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**From the Desk of Jane Shirley**  
**If You’ve Ever Had Chickenpox, You Could Get Shingles Now**

*by Jane Shirley, Director of Local Health Programs  
 Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Infectious Disease authorities state, “If you’ve ever had chickenpox, you could get shingles now.” Since mid-December, I’ve been battling a case of shingles. As you likely know, shingles is a reactivation of dormant varicella zoster virus. The virus “hides” in certain nerves in the body and reactivates for unknown reasons. For me, the virus has become active along the trigeminal nerve and is affecting my left eye and my vision.

I write today about this topic for two reasons. I find that many individuals, including some health care providers, are not aware that Zostavax is now licensed for ages 50 and over and is more effective when given between 50 and 59. I wish someone would have educated both me and my health care provider so that I would have received the vaccine a year ago when I inquired about it. Educate your public, your providers, your family members and your friends. It is estimated that without vaccine, 22 percent of men and 32 percent of women will have a case of zoster sometime in their lifetime.

Second, I see this as a public health intervention and opportunity. There are already a few local health departments who are administering Zostavax to their clients. I spoke with Sheryl Pierce at Doniphan County and Gina Frack in Norton. They both find a high demand and feel, in partnership with other community providers, that they are filling a gap in their communities. They bill private insurance, Medicare (through TransactRx) and also see clients who pay cash. I know they would both be happy to answer any questions you have.

I am hopeful for a good final outcome to my journey but hope we will all learn from my experience and find a way to promote this health maintenance vaccine. This is one more prevention intervention that truly pays off. Click the shingles button to learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Legislative Committee Members Receive Update on KanCare**

*by the Office of Communications, KDHE*



Members of the Kansas Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee joined House Health and Human Services Committee members last week to learn how the new KanCare program, which began Jan. 1, is being implemented. Conferees from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, including Kari Bruffett, Director, Division of Health Care Finance and Secretary, Robert Moser, MD, provided a detailed overview of the KanCare program, as did Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services Secretary Shawn Sullivan. Representatives from the three managed care organizations introduced themselves and James Bart described his role as the new KanCare consumer advocate/ombudsman.

## Spotlight Early Detection Works Program - New Screening Guidelines for Cervical Cancer

by Ginger Park, Communications Manager  
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According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), cervical cancer mortality rates among U.S. women decreased by almost 70 percent from 1955 to 1992 due in large part to the Pap test, which can detect disease in its early stages. Cervical cancer takes many years to develop and can be caught early enough with longer time intervals between Pap tests. Moreover, frequent screening can lead to unnecessary treatment

procedures that can cause cervical damage. Therefore, the new screening guidelines from the American Cancer Society and U.S. Preventive Services Task Force for average-risk women are as follows:

- Starting at age 21, women should get a Pap test every three years.
- Between ages 30 and 65, a Pap test with human papillomavirus (HPV) co-testing is recommended every five years. This is the preferred approach, but it is acceptable to have a Pap test alone every three years.
- Women over age 65 who have had regular screening with normal results should not be screened for cervical cancer. Women over age 65 who have been diagnosed with cervical pre-cancer should continue to be screened.
- Women who have had their uterus and cervix removed in a hysterectomy and have no history of cervical cancer or pre-cancer should not be screened.
- Women should discuss their risk factors with their physician.

"Even though Pap test recommendations have changed, women should continue receiving annual well woman exams," said Robert Moser, M.D., Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Secretary and State Health Officer. "Each woman should discuss her individual risk with her doctor to determine how frequently she should receive a Pap test. Components that may be included in annual well woman exams are a clinical breast exam, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, contraception, immunizations, routine blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and weight checks, as well as counseling on how to maintain best health and prevent or manage chronic conditions."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), almost all cervical cancers are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases. HPV vaccines are now available that prevent the two HPV strains most likely to cause cervical cancer. These vaccinations are effective for a lifetime, but must be administered in a three shot series prior to adulthood. HPV vaccines are recommended for both boys and girls at ages 11 and 12, but additional ages can be considered. Not all cervical cancer is prevented by the HPV vaccine; therefore, women are still recommended to get Pap tests.



When it is time for screening, the KDHE Early Detection Works (EDW) program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings for eligible women at no cost. Eligible women are Kansas residents ages 40 to 64, without health insurance, who meet income guidelines. Women can enroll for these free screenings by calling toll-free 1-877-277-1368. Limited state funds are available for women under 40 who are experiencing breast or cervical problems. EDW pays for many diagnostic follow-up tests with free or affordable treatment available to women diagnosed with cancer while participating in the program.

EDW also partners with employers, churches, organizations and other groups to provide education on breast and cervical health. Click on the Kansas map above to locate your area EDW representative for more information about what you can do to increase awareness in and promote screening in your area. For more information on the new cervical cancer screening guidelines click the ACS or CDC logos.

## Kansas Action Coalition – Future of Nursing



by Linda Frazee, Public Health Workforce Specialist  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

Action Coalitions are the driving force of the, "Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action," which envisions a health care system where all Americans have access to high-quality care, with nurses contributing to the full extent of their capabilities. The campaign is coordinated through the Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), an initiative of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) with signifi-

cant engagement of nurses and other health care providers; consumer advocates; policy-makers and business, academic and philanthropic leaders.

Action Coalitions are built to effect long-term sustainable change at the local, state and regional levels. Coalition members have banded together to implement the recommendations contained in the landmark Institute of Medicine report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health." As part of their activities, Action Coalitions will capture best practices, determine research needs, track lessons learned and identify replicable models.

Founded in June of 2011, the Kansas Action Coalition has a singular focus, to work alongside the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, AARP and CCNA to ensure that high-quality, patient-centered health care will be available for all Americans. In order to do this, we need to address the challenges facing nursing in order to address challenges facing our health system. The key messages from the report are:

- Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training.
- Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
- Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States.
- Efficient workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

The three teams of the Kansas Action Coalition

- Practice\*
- Education\*
- Leadership\*

\* Data, Interprofessional Collaboration and Diversity are addressed by each team.

Help is needed, both nurses and non-nurses. If you would like to be involved, please contact Kansas Action Coalition Program Manager, Jon Teel [jteel@kumc.edu](mailto:jteel@kumc.edu) or click on the KAC-FN logo above. Visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kansasac](http://www.facebook.com/kansasac).

### School Nurse of the Year Nominations

*by Angela Anderson, Award Chair  
Kansas School Organization*



The Kansas School Nurse Organization (KSNO) is seeking nominations for School Nurse of the Year. This award is given to emphasize the contribution of Kansas school nurses by recognizing a school nurse who demonstrates excellence and professionalism in school nursing practice.

School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being, academic success and lifelong achievement and health of students. School nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety, including a healthy environment; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborates with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self management, self-advocacy and learning.

For requirements, details and application information click on the KSNO logo. If you have questions contact Angela Anderson at [aanderson@gckschools.com](mailto:aanderson@gckschools.com). Deadline for submissions is April 30.

### Recharging School Wellness Workshops

*by Jill Ladd RD,LD, Team Nutrition Project Director  
Kansas State Department of Education*



Are your school wellness policies collecting dust, are you struggling with your school health initiatives or do school wellness policy guidelines confuse you? If any of these describe your school, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has an opportunity for you.

KSDE's Child Nutrition and Wellness (CNW) team and the Kansas Health Foundation are offering six regional workshops to help jolt your school wellness policies into action! Each workshop will feature a panel discussion with school personnel from your region as well as the latest information on school wellness policy guidelines. The workshops will emphasize interaction between districts and sharing best practices and lessons learned. KSDE Child Nutrition and Wellness Staff will also be gathering feedback and suggestions for revising the school wellness policy builder.

Districts will receive \$300 stipends to offset travel costs and substitute pay. Lunch will be provided. Workshops are free, thanks to funding by the Kansas Health Foundation.

Workshops will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the following regional locations and dates:

- Topeka – Tues. Feb. 19th
- Girard – Wed., Feb. 20th
- Salina – Wed., Feb. 27th
- Clearwater – Wed., Mar. 27th
- Sublette – Wed., April 3rd
- Oakley – Thurs., April 4th

Registration forms can be downloaded by clicking on the KSDE School Nutrition Programs logo above. For more information or questions regarding the workshops call KSDE, CNW at 785-296-2276.

### **Aid to Local Grant Documents Now "Live"!**

*by Jane Shirley, Director Local Health Program  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Each year the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) makes federal and state funds available to local units of government and other eligible agencies to support public Health services in local communities. The goal is to support services which maintain and improve the health of Kansas residents. The links for all documents and instructions for funding programs within the, "Aid to Local" (ATL) grant package have been updated and were released Jan. 16. Submission

deadline is March 15, 2013. Some changes have been made to grant documents and instructions. For all ATL document and process questions, contact Pat Behnke at [pbehnke@kdheks.gov](mailto:pbehnke@kdheks.gov). Submit program-specific questions to the program contact person listed in **each**, "Categorical Grant Fund" document. For complete information, visit the website by clicking the Kansas image above.

Now on [KS-TRAIN](#), "BCHS: Public Health Aid to Local 2013 Grant Process," online course #1041097. This course will navigate you through the application process and how the grant application travels through the evaluation and reporting requirements.

### **The Governor's Public Health Conference – A Roadmap to Wellness**

*by Linda Frazee, Workforce Development Coordinator  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Save the date, for the 8th Annual Governor's Public Health Conference, "A Roadmap to Wellness," to be held on Apr. 29 – May 1 at the Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport in Wichita.

The Governor's Public Health Conference brings four prior public health conferences together, increasing the value and scope of opportunities for the entire public health audience. These include:

1. Maternal Child Health
2. Public Health Nursing – topics have expanded to the general public health workforce
3. The Center for Health Equity
4. New for 2013 - Family Planning sessions

The Conference Planning Committee consists of representation from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) programs related to these areas, Kansas Association of Local Health departments (KALHD) administration and local representation and Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA).

The registration fee has remained level for the past four years even though conference costs continue to rise and the goal is to break even. State programs often subsidize fees for sponsored plenary speakers when funds are available. Continuing Education credit is included and this will be the second year that Continuing Medical Education for physicians is offered on the pre-conference day. The Governor's Public Health Conference will continue to offer continuing education and information on best practices at the lowest cost possible to the local public health workforce in Kansas.

## Monthly Public Health Conference Call Adds Preparedness Content

*by the Bureau of Community Health Systems*



As a result of internal discussion and survey results received, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is merging the monthly preparedness call with the monthly public health call. This call takes place on the fourth Tues. of every month and begins at 10:00am.

It is the intent of KDHE to lessen the burden of sitting in on various state conference calls and to also provide the same audiences with various points of information they may not have gotten previously. Items that are covered in each monthly public health call is an update from Robert Moser, Secretary and State Health Officer, KDHE, updates from the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, Bureau of Health Promotion, Bureau of Community Health Systems and the Communications Office. The Preparedness Program updates will be at the end of the monthly call.

KDHE will use InterCall services for the monthly public health calls, which will be operator assisted for a question and answer session after the updates. The next Monthly Public Health Conference call will be Feb. 26 at 10:00a.m. To call in:

- Dial In Number: (866) 620-7326
- Conference Code: 5381244974

If you have any questions about these calls, please feel free to contact Jamie Hemler at 785-296-5529 or [jhemler@kdheks.gov](mailto:jhemler@kdheks.gov), Miranda Steele at 785-296-5795 or [msteele@kdheks.gov](mailto:msteele@kdheks.gov) or Jane Shirley at 785-296-6549 or [jshirley@kdheks.gov](mailto:jshirley@kdheks.gov).

## Child Care Licensing Program Technology Initiative Goes Into Pilot Phase

*by the Office of Communications, KDHE*

Child Care Licensing is currently piloting an online child care licensing application as part of the Customer and Provider Portal (CAPP) project. The online application is expected to be available via the Child Care and Early Education Portal by March 2013.

The application features the option for providers to easily enroll with Division of Health Care Finance to serve families receiving child care subsidies, eliminating the need to submit separate paper applications to both agencies. Completion of the project will significantly reduce the length of time necessary to submit and process an initial or renewal application, reducing the time it takes KDHE to issue a license.

CAPP is a KDHE-DCF joint technology initiative which features the online application as well as a site for searching/viewing child care facility compliance information. More information about the CAPP project as well as the facility search link are available by clicking on the, "Good Beginning Last a Lifetime," logo.



*"Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime"*

## Resolve to be Ready in 2013: Technology Tip #2

*by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*



Want to easily create, and more importantly, share an Emergency Information Document? Try "Ready's" new Family [Emergency Plan template in Google Docs](#) (use [Google Chrome](#) to view). Note: if you are unable to access this Google doc, you can also download and print out the Ready Family Emergency Plan by clicking on the Ready ✓ logo.

To make a shareable preparedness plan using Google Docs, here's a quick how-to:

**Step 1:** Click on the Family Emergency Plan template [link](#). You will go to a new page that says, "Now Leaving Ready.gov," and proceed.

**Step 2:** On the next page, look for the button that says, "Use this template," and proceed.

**Step 3:** You will see three tabs: Data Entry Instructions, Family Emergency Plan page 1 and Family Emergency Plan Pg 2. Go through each tab and carefully read and fill out.

**Step 4:** Once you have filled out the information, on the top right of the page, click on the blue "Share" button. You can share your new emergency plan with your friends and family and select if they can edit the doc or simply view.

**Step 5:** Finally, let us know how this worked for you or if you have any questions. Join in the discussion [here](#).

## KDADS Announces Volunteer of the Month Recognition Program

*by Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Every day, countless volunteers donate their time and energy to help older adults, persons with disabilities or behavioral health needs in Kansas. To thank those who are making a difference, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Shawn Sullivan announced the department is beginning a, "Volunteer of the Month," recognition program. Each monthly winner will receive a check for \$50 and a \$20 Walgreens gift card.

Beginning Jan. 2013, KDADS will select a Volunteer of the Month. The winner will be chosen from nominations submitted to the department. Volunteers will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Outstanding performance in volunteer duties
- High level of willingness to help others
- Strong commitment to the volunteer program
- Good relationships with those the volunteer helps



KDADS is partnering with Walgreens because of the company's commitment to hiring persons with disabilities. Learn more at click the Walgreens logo.

To nominate a Volunteer of the Month, click on the KDADS logo. Nomination forms are also available at the front desk of the New England building, 5th and Kansas Avenue. Winners will be notified by phone and email the first week of the following month in which they were nominated.

## Kansan Card Discontinued

*by Mindee Reece, Division of Health Administrator*

*Bureau of Community Health Systems Director*

*Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



The Kansan cards provided to local health departments by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Local Public Health Program at some point in the distant past have been discontinued. In talking with former program staff, the Kansan cards were originally provided to facilitate communication between the local health departments and the state's Local Public Health Program. Current KDHE staff were aware the Kansan cards were still being utilized until a recent fiscal inquiry brought it to our attention. Unfortunately, there is no funding available for this initiative in our current budget.

If you have a KDHE-provided Kansan card in your possession, please note that it is no longer active and assure that it is destroyed. If you have questions, please contact Mindee Reece, Division of Health Administrator/Bureau of Community Health Systems Director, at 785-296-0201 or [mreece@kdheks.gov](mailto:mreece@kdheks.gov).

## Accreditation Corner

### WeKanQI Trainer Champions Present Projects to KDHE Executive Team and Staff

*by Brenda Nickel, Director*

*Center for Performance Management, KDHE*



On Jan. 11, four teams of Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) staff demonstrated their newly applied quality improvement skills using Quality Improvement (QI) tools to tackle programmatic and process problems. The four teams represented the Bureau of Health Promotion (BHP), Bureau of Community Health Systems (BCHS), Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention (BDPC) and the KDHE Labs. Projects were initiated in Oct. 2012 following two of four trainings with Jack Moran and Harry Lenderman, Public Health Foundation. The QI projects used tools such as Cause and Effect Diagrams, Flow Charts, Control and Influence diagrams, Gantt Charts, Five Why's/How's, surveys, logic models and other helpful data collecting, planning and reporting tools found in the Public Health Quality Improvement Encyclopedia. Click the QI Tools and Resources logo above to view the encyclopedia.

Quality improvement projects presented included:

- 1) staff training for improving collaboration and integration of programs utilizing a bureau-wide performance management and reporting system, called "Catalyst" (BHP);

- 2) development of a bureau-wide manual to assure critical program processes and procedures are available for cross-training and orienting staff (BDCP);
- 3) development of training on public health accreditation and a collection tool to assist staff in assessing standards and measures relevant to programs (BCHS), and;
- 4) improving shipping of environmental and health samples to the KDHE lab to ensure acceptable samples for testing through improved collection and shipping methods. This project is working with external private and public partners across the state.

For more information on the KDHE projects contact Brenda Nickel, Center for Performance Management, at [bnickel@kdheks.gov](mailto:bnickel@kdheks.gov).

### Resource Center for Community Health Assessments



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) provides, a "Resource Center for Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans." This resource center provides practical, customizable tools and resources to all local health departments (LHDs) in a central and publicly accessible location. The resource center is intended to support LHDs and their partners in completing community health improvement processes, including the conduct of a community health assessment (CHA) and the development of a community health improvement plan (CHIP), for the purpose of improving the health of local communities. To learn more click on the NACCHO logo.

## Funding Opportunities Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### Building Capacity of the Public Health System - Letter of Intent Deadline Feb. 4



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds for national, nonprofit organizations to strengthen the infrastructure and improve the performance of the US public health system through the provision of capacity building assistance. The letter of intent deadline is Feb. 4. Click the CDC logo to learn more.

### AmeriCorps State and National Grants - Deadline Feb. 6



AmeriCorps awards grants to organizations to implement programs that utilize AmeriCorps members to engage in evidence-based interventions that strengthen communities. In the 2012 competition the Corporation for National Community Service expects to invest a significant amount of available funding to programs working in disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures and veterans and military families. See the AmeriCorps [program guidance](#) for complete details.

### Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment Grants (Cycle III) - Deadline Feb. 21



Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment (Cycle III) grants will support outreach strategies that will fund activities designed to help families understand new application procedures and health coverage opportunities, including Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and insurance affordability programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). States, local governments, community-based and non-profit organizations are eligible applicants.

These grants, funded under the ACA, continue efforts to find and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that were initially funded under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA).

Proposals are due on Feb. 21 with grant award notification anticipated on June 1. Grants are expected to range from \$250,000 to \$1 million for a two-year period. Click the Grants.gov logo above for more information.

### 2013 NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program - Deadline Feb. 28



The 2013 NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program (formerly the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program) announces the opening of the application cycle. The NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers Registered Nurses (RNs) and advanced practice

registered nurses, such as Nurse Practitioners (NPs), an opportunity to repay 60 percent of their outstanding qualifying educational loans in exchange for a two-year service commitment at a Critical Shortage Facility (CSF). NURSE Corps LRP participants may receive additional loan repayment for a third year of service.

To learn more about funding preferences, please review the application and program guidance by clicking on the Nurse corps logo above. The deadline to apply to is Feb. 28.

### Grants from Johns Hopkins Global Center on Childhood Obesity - Deadline Mar. 18



Johns Hopkins Global Center on Childhood Obesity (JHGCCO) is seeking applications to jumpstart systems-oriented childhood obesity research in a rapidly changing physical and policy environment by supporting rapid response pilot projects with timelines that would not allow funding through the regular National Institutes of Health (NIH) review cycles. Informational Teleconference will be held on Feb. 4 at 10:00 A. M. A "Study Concept Summary," is due on Feb. 14, and invited full proposals are due on March 18. Click the JHGCCO logo to learn more.

### APHA's 2013 Get Ready Scholarship - Deadline Mar. 25



To raise awareness about emergency preparedness, American Public Health Association (APHA) is offering its annual Get Ready Scholarship that is designed to encourage high school and college students to focus on the importance of emergency preparedness. The deadline for submissions is Mar. 25. To learn more about this scholarship offer click on the APHA logo.

### Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy - Deadline Sept. 25



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/National Institutes of Health invites applications to develop research on health literacy in general areas that include, but are not limited to, the following: Nature and Scope, Lifespan and Cultural Differences, Mediators and Moderators of Health Literacy: Protective and Risk Factors, Impacts and Consequences of Limited Health Literacy, Education and Training, Health Systems Interventions and Methodology and Research Technology Development.

Deadline is Sept. 25 and should be noted that some steps in the application process can take several weeks to complete. For more information click the HHS logo.

## Training and Conferences Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference - Feb. 7-9



The theme of the conference is "Building Safe, Healthy, Equitable and Prosperous Communities." The conference features information on how the built environment shapes our daily habits and affects our health. If you are interested in topics such as how to build communities suitable for the growing aging population, expanding the availability of healthy food options and promoting a more active lifestyle among local residents, you will not want to miss this conference. The conference will be held Feb. 7-9, 2013, Kansas City, MO. Click the image on the left for the conference brochure.

### Writing and Designing NIH Proposals Workshop - Feb. 11



The Grant Training Center is coming to the University of Kansas on Feb. 11 for a one-day National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant writing workshop. This workshop is designed for junior faculty, students and administrators interested in seeking grant funding from the NIH. It is also useful for seasoned researchers who wish to refresh their knowledge of the new NIH require-

ments and the details of the peer review process. This workshop will help you learn the finer points of writing a winning NIH proposal. You can learn more about what this workshop will cover and registration by clicking the NIH logo.

### Health Literacy: A Prescription for Patient Engagement - Feb. 12



The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City will host, "Health Literacy: A Prescription for Patient Engagement," on Feb. 12, from 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m., at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City, MO.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ruth Murphey Parker of the Emory University School of Medicine. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM's) Roundtable on Health Literacy and a member of the committee that produced the landmark IOM Report, "Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion." Click the logo above for more information.

### Women's Health Online Information System Training - Feb. 12



The U.S. Department of Health Human Services Office on Women's Health will offer training for its online information system - a system that contains data on demographics, mortality, reproductive and maternal health, disease incidence and access to care. Training will be held twice each month in July, Aug. and Sept. For more information, contact Joyce Riley-Townser, Regional Women's Health Coordinator at [joyce.townser@hhs.gov](mailto:joyce.townser@hhs.gov).

Quick Health Data Online 101 training schedule:

- Tues., Feb 12, 3-4 pm ET - basic training
- Thurs., Feb 14, 1-2 pm ET - focus on mapping
- Tues., Mar 12, 4-5 pm ET - basic training
- Thurs., Mar 14, 12-1 pm ET - focus on mapping

To access the training sessions, participants should go online click the Women's Health logo, then call the toll-free number, 877-925-6129 and enter passcode 41017.

### American Indian Public Health Disparities: Regional Differences in Health Webinar - Feb. 21



The School of Public Health University of Albany, State University of New York presents via webinar Donald K. Warne, MD, MPH, Director, Master of Public Health Program, North Dakota State University on Feb. 21 at 8:00 a.m. This broadcast will address a number of relevant topics surrounding public health disparities and American Indian populations. Specifically, this broadcast will include a brief review of current American Indian Health Policies and a discussion of disparities that exist in health resources for American Indians. Dr. Warne will also review key health disparities that exist among and between American Indian populations as well as regional differences in health. Finally, Dr. Warne will present policy and program strategies intended to reduce the existing disparities.

Click here to [register](#). To learn more about Dr. Warne click his image on the left.

### Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Training - Feb. 26-28



Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-owned strategic planning process informed by comprehensive assessments for improving the public's health. MAPP works as a framework to help communities prioritize public health issues, identify resources for addressing them and take action. This free winter MAPP training will on Feb. 26-28, in Alexandria, VA. To learn how to take action steps toward a healthier community click the MAPP logo.

### Local Health Program Sponsoring Quality Improvement (QI) Training - Mar. 1

*by Jane Shirley, Director, Local Public Health Program  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Don't wait! Sign up now for the interactive workshop, "KDHE: Quality Improvement (QI) in Kansas Public Health," on Mar. 1, at the Chicago

Room in Chanute. There is no registration fee and lunch is provided (working lunch). Each attending health department will receive a \$100 stipend to be used to offset travel expenses (one stipend per agency). If you are traveling more than 200 miles contact us about an additional stipend. Paperwork for this will be distributed at the event.

Attendees are encouraged to complete some pre-course preparation to include:

- For those who are very new to Quality Improvement, take the PHF Quality Improvement (QI) Quick Guide Tutorial [www.phf.org/quickguide](http://www.phf.org/quickguide). This introduction to quality improvement (QI) reviews resources that public health professionals can use to pursue QI initiatives within their organizations.
- [Review PHAB Accreditation Domain 9 Standards and Measures](#)
- A good recorded example of QI application in Kansas can be found on TRAIN, course #1025064: [Heartland Centers: Using Quality Improvement Tools to Advance Public Health Preparedness: The Kansas H1N1 Experience \(1025064\)](#)
- For a comprehensive resource, access the QI Guidebook Embracing Quality in Public Health, available at: <http://mphiaccredandqi.org/Guidebook.aspx>

Registration is now open through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, course # 1034581.

### APHA 2013 Annual Meeting and Exposition – Abstract Deadline Second Week of Feb.



The American Public Health Association (APHA) invites abstract submissions for the 2013 Annual Meeting and Exposition to be held Nov. 2-6 in Boston. The deadline for submission of abstracts is the second week of Feb with date variations depending on the Section, Special Primary Interest Group, Caucus or Forum to which you wish to submit. Click the APHA logo to learn more.

### Family Planning Program Adds Online Course to KS-TRAIN

*by Gail Chalman, Family Planning Clinical Coordinator  
Bureau of Family Health, KDHE*



“KDHE: Bureau of Family-Human Trafficking,” Course ID 1037505 is an archived webinar, available on [KS-Train](#) that defines and provides tools for identifying victims of Human Trafficking. Participants will better understand the extent of the human trafficking issue in the Midwest. This webinar was presented by Sarah Grenzeback, National Human Trafficking Resource Center. Click on the Polaris Project logo to learn more about Human Trafficking.

### New On-line Course - Interpreting Basics

*by Cyndi Treaster, Special Population Health Director  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



A new resource is now available on the Train website [Interpreting Basics: An Introduction to Healthcare and Social Services Interpreting \(1037207\)](#). This training was developed by Cathy Anderson, Manager of Language and Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, with the support of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Rural and Special

Population Health Programs. This two part course is intended to introduce potential community interpreters to basic interpreting concepts and the Interpreters' Code of Ethics. It specifically discusses confidentiality as the most important rule of interpreting. Individuals who want to become interpreters are encouraged to continue developing their skills and to seek out continued interpreting education. Individuals that successfully complete this training and the post-test will receive a certificate of completion. If you have questions about this training, please contact Cyndi Treaster at [ctreaster@kdheks.gov](mailto:ctreaster@kdheks.gov) or 785-296-8113.

### Healthy Habits for Kansas Kids Professional Education

*by Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics*



Looking for information and inspiration when working with Kansas children and their obesity challenges? There are four, one-hour online modules sponsored by the Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics on KS-TRAIN at, <http://ks.train.org>, that address obesity in Kansas kids:

Module 1 – # 1015996 Obesity in Kansas Children

Module 2 – # 1016561 Negotiating Behavior

Module 3 – # 1016562 Assessment & Treatment of Child Obesity

Module 4 – # 1016563 Preventing Childhood Obesity

Each module can be completed at your convenience, at work or on your home computer, through the KS Train web site. Healthy Habits offers free continuing nurses and dietician education credit.

For more tools that focus on the health needs of Kansas children go to, [Obesity: Sound Advice on Healthy Living](#); [Obesity – Drink Smart](#) and [FuelUP to Play60](#).



### KIDS Network Safe Slumber Online Training

The KIDS Network online course, [Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment 2012 \(1033033\)](#) has been completed by 2,495 learners since it was activated in April of 2012. Click the KIDS Network logo to download the course registration information to share with Kansas child care providers. The two hour online course meets the Kansas Child Care Regulations training requirements. Other online courses posted to KS-TRAIN that meet the Kansas Child Care Program

online course requirements are:

[JOCO: Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care \(1033520\)](#) and [Healthy Futures-Medication Administration in Early Education and Child Care Settings-Child Care Providers \(1025817\)](#)

### USDA WIC Courses Posted to TRAIN

In a cooperative effort between Virginia TRAIN and the United States Department of Agriculture seven online courses for educating the WIC workforce have been posted to [TRAIN](#).

1. [Communicating with Participants](#) - 1040958
2. [Counseling Skills](#) - 1040959
3. [Feeding Infants: Nourishing Attitudes and Techniques](#) - 1040961
4. [Reaching Participants Through WIC](#) - 1040960
5. [Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment \(VENA\)](#) - 1040962
6. [WIC 101](#) - 1040957
7. [WIC Breastfeeding Basic](#) - 1041073

### Public Health Accreditation Board Online Orientation Available on TRAIN

*by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Welcome to the Public Health Accreditation Board's (PHAB) online orientation to public health department accreditation. The purpose of this orientation is to give you a solid overview of public health department accreditation. Whether you are an applicant or someone with an interest in learning more about national public health department accreditation, this series of modules will give you an overview of the PHAB accreditation process.

The information and material is covered in four modules, along with opening and evaluation modules via KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>.

- [A General Overview of Public Health Accreditation](#) - 1030973
- [An Introduction to the PHAB Accreditation Process](#) - 1030975
- [The Nuts and Bolts of the PHAB Accreditation Process](#) - 1030976
- [Understanding the PHAB Standards and Measures and Documentation Requirements](#) - 1030978

The four modules will each take 30 to 45 minutes to complete. You may review them all in one sitting, which should take about two hours, or you may review each of the modules individually. While you may complete the modules in any order desired, we suggest that you complete them in sequence as the information presented in a module builds upon the previous module. Once you have completed the four modules, you will be directed to an evaluation that must be finished and submitted prior to receiving credit for the orientation. The evaluation will help PHAB understand if the orientation is presenting you with the information you need.

## News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### New Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2011 Report

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the, *"Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2011," data and statistics report*. This report presents statistics and trends for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in the United States through 2011. This annual publication is intended as a reference document for policy makers, program managers, health planners, researchers and others who are concerned with the public health implications of these diseases. Click the image on the left to view or download this report.



### Minority Health News



Kaiser Family Foundation provides summaries of the news related to health and health care issues that affect underserved and racial and ethnic communities, recent journal articles and other research developments in the field. To locate the news summaries click the Kaiser Family Foundation logo.

### Cervical Cancer Awareness

**National Cancer Institute**  
at the National Institutes of Health

The National Cancer Institute recently announced a report on, "Understanding Cervical Changes: A Health Guide for Women." This new consumer health guide report was released in recognition of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. The booklet helps answer questions and discusses:

- Types of changes in your cervix
- Common tests and treatments
- How to find the support and resources you need

Click the National Cancer Institute logo to learn more.

### Finding Answers Intervention Research (FAIR) Database

**Finding Answers**  
Disparities Research for Change

The Finding Answers Intervention Research (FAIR) is a searchable tool that allows access to journal article summaries from 11 systematic reviews of the published health disparities

literature. To learn more click on the FAIR logo.

### Prevention Research Centers Notable Publications



Each year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC)'s, Prevention Research Centers publish more than 400 journal articles and about 25 books or book chapters in the scientific literature. Selected publications are highlighted throughout the year and citations or links to them are then collected here for reference. To review

the 2012 notable publications, click the CDC logo.

### New Report Calls for Federal Action to Close Achievement Gap by Addressing School Health



"Health in Mind," a new report from Healthy Schools Campaign (HSC) and Trust for America's Health (TFAH), details immediate solutions that can help close the achievement gap and create a healthy

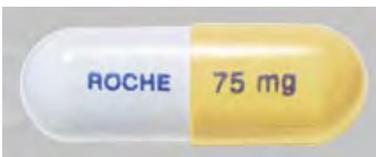
future for all children. To learn more click on the TFAH logo.

### New Rule Protects Patient Privacy, Secures Health Information



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has moved to strengthen the privacy and security protections for health information established under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The final omnibus rule greatly enhances a patient's privacy protections, provides individuals new rights to their health information and strengthens the government's ability to enforce the law. To learn more click the HHS.gov logo.

### 2012-2013 Influenza Season: Information for Pharmacists



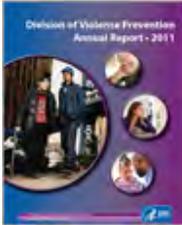
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sent a letter to pharmacists on Jan. 15 regarding the availability of flu vaccine and antivirals. The letter provides an update on the resources available to pharmacists and other providers if they are running low or run out of flu vaccine. CDC suggests that if pharmacies run out of vaccine, they should work to identify other providers, including public health agencies, that may have a supply. In addition, CDC provides links to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updates on shortages of Tamiflu for oral suspension and the compounding instructions. Click the image of Tamiflu to learn more.

### 2013 State Legislative and Regulatory Prospectus



To provide an overview of the issues affecting state health agencies and public health, the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has reviewed available pre-filed bills and surveyed the state health agency legislative liaisons regarding priorities and issues they expect their legislatures to address in the coming year. The prospectus document summarizes findings and outlines the top public health issues to watch in the states for 2013. You can read the prospectus in its entirety on the ASTHO website by clicking on their logo.

### Division of Violence Prevention Annual Report, 2011



The Division of Violence Prevention within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control has released its 2011 Annual Report. The report summarizes CDC's public health activities in violence prevention, including state and community grantees' accomplishments and ongoing work. Highlighted in the report are several evaluation studies expected to conclude soon and provide findings to grow the science base on topics such as individual, family and social connectedness and the prevention of suicidal behavior. Click the report image on the left to review the report.

### 50 Years of Saving Babies' Lives



Fifty years after the first state-mandated newborn screening programs began in Massachusetts, Oregon and Delaware, 97 percent of U.S. newborns are screened by state public health laboratories. Each year, more than 4 million U.S. newborns are screened for at least 29 genetic and metabolic conditions, including hearing loss and critical congenital heart disease. The Association of Public Health Laboratories has partnered with CDC to launch a year-long public awareness campaign to celebrate this milestone. To learn more about the campaign click the image of the babies. The campaign website includes a [calendar of events](#) and informational resources for expectant parents, healthcare providers and health decision-makers.

### CDC Free App



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed the CDC app, available for free, with a public health focus – its most recent version was updated in Sept. 2012. The CDC app states it provides, “public 24/7 access to important and timely health information that people can use to protect their lives and loved ones.”

With this in mind, the CDC app focuses on public health information aimed at the general public, rather than medical providers. The app offers a variety of resources on a broad range of health and public health topics, making it suitable for a diverse audience.

To get the app in the iTunes store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cdc/id487847188?mt=8>

To get the app for Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.cdc.general&hl=en>

### Job Openings

#### Franklin County Health Department

The Franklin County Health Department is accepting application for the following position:

- [Public Health Nurse/RN](#)



#### Ford County Health Department

The Ford County Health Department is accept applications for the following position:

- [Registered Nurse](#)



#### Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Health Facility Surveyor III](#)



### Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Public Health Nurse](#)



### Reno County Health Department

The Reno County Health Department is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Health Education & Promotion Coordinator](#)



### Riley County Health Department

The Riley County Health Department is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Nurse Supervisor](#)



### Sedgwick County Health Department

The Sedgwick County Health Department is taking applications for the following positions:

- [Medical Technologist II](#)
- [Registered Dietician - WIC](#)



### Shawnee County Health Agency

The Shawnee County Health agency is taking applications for the following positions:

- [Health Information Management Systems Manager](#)
- [Health Promotion Coordinator](#)
- [Quality and Risk Management Officer](#)



### Wyandotte County Health Department

The Wyandotte County Health Department is taking application for the following position:

- [Dietitian Supervisor](#)



### Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

[Epi Updates Newsletter](#)

[KanCare Advisor](#)

[Kansas Environmental News](#)

[Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program](#)

[Newborn Screening Newsletter](#)

[ZIPS Newsletter - Bureau of Family Health/Children and Families](#)

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