

# KCIA FACE Team

April 2023  
Monthly Report



# Our Team



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# FACE TEAM Strategic Goal

Develop a family liaison team with systems to support the physical, emotional and academic needs of KCIA families, with the goal of increasing family and student access to education.

# FACE Team Strategic Plan Objectives

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- 1 • Administer an annual needs/interest family survey to refine direction for parent education events and wrap around service offerings
  - 2 • Implement a minimum of 3 learning-focused family engagement activities per year
  - 3 • Maintain a Parent Advisory Committee that meets at least 2 times per year with at least 5 parent representatives in attendance
  - 4 • Implement academic focused family orientation sessions and/or home visits 3 times per year to strengthen family-school partnerships focused on academic learning.

# FACE Team Resources and Services



## Van Pickups

AM pickups for missed buses



## Food Pantry & Back-Snacks

Resources for food scarcity and economic need



## Caring Closet

Clothing, shoes, coats



## Giving the Basics

Resources for toiletries and household items



## Housing Assistance

For families in transition, seeking shelter



## Health Supports

Connections to dental, vision, medical and mental health resources

# April 2023 Key Numbers

**100+**

Van Pickups to supplement  
bus transportation

**5**

Families assisted with  
emergency shelter

**25**

Families assisted with clothing,  
toiletries and emergency food  
supplements

# Coordinator & Liaison Reports



# Alison Bennett

I worked for Children's Division for nearly 20 years so child abuse prevention is near and dear to my heart. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the State sells tshirts each year to benefit children that are in foster care or out of home placement. I thought it would be fun to offer the tshirts here at school and staff really came through! 25 staff purchased tshirts to show their support for child abuse prevention.

Watching our student athletes participate in sporting events is so much fun. I have been lucky to have my daughter finish up with her middle school track meet early enough that we were able to watch KCIA's track meet. My daughter and I have done this a few times and now our students know her and ask when they will see her again.

The middle school career day was a success! My husband, my (other) daughter and my daughter's partner presented about their careers. They had such wonderful feedback about our school and our students and already plan on coming back next year to present again.

The FACE Team ensured that all of the boys on the Let Me Run team had new shoes. Some students were running in crocs and when they were given actual running shoes their faces lit up with excitement. I even had a parent call me to tell me that she appreciates that the school cares enough to make sure that her son was able to fully participate in the training and races by giving him a good pair of running shoes.

Maybe in my old age I have forgotten how intense the pacer test is, but the Muganda girls were stressed about it. They visit me every morning before school but the week of the pacer test, they visited and also did stretching and push ups to be prepared for the test. They told me that you can never be too prepared for PE.

We have all been busy with the daily requests for student's needs and family needs. To help families visit the Caring Closet and Food Pantry a little easier, we opened up appointments for our full PD Day on the 21st. 2 of my families came and stocked up on clothing and groceries.

One final fun pic of the school year- When both vans run in the morning to pick up students, you run into each other on your routes. I feel like Mrs. Randle wasn't as excited to see me as I was her!










# LaTeasha Randle

April was a busy month just like most months here at KCIA. This month I was able to coordinate and help to facilitate a meeting with our middle school principal, middle school teachers, parent, and student. The meeting was very successful. The student was able to advocate during the meeting and everyone present was able to come up with a plan so that the student can be successful and more adequately prepared for high school.

I attended the McKinney-Vento Coop meeting this month. During this meeting the new Impact MO Coordinator was introduced, we worked on creating a "family questionnaire" to help refer families to Impact MO, and ideas for marketing Impact MO to school families. We discussed McKinney-Vento "Bootcamp"/PD ideas which included reviewing the MKV school audit materials as well as discussed what MKV liaisons need to know and do. In addition we thought through what a supportive "bootcamp/PD" could look like for new liaisons (or Liaisons who want to brush up on their knowledge/skills) to potentially launch next school year.

The FACE Team was able to visit Harvesters to pick up items for our school pantry. Harvesters offers items that we can order and pickup as well as free items on their warehouse floor. Myself, Mrs. Bennett, and our intern Kara Fredrickson picked up several food items along with cosmetics and beauty supplies

I ended the month at my KC Ear monthly meeting. During that meeting we had a representative from KC Scholars who talked with us about the new program KC Scholars offers called Great Jobs KC. This program offers training for high demand careers such as construction, healthcare, information technology, and manufacturing all free of charge to those who qualify. I look forward to assisting some of our KCIA parents with enrolling into this program.





# *FACE Team at Harvesters*





# Nohemi Sanchez

The month of April was a very busy month, many families were impacted by the hard work and support that the FACE Team is able to provide everyday. At the beginning of the month I organized a donation drive for a young mom that is expecting her baby, She is due in 5 weeks and dont have anything to get ready for the baby. Once again the amazing staff of KCIA came together and donated everything she will need to welcome her baby. Teachers and friends donated boxes of diapers, bassinets, tons of baby clothes, baby bottles, baby wipes, baby swing and many more baby things. Mom was very grateful and excited to welcome baby to the world.

As we have mentioned in the past, we have the caring closet open for families to come and get clothing items but sometimes because of work and schedule is very hard for parent to come to the school and get clothes, in those times when parents can come but have requested clothes for their students, I go ahead and schedule a free time with their teacher so older students can come to the caring closet and get clothes for them self and their siblings. The students always have a great time looking through the clothes and choosing what they like and plan to wear it the next day.

On another note we have a fridge!!! Last month the FACE Team purchase a fridge to store food like bread, meat, fruit and vegetables and milk. We got our first items this month!! The fridge was full of all delicious foods, we even got ice cream! We wanted to expand our food pantry and offer a variety of food and we did it!! We set up specific days for families to come and get their food and clothes. Families were very excited and students got to pick their favorite ice cream flavor!!

Lastly I made a total of 78 contacts this month.

