



# KPC CONNECTING CULTURES SERIES

## 2023

An educational series of meaningful conversations to help reduce and eliminate behavioral health disparities in Kansas.

## PURPOSE

To reduce and eliminate behavioral health disparities in Kansas by welcoming people who are not all like each other in an educational series of meaningful conversations about culture.

## OVERVIEW

This series of 5 statewide sessions will involve speakers and leaders from communities of people in Kansas who have been marginalized and experience behavioral health disparities, sharing their passions, hopes, ideas, and culture to promote healing and improving behavioral health for all. This year's series will focus on specific audiences of communities experiencing behavioral health disparities in Kansas and involves support from the Mid-America Prevention Technology Transfer Center. An anticipated outcome of this series is that people from marginalized community groups will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, feelings, and opinions on prevention efforts in Kansas and about their culture's needs and strengths specific to substance misuse and suicide. Another desired outcome from this series is that the KPC will build our capacity to provide more culturally responsive services.



## SCHEDULE

While we do have priority participants, we welcome anyone who is interested in attending our series events. *A meal will be provided at events 2-5.*

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**June 13 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Priority Participants:** People who are LGBTQ+  
**Hosted by:** Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute [Learn More](#)

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**June 29 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Priority Participants:** Black, Brown and Indigenous People of Color, Young Adults and the Behavioral Health Workforce  
**Hosted by:** Kansas Leadership Center [Learn More](#)

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**July 14 | 3:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Priority Participants:** Tribal, Indigenous and People of Color  
**Hosted by:** Mid-America All-Indian Museum [Learn More](#)

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**July 28 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Priority Participants:** Faith-based Community Leaders  
**Hosted by:** Hilton Garden Inn Salina [Learn More](#)

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**August 7 | 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Priority Participants:** Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition Representatives and KPC Partners  
**Hosted by:** WSU's Hughes Metropolitan Complex [Learn More](#)

## INTENDED CONNECTING CULTURES SERIES OUTPUTS

Resulting recommendations from this year's Series will be prioritized for implementation in each of the Prevention Initiatives contract deliverables for the Kansas Prevention Collaborative. Communication and connection strategies will be improved and enhanced with the intentional focus of contributing to the reduction of, and ultimate elimination of, behavioral health disparities in Kansas communities.



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**JUNE 13 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

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Join us at the first Connecting Cultures Series session spotlighting the LGBTQ+ community. With guest speaker, Liz Hamor from Center of Daring, we will listen directly from our LGBTQ+ neighbors and leaders for collaborative action on changing the prevention system in our state.

**Priority Participants:** People who are LGBTQ+ - While we do have priority participants, we welcome anyone who is interested in attending this session.

**Hosted by:** Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute, 238 N. Mead Wichita, KS 67202

**Facilitators:** Liz Hamor, Center of Daring and Aonya Barnett, Safe Streets Wichita

**Registration Closes:** June 6

**JUNE 29 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

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Join us at our second session as we engage the Young Adult BIPOC community. This session will include presentation from Dr. Caleb Stephens, as well as talent showcase and meaningful discussion from young adults who represent Destination Innovation's Progeny. (Meal Provided)

**Priority Participants:** Black, Brown, and Indigenous People of Color Young Adults and the Behavioral Health Workforce - While we do have priority participants, we welcome anyone who is interested in attending this session.

**Hosted by:** Kansas Leadership Center; 325 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67202

**Facilitators:** Caleb Stephens, Destination Innovation, Progeny, Kansas Leadership Center (KLC)

**Registration Closes:** June 22



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**JULY 14 | 3:00 - 7:00 PM**

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Join us for the third session as we gather the Tribal, Indigenous, and POC community and discover their cultural hopes and health strategies for influencing behavioral and mental health with guest speakers Drs. Dan and Becky Foster. (Meal Provided)

**Priority Participants:** Tribal, Indigenous, and People of Color - While we do have priority participants, we welcome anyone who is interested in attending this session.

**Hosted by:** Mid-America All-Indian Museum

**Facilitators:** Drs. Dan and Becky Foster

**Registration Closes:** July 10

**JULY 28 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM**

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Join us at the fourth session as we gain guidance on how to better facilitate and build relationships with the faith-based communities we serve through substance misuse and suicide prevention with a World Café style session and facilitation from Scott Breedlove.

**Priority Participants:** Faith-based Community Leaders - While we do have priority participants, we welcome anyone who is interested in attending this session.

**Hosted by:** Hilton Garden Inn, 3320 South 9th Street, Salina, KS 67401

**Facilitators:** Scott Breedlove; World Café discussions

**Registration Closes:** July 21



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**AUGUST 7 | 9:30 - 3:30 PM**

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Don't miss Connecting Cultures final session! An all-day workshop with focus on equity in prevention with facilitated guidance and wisdom from national expert, Nigel Wrangham. Attendance at previous Connecting Cultures Sessions is not required. (Meal Provided)

**Priority Participants:** Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition Representatives, KPC Partners - While we do have priority participants, we welcome anyone who is interested in attending this session.

**Hosted by:** WSU's Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS 67220

**Facilitators:** Nigel Wrangham

**Registration Closes:** August 1

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