

A newsletter for the partners and providers of Early Detection Works,  
Kansas breast and cervical cancer screening and detection program



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## ***Dear Early Detection Works (EDW) Partners:***

For many of us, summer means finally taking that vacation or stay-cation, harvesting and enjoying the fruits of our labors in the garden, getting outside more or just enjoying the warmth (and air conditioning!) and longer days. For the EDW Program summer corresponds with the end of one fiscal year, then the beginning of a new one. Program staff work hard to process provider payments for the year-end close, then start the cycle over again.

As you know, EDW is primarily a federally funded grant program. Kansas receives federal dollars to partner with providers to provide breast and cervical cancer screening services to eligible women. Data collected through the program is used by EDW and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make necessary program adjustments to improve the screening rates in our state. CDC scores the data for quality and completeness. This score is a major component of the formula used to determine the amount of funding available. Ensuring quality data requires strict quality control. Kansas remains a model state for data quality, thereby ensuring continued receipt of vital screening dollars.

We appreciated your prompt submission of client forms and billing information this year. *As a reminder, all billing forms for July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, must be submitted to your regional nurse by August 15, 2011.* As stated in EDW contracts, contractors have 45 days at the end of the fiscal year to submit all bills for services provided through June 30, 2011. We appreciate your cooperation in closing out the fiscal year to ensure that all EDW partners are paid and enabling us to submit grant reports to CDC on time.

You were recently sent the new Attachment C which provides reimbursement rates for EDW services occurring July 1, 2011, and later (FY2012). Please note the changes in reimbursement rates. The new Attachment B was also sent by mail. If you have not yet returned Attachment B detailing your fees this year, you may submit a copy by mail or complete it online and send it electronically from [http://www.kdheks.gov/edw/attachment\\_b.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/edw/attachment_b.htm).

The information you provide on Attachment B documents the difference between usual/customary fees and EDW payment rates, and is used as 'match.' CDC requires 3:1 match; with limited state funds, this information helps Kansas obtain CDC funding. This confidential information is not used for any other purpose.

In the coming weeks, EDW will send out revised contracts and subcontracts for signature. When you receive the new contract paperwork, you do not need to send another FY2012 Attachment B if you have already submitted it.

Thank you again for your support in providing breast and cervical cancer screening and early detection services to Kansas women. Should you have questions, please contact me at 785-291-3738 or [rdavenport@kdheks.gov](mailto:rdavenport@kdheks.gov).

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## Jan Lyle Retirement June 30

Many of you have had the privilege of working with Jan through the years. When she tried to retire several years ago, she was talked into staying with EDW as Nurse Consultant on a part-time basis. She assured us she is staying retired this time. We thank her for her years of service and wish her all the best as she and her husband, Tim, enjoy their retirement years together.



## More on Forms - the "Necessary Evil"!



Consider this your annual reminder that all information on EDW forms is important and used for either data or billing. Any unanswered box or inaccurate billing requires extra work for everyone from the state reviewer to the Regional Nurse and ultimately you, the provider.

Time is precious but we must take necessary steps and time to get the information needed to provide complete data to CDC and accurate payment to providers. The extra few seconds to assure accuracy of EDW forms will save time for all!

The Breast Diagnostic Form, after being condensed to meet what we believed were CDC requirements, is now going back to the old format where diagnostic mammography and ultrasound will be recorded separately. It also provides an opportunity to record other diagnostic tests not reimbursed by EDW, i.e., skin biopsy, MRI, ductogram, galactogram or nipple discharge cytology. This information enables us to report to CDC additional procedures important in the diagnosis of breast cancer.

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## Help Us Go Green!

If you received a paper copy of this newsletter, please send an e-mail to [bvancortlandt@kdheks.gov](mailto:bvancortlandt@kdheks.gov) and ask to be added to the e-mail list.

## Meet Tina Wazlawik

Tina is our new Senior Administrative Assistant! She was born and raised in Topeka, KS, graduating from Topeka High School, then Washburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She has worked as an Administrative Assistant and/or Office Manager for almost 15 years. She has experience working in the Financial Services, Medical and Social Services industries, serving a cardiology office, medical transcription company, and Service Coordination organization for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) in the Topeka area. She is proud of her continuing service to clients, customers and peers throughout her career. When not working, she is busy with her family - husband Wayne and children Sierra and Aiden. **Welcome aboard!**



## Walk with Ease

Regular physical activity can reduce the risk of developing or dying from some of the leading causes of illness and death in the United States. **Walk with Ease** is an evidence-based, six week walking program designed to encourage people—particularly people with arthritis—to be active. Participants walk three or more times a week for 10-30 minutes.

The program includes health information, strengthening and stretching exercises, and motivational tips and tools, as well as numerous online resources. Participants will discover reduced pain from arthritis, increased balance and strength, and improvement of their overall health and well-being.

**Walk with Ease** can be completed either on your own or in a formal group class. Group classes are taught by a certified **Walk with Ease** instructor and start with a health education session before stretching and walking together.

For more information or to register online, go to <http://www.kdheks.gov/arthritis/wwe-overview.htm> or contact:

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## “I’m in the cancer healthcare field - how do disability issues pertain to me?”

*\* In 2009, 39 percent of Kansans diagnosed with cancer had a disability. \**

*\* In 2008, Kansas women with disabilities were 16 percent less likely to have had a Pap test in the past year. \**

In and of itself, the presence of a disability does not equate to poor health. However, many barriers exist that are specific to people with disabilities that can prevent healthy behaviors such as getting adequate amounts of physical activity and appropriate preventive health services.

In order to provide information and resources to health care professionals (HCPs) about disability-related healthcare issues and disparities, the Kansas Disability and Health Program encourages HCPs to seek continuing education courses that increase disability-related cultural competency and discuss preventive health services, such as the KS-TRAIN course below (course may be accessed through <https://ks.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>).



### Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities

*Access to healthcare can be difficult for people with disabilities. In 2010, 10 percent of adult Kansans with disabilities reported experiencing restrictions to healthcare access.*

- 14% said the restriction was due to lack of physical access
- 6% said the restriction was due to a lack of communication
- 27% felt they had been treated unfairly by HCP/staff due to their disability

### What can YOU do as a healthcare provider to help people with disabilities get quality care?

Complete our FREE online Continuing Education Course about disability competency!  
(CME/CNE offered for \$10 fee.)

**“Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities** addresses situations and issues I’ve not seen previously addressed in nursing literature or classes. It’s delivered in a very common-sense and understandable manner. The suggestions given for communication and treatment for people with disabilities are relevant and applicable.”

Wilma Christensen, RN

Designed for: Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers,  
Other Healthcare Professionals and Medical Office Staff

You will learn: 1) tips for delivering culturally sensitive, high quality care to adults and children with physical and sensory disabilities; and 2) solutions to problems in serving patients with disabilities.

By the end of this course providers will:

- Gain a better understanding of health, wellness and care issues concerning people with physical and sensory disabilities
- Recognize the four barriers to quality healthcare as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Identify a minimum of five skills to increase effective communication and problem solving to enhance quality care for people with disabilities.



KS-TRAIN course number: 1025624. Course requirements for successful completion are 70%. This program ends December 31, 2011.  
Resource provided by Jamie Simpson, KDHE Disability Program Coordinator, [jsimpson@kdheks.gov](mailto:jsimpson@kdheks.gov)

## Summer Sun, Fun and UV Safety

Summer is a great time to spread the message of sun, fun and UV safety. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the main cause of skin cancer and also can damage your eyes. You can take these steps to help prevent skin cancer: stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher, cover up with long sleeves and a hat, and avoid indoor tanning. Be sure to check your skin regularly for any changes and see your health care provider if you have concerns. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/).

### A Personal Story



My name is Kristyn Gore. I was 25 years old when I was diagnosed with Stage IV melanoma. In 2007, not long after I got married, I noticed a small, pimple-like cyst on my neck. I didn't think much of it at the time, but after family members expressed their concern, I made an appointment to have it checked out. In the meantime, I found out I was pregnant. I was thrilled, but the very next week I received devastating news: I had Stage IV metastatic melanoma.

My husband and I were determined to treat the cancer while continuing my pregnancy, so during my second trimester, a surgeon removed the cyst and the lymph nodes in my neck and shoulder. After my son was born, I began radiation and then chemotherapy. Two more surgeries later—along with X-rays and PET scans every two months—the cancer cells were gone.

My physician believes the hormonal changes when I was first pregnant started the cyst growing and enabled the cancer to spread to the lymph nodes. I also fit some of the classic risk factors for skin cancer: fair skin, red hair and green eyes. Now I always cover my skin and wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat when I'm outside. My son loves being outside, so I make sure he's safe from the sun too. Take it from me: if you notice skin changes on yourself or a loved one, don't wait to get them checked out.

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