



Kate Pankey, is a Certified Missouri Educator and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri – Columbia. Ms. Pankey has been sharing her passion for learning with Greater Kansas City area youth since 2006. She began her career with The Learning Exchange and the organization’s two experiential learning programs Exchange City and EarthWorks. From there, Ms. Pankey assisted GKC youth and educators in obtaining summer STEM internships that brought the workplace to the classroom through YouthFriends’ UpLink program. She began her career in prevention education while working for Mental Health America of the Heartland where she spoke to roughly 3,000 students a year about mental health and suicide prevention. Kate is now the Prevention Education Manager for Synergy Services’ STOP Violence program and Certified Olweus Trainer. She facilitates workshops for youth, school faculty, and community members on bullying prevention.



Tracie Rezzelle is an elementary, certified teacher. Tracie received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication at the University of Maryland, her teaching credential from San Francisco State and finally a Master of Science in Reading Education, K-12 from Northwest Missouri State. Tracie enjoys working with all levels of children. She has successfully taught and mentored children from diverse backgrounds. She was an educator in the urban core for 10 years. During her time as a teacher, Tracie worked hard to build a community within in her classroom, where her students felt safe and loved. In addition to her teaching, Tracie participated in volunteer reading programs and worked with “at risk” students during her time at the University of Maryland. Tracie has attended training for Trauma Informed Care, which has improved her effectiveness as an educator. Tracie loves being a part of the STOP Violence team and feels fortunate to work for Synergy Services. Youth and adults alike are welcome to follow Ms. Tracie on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and Vine @thebullylady for silly and serious bullying prevention in the digital age.



Gabby Buckner is the new Prevention Education Specialist with the STOP Violence team. Gabby graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor’s degree in Global and International Studies; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and a minor in Spanish. She previously served as Planned Parenthood Great Plains’ Senior Community Education Intern and also worked with The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center’s Community Action Team where Gabby discovered the ever-growing need for violence prevention education. Through these roles, she has found a passion for cultivating awareness and promoting inclusivity. Gabby is excited to start working with STOP Violence and hopes to foster healthy dating habits for youth through the Safe Dates curriculum. Youth and adults are welcome to follow Ms. Gabby on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook @MsHapsKC for information about teen dating violence and more.