broad range of families including foster families and families who speak Spanish as their primary language. Cara especially enjoys finding out families' priorities and addressing their concerns in her therapy sessions as she engages them in learning how to carry out sound practices in their daily routines with their child. Her overall goal is for families and other caregivers to lead happy and engaging lives with their children.



Janice Fialka has two children, Micah and Emma. She is a social worker, author, and active in the disability justice movement. Micah is one of the new wave of adults with intellectual disabilities who has attended college. You can learn more about Janice and Micah's work by linking to <http://www.danceofpartnership.com> and <http://www.throughthesamedoor.com>.



David McCoy has over 20 years of experience as a speech pathologist primarily providing direct early intervention services to families. His work has been in a broad range of settings including urban, suburban, and rural areas in six states. David has participated in research projects developing model services for children with autism spectrum disorder. He greatly values the opportunity to work and collaborate with practitioners representing a broad range of disciplines.



Maria Martinez is an advocate for children and families who experience disability from birth to adulthood. Maria served many years as a parent member of the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Disabilities. Maria is the mother of two beautiful children. Her youngest son experiences significant developmental delay.
