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## Educators Learn Strategies to Help Students in Poverty

Examining discipline in the world of economically and socially disadvantaged students was the topic of a recent workshop held at ESU.

Nearly 30 educators attended the workshop, called “Developing Self-Discipline with Children from Poverty,” was organized by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence and held Friday, April 27, 2007. A previous workshop was held April 13; due to high demand from educators, the workshop was offered again.

Explaining high interest in this topic, Carol Hailey, the workshop’s presenters said, “As districts’ demographics are changing administrators and educators are looking for more information on how to handle the diversity of students, especially those from poverty. Discipline for students from poverty and for students from middle class looks very different. The idea of discipline to instruct and change behavior is not part of the culture of poverty.”

Hailey has taught middle and high school English for over 30 years. She is currently the K-12 Reading/Language Arts Resource Specialist for Shawnee Mission USD 512. Hailey conducts staff development for the district, assists schools in developing school improvement and AYP plans, and serves on school improvement teams. The workshop was based on the work of Dr. Ruby Payne.

For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

Chase County, USD 284 –  
Diane Dodez

Emporia, USD 253 –  
Bonnie Jasso  
Brian Pekarek  
Joy Haegert  
Joy Brooks  
Darlene Langley  
Derek Temeyer

Gardner Edgerton, USD 231 –  
Philip Thies

Madison-Virgil, USD 386 –  
Francie Reed

McPherson, USD 418 –  
Sandra Barton  
Dianna Heidebrecht

Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton,  
USD 322 –  
Luke Baxter

Ottawa, USD 290 –  
Teresa Shepard  
JD Horsch

Salina, USD 305 –  
Nancy Bauer  
Kathy Schurle

Shawnee Mission, USD 512 –  
Karen Spratlin  
Dawn Papineau

Shawnee Mission, USD 512 –  
Bill Brooks  
Deborah Hill  
Kelly Ralson  
Brenda Robinson

Topeka, USD 501 –  
Brenda Kelley

Wichita, USD 259 –  
Meagan Baldwin  
Erica Johnson  
Stephanie Ellzey  
Loren Pack

Schuler Education Center, Topeka –  
Emily Collins

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