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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK



**Building a
Foundation
for a Healthy
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The National Public Health Week (NPHW) "Building the Foundation for a Healthy America" toolkit is now available. The toolkit includes fact sheets, media outreach materials, suggested community events, legislative information and resources for everyone to use throughout NPHW, April 6-12. To view the toolkit click on the Building a Foundation for a Healthy America logo.

In support of National Public Health Week 2009 and its theme, "Building the Foundation for a Healthy America," the American Public Health Association (APHA) has released a new video series – "Why Public Health Matters." To order you copy click on link www.nphw.org/nphw09/videos.cfm.

4TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

submitted by the Governor's Public Health Conference Committee



The Governor's Public Health Conference Committee invites you to attend this year's education opportunity including the orientation session on Monday, April 20, 2009, "Your Role in Health Prevention, Promotion, and Protection of Kansas Maternal Child Health (MCH) Populations" and the two day general session, Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22, "Kansas: A Great Environment for Growing Healthy Families." Registration for the orientation session and two day conference is through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, course number 1016364. To learn more click

the conference image.

The content of the orientation session is for new staff recently entering the public health field or the MCH program. The topics presented will provide a broad overview of MCH services and the framework that will enable participants to begin working with women, infants, children and adolescents in community settings, including an introduction of the new Kansas MCH Manual.

The orientation session will address:

- An overview of public health core functions, essential services, and competencies
- Accreditation of local and state health departments
- Basic concepts of block grants
- Societal and economic factors that drive funding for public health programs
- Accurate data collection and reporting to support program strategies, policy development, and outcome measures
- Basic tenets and standards of practice for women of childbearing age
- Services for infants and young children and adolescents
- Review of State and local resources for use in local health department programs

The general conference will offer session topics pertinent to the environment in which we live in, as well as those "environments" we create in the workplace and in the homes of the Kansans we serve. Presenters will address timely topics that will enhance and build skills needed by public health practitioners and stakeholders in these turbulent socioeconomic times. With the challenges facing our state and nation, public health looks forward to the future with hope and innovative ideas to provide a great environment for growing healthy families.

2009 MIDWEST REGION 7/8 HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE

submitted by The Healthy Homes Conference Committee



The 2009 Midwest Region 7/8 Healthy Homes Conference, "Building Capacity and Mainstreaming Healthy Homes" , will be held May 26th-29th, at the Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO. The Healthy Indoor Environments Coalition, HUD, and the Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are the sponsors for this 11 state conference. Registration is through TRAIN at <http://www.train.org>, Course # 1016411.

What makes a healthy home or healthy indoor environment? As part of the 2009 Midwest Regional Healthy Homes conference, you can be part of the solution! The conference will cover how partnerships for building healthy housing programs and initiative can be implemented from the local to state level. Sessions will include how creating capacity will provide a framework for healthy, affordable, green and energy efficient housing. Sessions will also cover how healthy housing principles can be mainstreamed into existing health and housing programs. During these four days, you will gain knowledge and background you need to make a difference the health and housing of your area.

Attendees to the conference include healthy homes professionals, lead professionals, contractors, housing professionals, public health nurses and medical providers, parents, community activists, environmental specialists, property managers/landlords, realtors, and public/community health officials. To learn more click the image above.

4TH ANNUAL CENTER FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE

"Building Partnerships to Wellness" is this year's theme for the annual Health Disparities Conference to be held on Apr. 6-7 at the Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel, Maner Conference Center. A pre-conference on Social Determinants Institute will be held on Apr. 6. This year's featured keynote speaker is Dr. Adewale Troutman.



SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION NEWS



In 2008, the Sunflower Foundation surveyed a cross section of health-related nonprofits in Kansas to ask several key questions about the extent and nature of their public policy participation. We undertook this survey to help inform the foundation's work in advocacy and are pleased to now

share the results with you. Click on the Sunflower Foundation logo above to read a summary of the survey findings.

Videos of the first two speakers in the foundation's *Advocacy in Health* Speaker Series are now available for viewing on the foundation's Web site. Click on the sunflower picture to the right for previews of David Cohen's presentation on November 19, 2008, and Ann Wiesner's presentation on January 7, 2009 - and for instructions on downloading the full-length videos.



Susan Dentzer, Editor, Health Affairs; Health Correspondent, is the next speaker in the foundation's *Advocacy in Health* Speaker Series: Susan Dentzer, Editor of *Health Affairs*, will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka. This presentation and the reception that follows are free and open to the public however, advance reservations are required. To request the registration form and more information regarding the Advocacy in Health Speaker Series click on the image of Susan Dentzer.

MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

*submitted by Barbara VanCortlandt
KDHE, Public Health Educator*



Colon cancer is unique in the medical world. It is one cancer that can actually be prevented if detected early before cancerous polyps have a chance to grow and spread. Colon cancer can strike at any age, but nine out of ten new cases are in people age 50 or older. That is why colorectal cancer screening is recommended for men and women over the age of 50 and for anyone with a family history of the disease, regardless of age

In Kansas, nearly 1,400 new cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed in 2005 and more than 500 individuals died from the disease in 2007 (the most recent years statistics are available). While the rates of diagnosis in men and women are similar, men are at a significantly higher risk of dying of the disease than women. Kansas death data from 2003 to 2007 also show that compared to whites, African-Americans are disproportionately affected by the disease.

Nationally more than 145,000 new cases of colon cancer are diagnosed and over 55,000 die of the disease each year. Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death for men and women separately. It is the second leading cause of cancer death for men and women combined, second only to lung cancer. While screening rates are increasing nationwide, studies show screening rates are lower among racial and ethnic minorities compared to whites, and among those without health insurance, with low income, and with less than a high school education. Screening rates in Kansas also remain significantly lower than national rates.

There is good news – The American Cancer Society reports a nationwide drop in colon cancer deaths due to the increase in screening and early detection. The national Colorectal Cancer Research alliance, co-founded by national news anchorwoman Katie Couric, has promoted colonoscopy tests since 2000 and part of the rise in awareness can be attributed to those efforts. The ads "Are you the picture of health?" featuring Couric are being used extensively during March 2009 to raise awareness of colon cancer. For more information, visit www.cancerkansas.org and click on the link to view the Screen for Life campaign materials.

The Kansas Cancer Partnership (KCP), in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, is using the Couric print ads, as well as TV and radio spots featuring other celebrities such as Morgan Freeman, Diane Keaton and Jimmy Smits in an extensive media campaign throughout the month of March.

Sample materials for use in patient and public education about colorectal cancer screening have been sent out statewide to health departments, physicians, hospitals, and senior centers. The KCP is also partnering with 22 Cancer Centers across the state that are conducting local community information and screening activities.

The Cancer Centers participating in this year's colorectal cancer activities include:

- The University of Kansas Cancer Center, Kansas City;
- Kansas City Cancer Center, Overland Park;
- University of Kansas Hospital, Westwood;
- Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital, El Dorado;
- Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan;
- Mount Carmel Regional Medical Center, Pittsburg;
- Hays Medical Center, Hays;
- Hutchinson Medical Center, Hutchinson;
- PrairieStar Health Center, Hutchinson;
- Central Cancer Center, Emporia;
- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center, Coffeyville;
- Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Wichita;
- Tammy Walker Cancer Center, Salina;
- South Wind Oncology Associates, Garden City;
- St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City;
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence;
- Heartland Cancer Center, Great Bend;
- Konza Prairie Community Health Center, Junction City;
- St. Francis Comprehensive Cancer Center, Topeka;
- Cotton O'Neil-Stormont Vail Regional Cancer Center, Topeka;
- Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Kansas, Topeka; and
- Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, Topeka.

To learn more about cancer programs, disease information and resources, visit www.cancerkansas.org. This site is dedicated to bringing Kansans knowledgeable, quality cancer information to simplify the search for information, treatments and resources.

REDUCE AND REUSE

*submitted by Sandra Barnett
KDHE, Green Team Coordinator*

Did you know!

- Americans buy an estimated 18 billion single-serving plastic water bottle each year. More than eight out of ten end up in a landfill or incinerator.
- Nearly 50 billion new PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic bottles were produced in 2005 from virgin rather than recycled materials.
- For each gallon of water that is bottled, an additional two gallons of water is needed in processing.
- The Trillionth can – From 1972-2003, we threw away over one trillion aluminum cans....enough to reach around the earth 3048 times.

Did you know that you could alleviate America's mounting trash problem by making environmentally aware decisions about everyday things like shopping and caring for your lawn. Reusing products is just one way to cut down on what we throw away.

Simple things to do:

- Reducing the amount of packaging – purchase items from loose bins or in bulk.
- Use products that you might already have on hand, using these products can save on packaging associated products.
- Consider large or economy-sized items for household products, such as laundry soap, shampoo, baking soda, pet food and cat litter. These items usually have less packaging per unit.
- When choosing between two similar products, select the one with the least unnecessary packing.
- Bring you own mugs, glass or leftover food containers to work or school to be reused.



- Use non-hazardous or less hazardous materials to accomplish the task. Use marigolds in your garden to ward off certain pest, or use a less toxic chemical to do the job.
 - Start your own backyard compost with yard waste and leftover food materials.
- Living "green" is really just a set of simple choices, like using reusable bags instead of plastic or paper. For more waste reduction, tips visit www.kansasgreenteams.org.

"as the most easily managed waste is material that never becomes waste"

KEEP THOSE BABY TEETH CAVITY FREE

submitted Marcia A. Manter

Community Development Specialist, Oral Health Kansas



Many parents and grandparents think that since their children get two sets of teeth, "baby teeth" are not important, that it doesn't matter if they get tooth decay. This is a huge mistake.

Dental disease is the #1 childhood disease, an infection that causes pain and overall poor health. Dental disease if left untreated can lead to hospitalization. Your child's primary (baby) teeth are of great importance your baby's healthy development. Here is what cavity-free primary teeth do for your child:

- Helps your baby stay healthy and free from pain – dental decay is an infection which can travel to other parts of the body
- Holds spaces for the permanent teeth so they don't come in crooked
- Allows your baby's jaw to grow properly
- Permits your toddler to learn to eat healthy foods that need strong teeth to

chew such as carrots, multi-grain bread

- Gives your child a healthy and pretty smile

Here's how to keep your infant and toddler cavity free:

- 🦷 Clean the child's mouth starts even before the first tooth emerges. This not only keeps the oral cavity clean, but establishes a daily hygiene routine to last a lifetime. For an infant, begin by laying the baby across your lap. Gently rub the upper and lower gums with a piece of gauze or a clean, wet washcloth. Do this at least two times a day, after breakfast and the end of the day after the last feeding before bedtime.
- 🦷 Begin brushing that first tooth as soon as it comes in to stop decay before it starts. Food and plaque must be removed from all surfaces on the teeth, including between the teeth. To brush an infant or toddler's teeth, hold them in your lap. Use a small, soft tooth brush. Tiny smear of toothpaste with fluoride is recommended by the age of one. When brushing the teeth, use a small, circular motion, trying to concentrate on each individual tooth. Tooth brushing should be performed at least twice daily, and the very last thing at night time, after supper and any snack.

With the help of parent and caregivers, and proper professional care, children CAN keep their teeth for their lifetime! Jodi Shupe, RDH, ECP II, Regional Parent Educator for Children with Special Health Care Needs, Topeka. For more information, please contact Marcia Manter, Oral Health Kansas mmanter@oralhealthkansas.org.

DENTAL CHAMPIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

submitted by Chris Tilden

KDHE, Director Local and Rural Health

Robert Stiles, Director of Primary Care, has been invited by the Board of Directors of Oral Health Kansas to become a member of the 2009-10 class of Dental Champions. This special opportunity has been extended to 20 individuals from across the state of Kansas, because of their outstanding leadership in their community and the state.



The Champions program is designed to build upon extraordinary capacity for leadership, and brings together a diverse group of people to explore and enhance their ability to exercise their leadership skills. In addition, the Champions program intends to provide vision expanding and educational experiences that will inspire and equip each participant to be an even more effective catalyst for oral health improvement in Kansas.

The Class IV of Dental Champions will become part of a larger cadre of state-level oral health Champions who have developed a progressive vision of oral health improvement in Kansas. Congratulation to Mr. Stiles in being accepted into this exceptional leadership experience.

BALDERSON AWARD FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP NOMINATEE

*submitted by Suzanne Hawley
KUMC – Wichita, Assistant Professor*



Theresa St. Romain, Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute Senior Coordinator at the University of Kansas – Wichita (KU-Wichita), was one of three national finalists for the 2009 Balderson Award. This award is given to individuals for support of public health leadership development, from the National Leadership Development Network (NLN).

KU-Wichita considers this a great honor for her and congratulates Theresa for the outstanding work she has done for the NLN, Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI), and the Kansas Missouri Oklahoma Leadership Institute (KMOLI). Please join KU-Wichita in recognizing Theresa for her great work.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Public Health Nurse for Ness County Health Department

*submitted by Debbie Whitmer
KDHE, Public Health Nurse Specialist*



Tammy Seib, RN, is the new public health nurse for the Ness County Health Department. Seib obtained her nursing degree from Dodge City Community College in 2003. She has worked in acute care, long term care and now public health. In April of 2007 Seib married her best friend Eric Seib, and they live nine miles NE of Ness City. She has two boys Chad Reinert 27 of Ness City and Tyson Reinert 18 who is a senior at NCHS. Seib enjoys spending time with her family, and attending school activities whenever possible. She is looking forward serving her community as the new Ness County Public Health Nurse.

CPH PROGRAM

*submitted by Kelly Kabler
KUMC-Wichita, Coordinator*



After months of anticipation and pre-session homework, the students of the 2009 Kansas Core Public Health (CPH) Program officially began their year long training program in public health. Formerly known as the Kansas Public Health Certificate Program, the Kansas Core Public Health Program is putting a new look to a great tradition in Kansas. The course now will offer six live training sessions as well as five intersession web-based training sessions over the 11 month program. Also new to the program, the students will compile work throughout the year to create a Final Public Health project. Each student will give a 15 minute presentation of their Final Project at the sixth and final session of the program in November.

The first two day session was held at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in downtown Topeka. The students were able to hear from numerous experienced public health professionals from throughout the state of Kansas, including Shirley Orr, KDHE, Jon Anderson, KDHE, and David Cook, KUMC on topics that ranged from The Kansas Public Health System, to whether Kansas should have a School of Public Health. Training on the Essential Services Tool, the Kansas Information for Communities (KIC), and how to present public health data was also given by knowledgeable professionals like Linda Frazier, KDHE, Greg Crawford, KDHE, and Julie Oler-Manske, KUSM-W.



The students also broke up into ten groups for a guided tour of KDHE. Each group was able to spend over an hour touring and learning about specific department of KDHE and what it does. Each group gave a creative presentation to the rest of the class, sharing all that they learned about their respective department. Some sang, some were Jay Leno impersonators, some were news anchors, some through Frisbees about the room, all were informative and very entertaining.

The next session will be held at two sites, KDHE in Topeka, and the KU School of Medicine - Wichita in Wichita on March 26th and 27th and will be linked using ITV technology.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE COURSE

submitted by Jon Anderson

KDHE, Public Health Capacity Development Manager

The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) is sponsoring a four hour core course on Municipal Finance Friday, March 13, in Dodge City, Saturday, March 14, in Hutchinson and Saturday, March 28, in Osawatometie. Program outline includes:

- financial management
- budgeting
- accounting, auditing, and reporting
- cash management
- banking
- fraud

For more information click on the League of Kansas Municipalities logo.



PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS

submitted by Debbie Nickels

KDHE, TRAIN Administrator



The economic downturn has resulted in significant declines in revenue available for local public health programs. At the same time, the number of persons adversely affected the economic crisis continues to rise, increasing demands on public health at all levels. The Tulsa City-County Health Department developed the "Clean Sheet Exercise" to guide their planning efforts. The exercise is framed by the question: "If we were to create a local health department from scratch today, how would we organize ourselves and allocate resources, and what would our community priorities be?"

Join us as we learn about the "Clean Sheet Exercise" from Gary Cox, director of the Tulsa City County Health Department and president of NACCHO, Tuesday, March 24 at 1:00pm. Public Health Grand Rounds is collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. Click on the image to view registration and course information.

KMAP INTRODUCES NEW KBH FLYER FOR WIC FOLDER

submitted by Jon Anderson,

KDHE, Office of Local and Rural Health



The Kansas Medical Assistance Program KAN Be Healthy (KBH) Web page now includes a flyer local health departments may print and place in WIC folders. It was the brainchild of Judy Larsen, Office Manager of Lincoln County Health Department. Judy had suggested that a KBH flyer be created that would fit within the WIC tri-fold folder. Judy had noted that many parents consistently arrived for Public Health appointments with the WIC folder in their possession. Working with the specific dimensions of the

folder, the flyer was created. It is temporarily located on pages two and three of an existing link "KAN Be Healthy Kids" found at:

<https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/Documents/content/KBH/KAN%20Be%20Healthy%20Kids.pdf>. The form must be printed on legal size paper with pages two and three printed duplicate and cut into four flyers. The new flyer offers the opportunity for the KBH practitioner or office personnel to assist parents or caregivers to include the month and year of future necessary KBH screens. This will assist parents or caregivers in scheduling necessary appointments to assure their child receives the benefits of quality healthcare as recommended by the American

Academy of Pediatrics and KBH. Additionally, the back of the flyer includes timely information regarding the federally mandated blood lead screen with area to record the date blood lead specimens were collected and the blood analysis results. Thank you for all you do on behalf of Kansas Kids!

PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION TIPS

submitted by the Public Health Foundation

Using Data to Improve Your Community's Health

Now that you know more about your community's health, what can you do to help make improvements? The Public Health Foundation (PHF) has resources to help public health systems and communities use quality improvement methods to address and improve community health status:



- Visit the [National Public Health Performance Standards \(NPHSP\) Online Resource Center](#) - the only collection of resources designed to help public health systems and boards of health improve their performance related to [Essential Public Health Services and the national standards](#).
 - Conduct a ["Keyword Search"](#) to obtain a number of useful community improvement resources. A few examples include:
 - Use the keyword "Priorities" to find [PHF's Healthy People 2010 Toolkit](#), which assists communities with setting health priorities and establishing objectives.
 - Search the "Gathering, Managing, and Improving Data" theme category to find [Epi-Info - Epidemiology Software](#), which provides the public health community a user-friendly method for database construction, data entry, and analysis with epidemiologic statistics, maps, and graphs.
- Visit the [Public Health Infrastructure Resource Center](#) to find resources on helping public health systems and communities use quality improvement methods to address and improve community health status.
- PHF offers on-site training and assistance to help teams apply quality improvement techniques to tackle challenging public health problems. Contact Jacalyn Carden at (202) 218-4415 or jcarden@phf.org or visit the [PHF website](#) for information on our services and fees.

Learning Resource Center Expands its Quality Improvement Offering

In an effort to offer a comprehensive line of quality improvement resources to public health and healthcare professionals, PHF's bookstore is now distributing a line of quality improvement products from national experts. These products supplement other products PHF has developed and distributes, such as "From Silos to Systems: Using Performance Management to Improve the Public's Health." Click [here](#) to view these products carried by PHF's bookstore.

PHF Assembles QI Evaluation Team

PHF assembled a quality improvement (QI) evaluation team in December 2008 to help public health agencies and systems evaluate their QI efforts. Click [here](#) to read about our QI Evaluation Team.

In a drive to help public health systems save lives, cut costs, and get better results by managing performance, PHF provides a comprehensive set of performance management (PM) and QI services. Through training, technical assistance, and coaching and collaborations with partners in quality improvement and public health, PHF helps public health organizations harness proven quality improvement techniques to benefit the public's health, drawing on the best available research, resources, and expertise from the private, public, and academic sectors. Visit PHF's:

- [Quality Improvement Learning Series Catalog](#): The catalog provides public health agencies and organizations with a wide variety of QI programs, tools and techniques, which they will need to be successful in the implementation and expansion of QI. Currently, there are 27 courses in QI (basic, intermediate and advanced levels) and eight consulting services available
- [QI Consultants Biographical Sketches](#)

Contact Jacalyn Carden at (202) 218-4415 or jcarden@phf.org to learn more about how PHF can customize its PM & QI technical assistance and training services to fit your particular public health needs.

IN THE NEWS

EPI Info Community Health Assessment Tutorial



The Epi Info™ Community Health Assessment Tutorial was produced by the collaborative efforts of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Assessment Initiative (AI), and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Click on the EPI Info logo to view more information.

This tutorial introduces you to the basic concepts of Epi Info™ with a series of ten lessons plus an Intermediate Analysis lesson that covers more advanced concepts. The tutorial includes a survey adapted from one used in New York State; however, the survey data used for the analyses were created for the tutorial. Anonymous data relating to New York State were taken from different datasets referenced in Appendix I: Data Sources. The survey and datasets included with this course contain anonymous data for New York State and Albany County. The survey and datasets presented here relate to Community Health Assessments, and specifically Asthma; however, they can be used to teach the Epi Info™ program to any user, and to illustrate how the program can be used to gather, analyze, and present data.

Using EPI Info in Community Health Assessments

This is a PowerPoint presentation from the North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness. It shows how the EPI Info tool may be used to collect, analyze, and map community health data for a community health assessment process. To view the PowerPoint presentation click on the North Carolina center for Public Health Preparedness logo.



CDC Widgets



CDC.gov provides widgets that are online applications built by one Web site that can be displayed onto another Web site. Adding a CDC.gov widget to your page means that you will have up-to-date, credible health and safety content in your favorite spaces – no more searching or browsing! Recent widgets include information on the FDA peanut recall and flu activity. Click on the CDC logo to view the widget updating.

Partners in Information Access for Public Health Workforce



Environmental Health Services Training Resources links to training resources from the National Center for Environmental Health

www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Resources/Training.htm

Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans

The Federal Government has issued its first-ever Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. They describe the types and amounts of physical activity that offer substantial health benefits to Americans

www.health.gov/paguidelines/

UPDATED REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS – 2009

Upcoming Regional Public Health Meetings and Billing Workshops.

- **North Central Region:** 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 for meeting location and time.

Mar. 31	June 23	Sept. 29	Dec. 22
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- **Northeast Region:** Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641 if you have any questions.

Mar. 19	June 18	Sept. 17	Dec. 17
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- **Northwest Region:** NW Educational Service Center, Oakley, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mar. 12	June 4	Sept 10	Dec 10
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- **South Central Region:** Reno County Health Department, 209 W. Second, Hutchinson, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May 27	Aug. 26	Nov. 25
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- **Southeast Region:** Southeast District Office, 1500 W. Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 14	Aug. 13	Nov. 12
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- **Southwest Region:** Finney County Administration Building, 311 N. Ninth, Garden City, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 May 15 Aug. 21 Nov. 20

BILLING WORKSHOPS - 2009

- **NE Billing Group** will meet on Feb. 5 at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641.
 May 7 Aug. 6 Nov. 5
- **Billing Biddies** (North Central) 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Mar. 4 June 3 Sept. 2 Dec. 2
- **Billers Anonymous** (Northwest) 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Apr. 28 July 14 Oct 13
- **Mission Impossible Group** (South Central) 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson.
 May 22 Aug. 27 Nov. 19
- **KUG's** meets from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Satanta District Hospital's education room (in basement).
- **Billers-R-Us** (Southeast) Southeast District Office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Apr. 14 July 21 Oct. 20

JOB OPENING

Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- Community Health Nurse II – Maternal & Infant [20002336021309](#)
- Licensed Practical Nurse - Immunizations [20002632021109](#)
- PT Epidemiologist (8 hours per week) [20005370012009](#)
- Public Health Educator (STD/HIV) [20002294022009](#)
- Public Health Educator (worksite wellness) [20002295021309](#)



Click on a job number to view details. For more information click the Sedgwick Seal on the right, or contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department at (316) 660-7333.

Children's Mercy Hospital

Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO, is taking application for the following position:

- [Social Worker](#)

Click on the job title to view details. For more information click on the Children's Mercy Hospital Logo or contact Stacy Barr, Recruiter, Children's Mercy Hospital at (816) 983-6307.



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