



Communities
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Immigrants &
Refugees

A Network for Learning & Action

Classrooms for **Success:**

STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE
IMMIGRANT STUDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Arthur Stillwell Room at Union Station
30 W. Pershing Rd., Kansas City, MO 64108

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AGENDA:**8:30 am**

Breakfast and Networking

8:50 am

Welcome by
Erica Andrade,
Health Advisor and
Chief Program Officer,
El Centro, Inc.

8:55 am

Featured Speaker
Young-chan Han

10:30 am

Panelist Discussion

Featuring:

- Dr. Mark Bedell,
Kansas City Public
Schools Superintendent
- Barbara Shelly,
Freelance Journalist
Specializing in Education
Coverage

*Moderated by Randy Lopez,
Health Advisor and
Kansas City, Kansas
School Board Candidate*

11:00 am

Questions and Answers

11:30 am

iSí Se Puede!
Olathe Public Schools

- Erik Erazo,
Coordinator for Diversity
and Engagement
- Katelyn Girod,
Hispanic Community
Services Facilitator

11:45 am

Questions and Answers

11:55 am

Closing Remarks
Carla Gibson,
REACH Foundation

FEATURED SPEAKER:**Young-chan Han****A Family Involvement/Title I Specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education**

Young-chan Han immigrated from Korea in 1973. For 20+ years, she has built the capacity of educators to effectively engage immigrant families in education. Her “Stages of Immigrant Parent Involvement” has been shared across the country and many districts have adapted this model in planning intervention supports for immigrant families.

PANELISTS:**Dr. Mark Bedell, Ed.D.****Kansas City Public Schools Superintendent**

Kansas City Public Schools Superintendent Mark T. Bedell, Ed.D. is a talented, caring teacher and administrator and one of the top urban public-school leaders in the United States. As the child of a working-class family in upstate New York, he overcame significant challenges and was inspired to take his education seriously by teachers and other caring adults who pushed him to achieve his dreams. His educational experience and leadership made Dr. Bedell a natural choice for the Superintendent’s post at KCPS in 2016. With guidance from students, parents, staff and partners, Dr. Bedell crafted and enacted first a post-entry plan and later a five-year strategic plan which placed student achievement at the center of the school system’s work, made the central office more effective and efficient, improved School Board governance, and increased staff skills and morale. In partnership with Metropolitan Community College and the Full Employment Council of Greater Kansas City, he led the effort to launch a Middle College Program to give 17- to 24-year-olds who never finished school an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and enter college. In June 2018, Dr. Bedell and the KCPS School Board created an innovative Equity Policy to direct the school system’s resources and programs so that every student has the opportunity to reach his or her greatest potential. Dr. Bedell has received many recognitions, including being named a “Superintendent to Watch” by the National School Public Relations Association and a “New Superintendent of the Year” by the Missouri Association of School Administrators. He is also one of only 51 people selected to participate in the “Missouri Influencer Series” by *The Kansas City Star*. For Dr. Bedell, his most important honor to date came in the spring of 2018 when students from Southeast High School gave him an award of appreciation for his efforts on their behalf and the positive impact he will have on future students.

Barbara Shelly**Freelance Journalist Specializing in Education Coverage**

Barbara Shelly is a veteran journalist and writer based in Kansas City, Mo. She specializes in education reporting, and has written extensively about student transiency and how it affects classrooms, and the unique challenges that new Americans face while continuing their education beyond high school. She is the author of *The Goodbye Kids* and *School at Any Cost*, both longform reports published by KCUR.org.

Ms. Shelly’s work has appeared in the *Kansas City Star*, where she worked on staff as a reporter, columnist and editorial writer. More recently her work has been published by KCUR public radio, *Flatland*, *The Pitch*, *The Huffington Post* and the *Community College Daily*.

All programs aim to create a school-going, college-ready, academic-oriented culture within Olathe .

¡SÍ SE PUEDE!

An approach to engaging Latino students and families for school success.

- Programming in Spanish (or Target Language)
- Evening, Weekend & Summer Programs
- Engage the Whole Family
- Modify Curriculum for Culture
- Take Advantage of all Communication Opportunities
- Community-Based Marketing

Erik Erazo

Coordinator for Diversity and Engagement

Erik Erazo was born in the Mission district of San Francisco, growing up around gangs and drugs. After joining the military in early adulthood, he moved to Kansas with his family and got a job as a security guard at Olathe North High School, a job he intended to be temporary. He received his Master's degree in Adult Education with an emphasis in Career and Technical Education from Pittsburg State University. 15 years later he is the Coordinator of Diversity and Engagement and Migrant Director for Olathe Public Schools, where he has created several programs for Hispanic students and families. His involvement in the community includes serving as a member of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee and Criminal Justice Advisory Council for Johnson County and as a member of the Citizens Police Advisory Council for the Olathe Police Department. Erik is married with four children.

Katelyn Girod

Hispanic Community Services Facilitator

Katelyn Girod grew up in Overland Park, KS and received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Colorado. Kat has varied experience working in immigrant and refugee communities. In 2012 she served as House Coordinator at the Annunciation House migrant shelter in El Paso, TX. After moving back to Kansas City, she worked in Wyandotte County to deliver Early Head Start services to families of immigrant and refugee backgrounds. In 2014, Kat began work as the Hispanic Community Services Facilitator for Olathe Public Schools. Kat assists students and families as they navigate educational systems, including post-secondary programs and institutions. Kat serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund and on the planning committee for the KC BizFest scholarship competition. In her free time Kat enjoys time with family, her gym community and her dog.