

## Resource List – School Ready Libraries Link Up: Special Issues in Local Housing & WIC Partnerships – February 2, 2017

Katie Johnson's article in *School Library Journal* - <http://www.slj.com/2016/02/programs/ohio-storytime-turns-into-life-changing-program-for-low-income-families/>

Effects of "toxic stress" in early childhood: <http://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/toxic-stress/>

What is a "food desert"? <http://americannutritionassociation.org/newsletter/usda-defines-food-deserts>

You Tube video: "Change the First Five Years and You Change Everything"  
<https://youtu.be/GbSp88PBe9E>

Find your local Community Early Childhood Council (CECC) - <http://kidsnow.ky.gov/Mobilizing-Communities/Pages/CECC-201213-Map.aspx>

Early childhood data at Zero to Three - <https://www.zerotothree.org/>

**First chat: "What services are needed in your community? What role could the library play in establishing these services?"**

- Looking for free books to give away this summer; our library is going to do outreach in the housing projects. We plan to go to the swimming pool for outreach for summer reading.
  - First Book: <https://www.firstbook.org/>
  - Dolly Parton Imagination Library: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>
  - Use weeded/used books or materials from Friends of the Library book sale.
- Our town doesn't have any public transportation at ALL... Any ideas about how to work with schools to use school buses?
  - A lot of legal issues surround this. It may help to meet with your school superintendent.
- Providing services to children who live in remote areas; area with no internet access.
  - Circulate mobile hot spots.
- Our library knows Internet is a luxury, as are literate parents, and we bus kids in from trailer parks on the edge of town for Bilingual Homework Help Now.
- We rent the local pool out each year for one night to invite all patrons who read to get to swim.
- We began a program in one of the city parks last summer. I went and did STEM programming; it was also a Summer Feeding site so lunch was provided. We had a lot of

walking families at the park. We are expanding from 1/week for 1-month last summer to 2/week for 2 months this summer.

**Second chat: “What groups/agencies are in your community that you could possibly form a partnership with?”**

- Housing authority, local schools, WIC (Women, Infants, & Children), United Way, local colleges/universities.
- Family Resource centers at the schools are key. They have all the demographics for students who are low income, homeless and need help.
- County extension office.
- We have partnered with the Garden Club. They sponsor our Children’s Garden every year.
- Beginning a partnership with the NKY Health Department for training. I will be providing training related to environmental education/literacy for early care providers.
- Community Early Childhood Council (CECC)
- Annie E. Casey Foundation - <http://www.aecf.org/>
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**Q&A**

- Did you notice any particular effective words or methods the housing coordinator used to follow up and communicate with families at Pinewood to convince them to come to the library meeting space?
  - Be genuine, establish trust by showing up consistently, show genuine care for the children, be honest with the moms about what you’re trying to do. Connect the moms with help for the issues they’re having (health care, need phone numbers, etc.). Provide services to the moms too to show that you care about their well-being – bring in a social worker to talk with them about coping and depression. Partner with a social worker that the moms know to help convince them to participate in your programs.
- What future plans do you have for the Twinsburg Public Library’s program?
  - Getting the kids to participate in preschool; meeting with community leaders to try and figure out how to make it happen. Possibly a grant-funded pop-up preschool that would be going on during the storytime programs.
  - Provide different stations at the programs for different groups and age groups. For instance, a Play-doh station, mini kitchen station, etc.
- How did you convince your people-in-charge in your system to continue a program that took so long to get going? In relative terms, 2 years for a program to prove itself is a long time... we often feel pressured to add/drop/change programs that aren't "performing" within a couple of months.

- Took 5-6 weeks to get a regular group; find a strong supporter in your library who knows that it can take time; convince them that consistency will produce results. Can show them Katie's article so that they can see that it took her time to create a successful program. Keep library leaders in the loop so that they feel they're a part of it too.

## **Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) Resources**

Kentucky Housing Corporation - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Counties served by KHC - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Rental/Tenant-Based-Rental-Assistance/Pages/Counties-Served.aspx>

KHC services for renters - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Rental/Pages/default.aspx>

Assisted Rental Housing Directory (a list of rental housing complexes across the state) - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Rental/Documents/Assisted-Rental-Directory.xls>

Report showing rental housing vacancies - [https://wapps.kyhousing.org/KHC\\_Webforms/Reports.aspx?rpt=/Section%208/HDS%20Vacant%20Unit%20Report](https://wapps.kyhousing.org/KHC_Webforms/Reports.aspx?rpt=/Section%208/HDS%20Vacant%20Unit%20Report)

Kentucky Housing Association Directory (broken down alpha order listing info for each housing authority in Kentucky) - <http://kyhousingassn.com/KHA%20Membership%20Directory.pdf>

KHC Community Resource Guide (county-by-county listing of emergency services) - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Specialized-Housing/Documents/Community%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>

Kentucky community action agency list - <http://www.kaca.org/agencies.html>

Kentucky Dept. of Community Based Services - <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/>

Kentucky Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) - <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/ccap.html>

Continuum of Care (CoC) - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Specialized-Housing/Pages/Continuum-of-Care.aspx>

K-Count - <http://www.kyhousing.org/Specialized-Housing/Pages/K-Count.aspx>

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- Go to the [KHC homepage](#) and click the eGram icon under the Quick Links section at the bottom of the page.