

## Kansas School Nurse Conference: Addressing Global Issues

By Brenda Nickel, Child and School Nurse Consultant

With approximately 400 professional registered school nurses and public health nurses attending annually, the Kansas school nurse conference is the fourth largest conference in the United States. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Statewide Summer Conference will be held at the Wichita Hyatt Regency July 19 – 23 offering:

- New School Nurse Session July 19 – 20
- Pre- and Post-conference Sessions
- General Conference July 20 – 22

The 2010 conference theme, “Heartland School Nurses Addressing Global Issues,” will feature presenters addressing health concerns and offering suggestions and resources to help public health professionals serving children in Kansas schools. Keynote presenters include:

- Martha B. Baird, Clinical Assistant Professor, The University of Kansas Medical Center School of Nursing: “Considerations when working with migrant and refugee families in the school setting”
- Terie Dreussi Smith, “Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities”



- Ruth “Toni” Pickard, Associate Professor, Public Health Sciences and Executive Director, Healthy Options for Kansas Communities, Wichita State University: “More Than Empathy Needed: Providing culturally appropriate health care in a rapidly changing world”
- Paula F. Clayton, Director, Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE: “Healthy People 2010”
- Sue Bowden, Director, KDHE Immunization Program: “Immunization Update”
- Janice Selekman, Faculty, University of Delaware School of Nursing and Editor, School Nursing: “A Comprehensive Text: Envisioning the Future of the Family”

In addition to an outstanding cadre of keynote presentations, there will be a variety of breakout sessions, pre- and post-conference sessions for attendees and a special treat scheduled Tuesday evening, July 20!

Look for a brochure featuring descriptions and registration information to be mailed out by April 1. It will also be available online at <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=conted&p=/conference/>.

## Students Setting Goals and the Kansas Career Pipeline

By Jane Stueve, Adolescent and School Health Consultant

The Kansas Career Pipeline is an online career and education program that is provided free of charge to all Kansans. It is research-based and provides the following benefits to all Kansas secondary students, parents and educators:

1. Students can use the system to create four-, six- and eight-year education plans, explore training, education and careers across the state and research opportunities for financial aid.
2. Students, their parents/guardians, adults and educators can access the system at any time from wherever they have computer access.
3. The system also allows parents/guardians to play an active role in the educational and career planning of their children.
4. By using the system, educators and administrators will be able to make informed real-

time educational program decisions.

5. Using the database management reports, educators will be able to improve individual career counseling, guide course selection and postsecondary decisions and assist in curriculum planning and program development.

This is available at no charge across Kansas and will aid in helping adolescents establish post-graduate goals

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