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Practical PTA Featuring National PTA President-Elect

A flyer for a Practical PTA webinar. The title "Practical PTA" is in large blue font. Below it is "Utah PTA Leadership Learning Webinar Series". A circular graphic on the left contains "16 MARCH". The main text reads "Transitioning to a New Board" with a subtext: "Come learn what do to between the time you are elected and July 1st to have the most successful year." The time "8:00 PM - 9:00 PM" is in a blue box. A "SPECIAL GUEST" section features a photo of Yvonne Johnson, National PTA President Elect. The Utah PTA logo and tagline are at the bottom.

Please join us for a very special Practical PTA on March 16 featuring [National PTA President Elect Yvonne Johnson](#). Learn the keys to a smooth transition as new leadership takes over on July 1st. Johnson will share insights from her over 30 years of PTA service. [Register today](#) and mark your calendar. You won't want to miss it!

Family and School Connection

Did you know that the children most likely to succeed in school are those whose parents are involved in their education? This is THE predictive factor for student success. No matter the parents' education level, the social or economic level, marital status or any other factor, if the child's family engages in education, the child will be more successful. Knowing this, PTA has six standards to help guide Family and School Partnerships. Please watch this [webinar](#) to learn how Utah Educational, Community and Government groups are working together to apply these six standards.



National Standards for FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

2023 Utah PTA Teacher Walk of Fame








Do you know a teacher going above and beyond to make a positive impact on the lives of their students? [Nominate](#) them today for the 2023 Utah PTA Teacher Walk of Fame! Personalized stars will be displayed on our online Walk of Fame gallery and may be chosen to be posted on the Utah PTA Facebook and Instagram page every Friday in March. You can share your teacher's personal star online from our gallery or Facebook page. Add the hashtag #utahptastar and tag the teacher if you can. Challenge 2

people to nominate their favorite teacher and help our Walk of Fame go viral. Printable, personalized certificates will be sent to your nominee. Show our outstanding Utah educators some love and nominate them for a Walk of Fame star today!

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Helping to Keep Children Safe

 Data sharing and care coordination	Improve data sharing and care coordination between health systems, healthcare providers, mental health providers, schools, government services, and other states.
 Mental and behavioral health	Increase access and funding for mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse services across Utah. Support broad adoption of evidence-based school programs to support social emotional learning and to engage parents in collaborative efforts in the home.
 Evidence-based evaluation tools	Implement validated, evidence-based tools such as Safe Environment for Eye Kids (SEEK) and Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) to support parents and parenting, strengthen families, and thereby promote children's health, development, and safety.
 Home visiting	Expand evidence-based home visitation programs.
 Firearms	Implement a validated screening tool to help therapists, counselors, and physicians know if a client or patient is at risk of suicide and has access to a lethal mean, such as a firearm.

As a PTA, we do all we can to help protect children and help them to grow to be their best. The death of a child is a tragedy for families and communities. Did you know that every death of a child in Utah is thoroughly reviewed by the Utah Child Fatality Review Committee (CFRC)? It is our hope that this kind of tragedy will not happen, but it is important to understand the [current data](#) so we can take action to prevent it. The leading cause of death is by natural causes, such as birth defects, or congenital malformations, which is 41% of child deaths. 14% of the fatalities were from unintentional injuries. The 3rd leading cause of deaths in children (0-18 yrs) is death by suicide.

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Utah PTA Leadership Convention Registration NOW open!!



[Registration](#) is now open for Utah PTA's Leadership Convention coming up on May 10-11th at the Davis Conference Center. Utah PTA is excited to offer great trainings, classes and keynote speakers. We look forward to having you join us!

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Be a Superhero...Volunteer!

When volunteers unite to support students and educators, we make public education even stronger. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and role models can all get involved in the lives of students and make a difference. Watch this [video](#), volunteer, and be a superhero!



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Utah PTA Community Partner Announcements

PTSA Days at the Capitol



We had some great PTSA Days at the Capitol this month. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event. We had almost 800 students come over the three days (and would have had another 200 if it weren't for the last snowstorm). The students enjoyed mock debates, Capitol tours, meeting legislators, and learning ways they can be "forces for good" in their schools and communities. We also awarded our "Utah PTA Forces for Good Awards" to our three recipients: Maryn Seaman, Taylorsville HS student, for her "Show You Care" challenge. Erin Day, Herriman HS teacher, for her efforts in getting digital translators for the 24% of ESL (English as a Second Language) students at their school. Steve James, [Uplift Families](#) & [Resilient You](#), for 30 years of providing music & curriculum for schools, communities & families to help build resilience, teach life skills, and help students develop inner strength.

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