



# *annual report*

## *FY 2020-2021*

*August 2021*

Client, partner, and friend:

This year was like no other. The PPMC certainly had challenges both at work and for our members at home. Not only did the PPMC shift many services online, we also worked from home for almost 12 months.

Our nation and our community have made significant improvements, demonstrating more focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, which I hope you can see evidence in the work the PPMC had done over the past year.

In the past few months, we have also hired new full-time members and supported others in moving on to new opportunities.

In short, historically, there has been a lot of change and uncertainty. Through it all, the PPMC has persevered. We are proud of the work we have accomplished and how much we have been able to help our clients and communities. This report



# community initiatives

The PPMC contracted with the City of Wichita to help Mayor Whipple and the City Council create the new Council on Diversity, Inclusion & Civil Rights to guide the City in making inclusive decisions that contribute to equality in the community.

The PPMC is continuing the work outlined by Project Wichita Action Plan, including work with the Literacy Coalition, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Coalition, and the Anchor Institution / Collective Impact model project, which includes a focus on high school graduation rates.

## LITERACY

Lifelong Learning



## MENTAL HEALTH

Strong Communities & Neighborhoods



## ANCHOR INSTITUTION/ COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Strong Communities & Neighborhoods



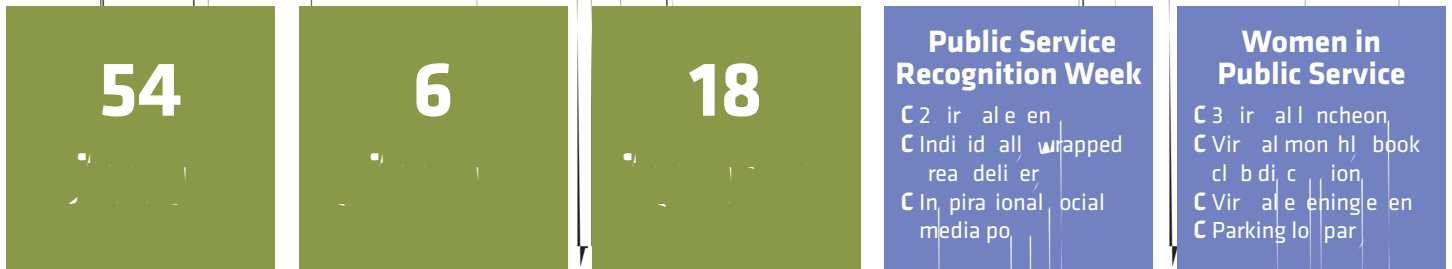
# talent development



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Service provided quickly from the traditional in-person format to virtual format almost overnight. Staff became learners, identified methods, processes, and technology models for virtual service delivery. Services were fully transitioned to a virtual format in April 2020 and have continued through March 2021. In March, services began to be a mix of virtual, in-person, and hybrid. Some highlights include:



Over the course of the last fiscal year, the Talent Development division worked with the following clients:

- Kansas Department of Commerce
- Kansas Caregivers Support Network
- Kansas Government Finance Officers Association
- Kansas Department of Labor
- Kansas Museums Association
- Kansas County Clerks and Election Officers Association
- Kansas Association of City/County Management
- City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association
- Sedgwick County
- City of Wichita
- Textron Aviation
- W's Leadership Academy
- City of Winfield
- City of Halstead
- Sedgwick County Fire Department
- City of Lawrence
- Douglas County
- Marion County
- City of Herington
- American Job Center, Lincoln Nebraska

# research & program evaluation



D Icina Rake, *ra*

Research & Program Evaluation Manager

This fall year, the PPMC conducted research for the American Job Center workforce development center in Lincoln, Nebraska including a "reconnector" program and business enterprise in order to further contribute to improving the workforce development needs.



Lia Dodson is officially retiring. We are so thankful for all of her hard work (12 years) at the PPMC. D Icina Rake, *ra* joined the PPMC team in June 2021 as the new Research & Program Evaluation Manager in light of Lia Dodson's retirement. Lia and D Icina were able to work side-by-side for several weeks, helping with a smooth on-boarding process. D Icina has the ground training and is ready to lead research and program evaluation projects for clients.