



May Briefs:

National Women's Health Week is May 13-19

In conjunction with this event, National Women's Health Check-Up Day will be held on May 14 to encourage women to use the many high-quality preventive care services available to them through the nation's health centers. This event gives us yet another opportunity to increase direct health care services to all those most in need. Participation is free, and free promotional and educational materials are available at www.womenshealth.gov/whw while supplies last.

World No Tobacco Day – May 31

This year, the World Health Organization (WHO) is encouraging health professionals to provide their patients information about the health consequences of smoking, help their smoking patients quit, and be role models who promote tobacco-free lifestyles. Tobacco use is one of the chief preventable causes of death in the world. WHO attributes about 5 million deaths a year to tobacco use, a figure expected to rise to about 10 million deaths a year by 2020, with 7 million of these deaths occurring in developing countries. For more information, visit the World Health Organization Web site <http://www.who.int/> and type in World No Tobacco Day in the Search box.

Kansas Fatherhood Summit Packs House

The fifth annual Kansas Fatherhood Summit was held at the Jack Reardon Convention Center in Kansas City on April 12 and 13. This year's conference theme was "Fatherhood: Not a Spectator Sport." The keynote speakers were Adolph Brown, III, Ph.D.: former Kansas State University football head coach, Bill Snyder, chair of the Kansas Mentors Leadership Council; George Williams, Ph.D.; and Ken Canfield, Ph.D., founder of the National Center for Fathering. To read more, go to http://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/zips/2007/05_2007_ZIPS.pdf.

KDHE Staff Publish Article on Environment Health

The winter 2007 issue of the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) magazine features an article, "*Integrating Health and Environmental Information to Improve Outcomes*," by Dr. Ron Hamerschmidt, Director of the Division of Environment and Lesa Roberts, Environmental Health Officer for KDHE. The article identifies some of the challenges of sharing environmental and health data, as well as suggested steps toward better integration of health and environmental information. The article can be viewed online at: http://www.ecos.org/files/2645_file_ECOSates_Winter_2007.pdf

Applications Sought for Next Cycle of Leadership Institute

The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) will hold its fifth training cycle from September 2007-September 2008. In-person sessions take place in September, October, January, April, and July. If you are interested in becoming a KPHLI scholar, applications will be available by May 2007. See <http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/index.html> for more information about the KPHLI.

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