



"I hope there never comes a day that Kansas Family Partnership is not out there. I feel like they are touching and impacting so many of our youth here in Kansas. They are an amazing asset to the community, and I don't ever want to see them disappear."

- Emily (Schmidt) Smith



It's hard to imagine how different Emily's life could have been.

Her biological father was an alcoholic from a family that struggled with substance use. Even though she lost him to a drunk driving accident when she was very young, Emily realized as she grew up that her family's substance use history put her at risk for falling into similar habits.

Life changed for Emily in middle school, when she got involved with a community prevention group and was introduced to Kansas Family Partnership. After sharing her family's story at a KFP event and witnessing its impact on youth attendees, Emily felt empowered to be active in youth prevention.

Drawn to KFP's values, Emily continued her involvement in the agency's programs and created a prevention group in her high school. Emily went on to graduate college cum laude with her elementary education degree and was named the Teacher of Promise from her graduating class. Emily and her husband, Kirby, have two daughters, Ava and Hadley, who Emily hopes will participate in KFP's programs one day.

While prevention may not be easy to measure, the same can be said about the value of changing lives for people like Emily. For the past 20 years, KFP has impacted youth, families and communities across Kansas by preventing substance use before it starts, but we need your help to continue our efforts.

Your support can help build strong foundations for our youth, maintain healthy relationships for our families and foster productive environments for our communities. You can offer a beacon of hope to people just like Emily.

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P.S. Recent research has shown that every dollar invested in school-based substance use prevention programs has the potential to save up to \$18 in costs related to substance use disorders.

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