



# Annual Breakfast

*\$\$ to provide concrete supports for families with young children*

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Reduce Poverty's Impact

Thursday January 25, 2018, 8:00-9:00

Maceli's, 1031 New Hampshire, Lawrence

**Guest Speaker Christie Appelhanz** drives system-level change to improve the safety and success of children and families as executive director of the Children's Alliance of Kansas. Since joining the association in June 2015, she has led efforts to amplify the voice of private child welfare agencies both under the Statehouse dome and in the communities they serve. As the owner of the Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP), the Alliance works in Kansas and across the country to train child welfare professionals, birth parents, foster parents and adoptive parents to work as a team to support the long-term welfare of the child.

Appelhanz previously worked as vice president of public affairs at Kansas Action for Children, providing leadership in early childhood education, family economic security and children's health. Prior to KAC, Appelhanz served as director of external relations for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas and as communications director for former Congressman Dennis Moore. She taught economics to high school students as a Peace Corps volunteer in Poltava, Ukraine. Appelhanz began her career as a business reporter for the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Appelhanz currently serves as a member of the USD 345 Seaman Board of Education in Topeka. She earned a bachelor's degree in business communication and master's in global and international studies from KU. Appelhanz is raising two daughters, one son, a Doberman and 10 chickens.

