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Sixth Annual Governor's Public Health Conference

by the conference committee



The Sixth Annual Governor's Public Health Conference, "Reducing Health Disparities: Partnerships for Progress," April 18-20, is open for registration via KS-TRAIN at http://ks.train.org, course #1026408.

This year's conference includes an orientation on April 18, for new staff recently entering the field of public health or the Maternal Child Health (MCH) program. This session will provide a broad overview of the systems framework of public health and the MCH services that serve families from a life course perspective within the "10 Essential Public Health Services."

The general conference session presenters on April 19-20, will address current social, policy and health issues providing resources and information to enhance and build skills needed to reduce health disparities during these challenging times. A few of the two day conference topics include, "Achieving Health Equity: Opportunities and Promising Approaches", "Using Social Media to Connect Public Health and Your Audience", "Breastfeeding Grantee Projects Panel", "Safe Haven for Infants" and "Extension Districting" Efficiency and Effectiveness for Local Program Delivery."

National health reform and state initiatives are powered by a global interest to reduce health disparities and improve individual and population health. Kansans are moving forward with hope and expectations for a healthy future! Governor Brownback's, "Road Map for Kansas," emphasizes this hope and a renewed sense of purpose through developing and enhancing partnerships that inspire ingenuity, energy and progressive thinking. Both private and public health programs will find guidance for improving health in the Healthy People 2020 objec-

tives, the Maternal and Child Health Five-Year Needs Assessment priorities, and public health accreditation principles, standards and quality improvement initiatives.

Public health is ready to address the State's most pressing health issues and to embrace opportunities to use and apply resources to reduce health disparities, promote quality of life for Kansans and demonstrate the impact of partnerships in moving Kansas into a healthy future.

To learn more about the, Sixth Annual Governor's Public Health Conference, click the logo to download the full conference brochure.

In the Spotlight – Harvey County Health Department

*by Jo Miller, Administrator
Harvey County Health Department*

Harvey County Health Department (HCHD) serves a community of approximately 37,000 citizens. Located in Newton, the HCHD is 24 miles from Wichita. Many of the agency's clients come from the rural areas and smaller communities in the county, including North Newton, Hesston, Halstead, Burrton, Walton and Sedgwick. Agency staff assist in serving clients from other small towns that are closer to Newton than to their county's local health department. The health department is governed by three county commissioners and the county administrator.

HCHD has 18 full- and part-time employees who provide community services through the following programs:

- WIC
- Breastfeeding avocation
- Maternal and child health (MCH)
- Family planning
- Well child physicals
- State-certified child seat tech
- Child care licensing
- Healthy Start Home Visitor
- Disaster preparedness
- Disease investigations
- Tuberculosis screenings and follow-up
- Chronic disease and risk reduction (CDRR)/health and wellness
- Immunizations
- STD/HIV testing, counseling and follow-up
- Lead testing
- Dental screenings and fluoride washes (school program)
- Future expansion includes clinical screenings for diabetes, hypertension and obesity



One of the organization's greatest strengths is the dedicated employees; some of whom have been with the agency for 20 years. Clients come back to HCHD because they have built strong relationships with the staff. Each employee brings special gifts to the team.

HCHD just received its first official van. With this vehicle, the agency can more effectively conduct outreach into communities and provide services to more clients in need.

The agency's preparedness program is growing by leaps and bounds and in April, Harvey County will be hosting a regional exercise with the South Central Metro Region (SCMR) partners to test mutual aid response and mass prophylaxis dispensing.

HCHD is diligently working towards public health accreditation in 2012 and has formed a community coalition that is using a tool called Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) to assess community needs and complete a community health assessment. Through these efforts, the agency is moving forward with utilizing a cardiovascular change tool and is in the process of evaluating and implementing a county-wide health and wellness program.

Prevention is the key term the organization has considered as the backbone when developing a strategic plan to meeting the needs of the community. With health reform still being decided, our challenge is to face the future with a strong and demonstrative effort and to put a face to public health in our community. One of my favorite quotes is: "Outreach is our reason for living. Ultimately, we are more involved with the people whose lives we touch than the data collected for these encounters. Never forget you are one of them."

In the Spotlight – KDHE Public Advocate

by Cathy Colglazier, Public Advocate
Bureau of Environmental Field Services, KDHE

The KDHE Division of Environment public advocate is your source for information on environmental issues relating to air, water and hazardous waste. Services provided by the public advocate include:

- Assisting with questions relating to environmental issues such as permits and regulations
- Publishing a semi-annual electronic newsletter (*Kansas Environmental News*)
- Hosting an annual environmental conference and pollution prevention awards
- Overseeing the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program and the Pollution Prevention Program (both of which are contracted to Kansas State University's Pollution Prevention Institute)



The public advocate mainly works with small to medium-sized businesses; however, both the newsletter and conference address topics that are of interest to communities and the general public as well. If you want to stay informed on environmental issues, sign up to receive the *Kansas Environmental News*. Simply go to www.kdheks.gov/sbcs to register. Registering for the newsletter will also enable you to receive information on the Kansas Environmental Conference, which will be held Aug. 16-18 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. The conference will feature sessions for businesses, communities, consultants and others interested in the environment. It will include environmental compliance and pollution prevention information, new and alternative technologies and much more. Information on the conference can be found at www.kdheks.gov/sbcs/environment_conf.html.

Feel free to contact Cathy Colglazier, Public Advocate, at 785-296-0669 or ccolglazier@kdheks.gov.

Second Annual Ethics Summit

by Mary Beth Warren, AHEC Director
University of Kansas Medical Center



University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will be broadcasting a speech by Shankar Vedantam, from the center's Second Annual Ethics Summit via ITV to key locations throughout Kansas on Friday, April 15, 8 - 9 a.m. Healthcare practitioners face a myriad of ethical challenges on a day-to-day basis. Not only has medical care become very sophisticated and technological, but it is being provided in the context of individual needs that include cultural, religious and personal choices. Often these choices must be made at a very vulnerable period for the patients for whom we provide care.

Vedantam, who is a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and science writer for the Washington Post, will be discussing his extensive research and resulting book, "The Hidden Brain," which focuses upon conscious and unconscious decision making, and discusses how our unconscious biases affect all decisions we make.

The ITV locations will include, Garden City, Hays, Horton, Pittsburg, Topeka and Wichita. To read more on the upcoming ITV session and how to register, click the KU logo above.

Bridging the Gap – Medical Interpreter Training

by Cathy Anderson, Manager
Language and Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS)

Bridging the Gap – Medical Interpreter Training is a five-day training in healthcare and social services interpreting for bilingual interpreters. After attending all classes and passing a final exam, participants will earn a certificate of completion. The course runs from 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. and is free of charge through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. If continuing education units (CEU's) are required, please inform JVS ahead of time and they will prepare a letter outlining the course teaching points.

This year we will be holding two sessions:

- May 23 – 27 at the Wesley Medical Center, 550 N. Hillside, Wichita
- June 13 – 17 at the SRS Service Center, 901 Westchester Drive, Salina

To register, please follow these steps:

1. Visit KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> **AND**
2. Complete the JVS application form/survey that is linked to the KS- TRAIN, 'Go to Step



2 of Registration' button.

3. Send or email your application and survey to JVS, 1608 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108, canders@jvskc.org, or fax it to 816-471-2930.
4. Cathy Anderson, manager of language and cultural services or Raul O. Guerrero, course instructor, will conduct a short interview with you by phone. You will need to include a phone number where you can be reached during the day.
5. JVS will inform you when your registration is complete.

For more information about the course or application process, contact Cathy Anderson at 816-471-2808. JVS is available to assist you in registering through KS-TRAIN.

Advanced Course in Mental Health Interpreting

*by Cathy Anderson, Manager of Language and Cultural Services
Jewish Vocational Services (JVS)*

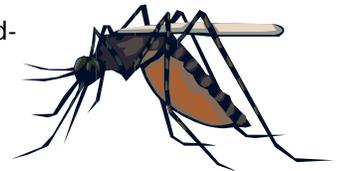


JVS and KDHE are offering an advanced course in mental health interpreting. This seven-hour course is targeted primarily to experienced interpreters and mental health care professionals who work with limited-English proficient clients and need to know how to work with interpreters. Raul O. Guerrero is the instructor. The course is focused on the skills necessary to interpret in a range of mental health settings, including centers for the treatment of alcohol and substance abuse. The course will explore diverse cultural approaches to mental health and offer extensive scenarios and case studies for interpreting practice sessions. Interpreting skills are emphasized and practiced: keeping neutral, managing the flow of a session, interventions and working with a care team in various counseling settings. Participants will take a final exam and on passing, receive a certificate of completion. If you have questions, contact Cathy Anderson at 816-471-2808, ext. 1124 or canders@jvskc.org.

This course will be held on May 16 from 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. at the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Learning Center at 2600 SW East Circle Drive S in Topeka. Registration is through [KS-TRAIN](#), course #1026908. If CEU's required, please inform Cathy Anderson at 816-471-2808, ext.1124 or canders@jvskc.org ahead of time and we will prepare a letter outlining the course teaching points.

KDHE Announces the 2011 "Fight the Bite" Poster Contest

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has announced the deadline of April 18 for the 2011 Fight the Bite Poster Contest, which is open to all fifth and sixth graders in the U.S. The contest encourages students to use art to show the ways they can protect themselves and their families from the diseases spread by mosquitoes, ticks and fleas by using repellent while outdoors.



The contest is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the DEET Education Program. For contest rules and past winning entries, click the image above to visit. The DEET Education Program (www.deetonline.org), which operates under the auspices of the Consumer Specialty Products Association, is sponsored by Clariant Corp., McLaughlin Gormley King Co., S.C. Johnson & Son Inc., 3M Company and Vertellus Health and Specialties Inc.

Two winners from each state – one fifth grader and one sixth grader – will receive a \$50 check and award certificate. The national grand prize winners – one from each grade – will receive a \$1,000 check and award certificate. The 2010 Kansas fifth grade winner was Brianna Hoffman of Wamego and the sixth grade winner was Danielle Gallardo of Stockton. In 2009, then sixth grade national winner was Richard Schleicher of Stockton.

"This contest helps children learn about protecting themselves and their families from insect bites while creating their posters," said Dr. Robert Moser, Secretary of KDHE. "Kansas was proud to be the home of the sixth grade Grand Prize winner in 2009 and we look forward to this year's entries."

People can reduce their risk of mosquito and tick-borne diseases by taking the following precautions:

- Use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin on skin. Follow label directions.
- Wear protective clothing when practical (long sleeves and pants). Clothing should be light-colored to make ticks more visible. When hiking, wear a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants, long pants tucked into high socks and over-the-ankle shoes to keep ticks out.
- Empty standing water from tarps, old tires, buckets and other places where rainwater is trapped. Use larvicide in low-lying areas where water cannot be removed. Refresh water for bird baths, pet bowls and wading pools at least every three days.
- Limit outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

- Regularly mow lawns and cut brush. Ticks like to hide in overgrown, shady areas.
- When hiking, walk in the middle of trails, away from tall grass and bushes.
- Check yourself every eight hours for ticks when outside for extended periods of time. Promptly remove a tick if one is found. If you find a tick, grasp the tick with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and slowly pull it straight out. Do not crush or puncture the tick and try to avoid touching the tick with your bare hands. Thoroughly disinfect the bite area and wash your hands immediately after removal.

National Association of School Nurses Partner on Oral Health Awareness Campaign



The American Dental Association (ADA) and the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) will launch a nationwide school-based oral health awareness campaign this summer. Empowering School Nurses to Change Oral Health Perceptions will provide oral health resources for use in classrooms and health offices. NASN will collaborate with the ADA on a needs assessment to evaluate school nurses' oral health knowledge, perceptions and practices. According to Dr. Gary Davis, chair of the ADA Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations, "The program will support school nurses in their efforts to keep children healthy and ready to learn; assess school nurses' oral health awareness and activities...and encourage collaboration between nurses and oral health professionals in their communities and states." ADA President Raymond F. Gist adds, "Working together in communities across the nation, school nurses and dentists can help raise awareness about the need for good oral hygiene, good nutrition and regular dental visits in order to prevent dental disease." Click the ADA logo to learn more.

KPHA Fall Conference



*by Elaine Schwartz, Executive Director
Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA)*

It is time to start planning for the fall! Planting seeds of hope this spring will bring forth a great harvest, if we start now with getting the word out about the upcoming Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Fall Conference, Sept. 21-22 in Wichita. The KPHA team encourages your program/organization to be an exhibitor to display on Sept. 21, information on services, products, programs and new projects. KPHA also suggests being a sponsor for any of the keynote speakers, meals and refreshment breaks. Click the KPHA logo above for the Exhibitor-Sponsor form, or go to the KPHA homepage at www.kpha.us to download information.

You can also make your hotel reservation early at the Hyatt. When you make your reservation, please identify yourself as a Kansas Public Health Association Conference participant. To make reservations, call the Hyatt at 800-233-1234 or go to wichita.hyatt.com. Please contact the KPHA office with questions at 785-233-3103.

Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-Free

*by Lori Haskett, Director
Injury Prevention Program, KDHE*

Every year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries and almost 30 million people are injured seriously enough to go to the emergency room. Chances are good that you or someone you know are among these statistics—a friend who suffered a fatal injury from a car crash, an elderly family member who broke a bone from a fall or a co-worker harmed on the job site.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 30 percent of potential years of life are lost because of injuries that could have been prevented. What's more, traffic injuries alone result in more than \$200 billion in annual U.S. health expenditures. Overall, injuries account for 12 percent of medical care spending, totaling as much as \$69 billion per year.

In 2008, there were 77,261 visits to Kansas emergency departments for injuries and in 2009, 1,809 Kansans died from injuries.

The Kansas Department of Transportation states that in 2008, there were 19,754 crashes involving driver inattention resulting in costs of more than \$853 million.

We are met with a real and growing public health problem. If we fail to address the issues related to injury and violence, the toll—measured in lives lost and health care dollars spent—is only going to get worse in the years to come.

Fortunately, we know that virtually all injuries can be prevented. If everyone wore a seatbelt, properly installed and used child safety seats, wore a helmet and stored cleaning supplies in locked cabinets, we could dramatically reduce the burden of leading injuries and save lives.

For example, two-thirds of children killed by bicycle-related injuries could have been saved by wearing a helmet. Helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent and the risk of brain injury by as much as 88 percent.

Of course, we can't make significant improvements unless all Kansans play a part in creating a safer state. That means everyone needs to take small steps to improve the safety of their own communities.

Safe Kids Kansas received this "life saved" story from a mother in Independence. "Last April, my husband was out of town. My youngest son had been ill and was sleeping in my bed. In the early morning, suddenly the carbon monoxide detector went off. I quickly took my children outside and then returned inside to open windows and investigate. I found the furnace had malfunctioned and was close to catching fire. Without the alarm, we would have had no idea that we were in danger."

Injury and violence create a huge amount of suffering and financial burden on society. It is time we shift our paradigm from just assuming injuries are accidents and start being proactive about preventing them.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is encouraging all Americans to work together to make our nation safer and injury-free. From April 4-10, APHA recognizes National Public Health Week, an opportunity to empower our family, friends, neighbors and perhaps most importantly, ourselves to live safer lives.



Join me and my colleagues in working to make Kansas a healthier, safer place to live, work and raise a family. Take a moment and make just one positive change a day that could prevent an injury. These seemingly small actions can have a big impact when they're spread throughout an entire family, community and nation.

Increasing awareness on how to live safer and injury-free lives is the first step in helping us create a healthier nation—but there is more you can do beyond taking these actions. Raise awareness of safety and injury prevention within your community during National Public Health Week. Your community will be safer, healthier and happier as a result.

HHS Cracks Down Hard on HIPAA Privacy Violations

by Kathleen Hickey, Government Computer News



The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) has issued hefty fines against two violators of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. They are the first fines the department has issued for violating HIPAA since it became law.

Announced Feb. 24, the department fined The General Hospital Corporation and Massachusetts General Physicians Organization, Inc. (Mass General) \$1 million for violating the rule. On Feb. 22, HHS fined Cignet Health of Prince George's County, Md., \$4.3 million.

"Ensuring that Americans' health information privacy is protected is vital to our health care system and a priority of this administration," HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement. "The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is serious about enforcing individual rights guaranteed by the HIPAA Privacy Rule."

HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Director Georgina Verdugo reiterated Sebelius' statement. "OCR is serious about HIPAA enforcement. It is a covered entity's responsibility to protect its patients' health information," she said.

HIPAA requires health plans, health-care clearinghouses and most health-care providers to protect the privacy of patient information through administrative, physical and technical safeguards.

After an investigation by OCR, the agency found Mass General in violation when an employee left documents relating to 192 patients on a subway train. The documents, which were never recovered, included information on patient names, dates of birth, medical record numbers, health insurers and policy numbers, diagnoses and name of providers for 66 of those patients. HHS discovered the loss after a patient reported the records lost on March 9, 2009.

As a result of the agency's findings, Mass General signed an agreement to "develop and implement a comprehensive set of policies and procedures to safeguard the privacy of its patients," HHS said in its release. The actions include employee training, policies and procedures regarding record removal from the hospital, regular internal audits and an incident action plan. The hospital will also be required to send in semi-annual audit reports to HHS for three years.

HHS found Cignet, which operates four clinics in Southern Maryland, guilty of denying 41 patients access to their medical records between September 2008 and October 2009. Under HIPAA, entities are required to provide patients their records within 30 and no later than 60 days of their request. The penalty for the violations

was \$1.3 million. HHS also found Cignet guilty of violating the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act.

Take Charge Challenge

by the Kansas Green Team

Kansas Green Teams were created as a way to make a difference by incorporating environmentally responsible practices into daily routines at work, schools and home – a goal accomplished by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). The KCC started their Green Team in December 2007 at their main building in Topeka. Before the start of the Kansas Green Team program, the KCC only recycled office paper. Since the beginning of their program, this group of dedicated employees has grown the program to include cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, chipboard and magazines.

As a state agency, the KCC regulates natural gas, electricity, telephone and transportation vendors requiring safe, adequate and reliable services at reasonable rates. KCC also requires oil and gas producers to protect the environmental and correlative rights.

The Take Charge Challenge, sponsored by the Kansas Energy Office under the umbrella of the KCC, is a friendly competition between 16 Kansas towns to reduce their energy use, save money and take charge of their energy future. The KCC has several other green efforts as well, such as on-duplex printing (double-sided), shutting off office lights and collection sites for cell phones and rechargeable batteries. In the area of purchasing, the KCC purchases recycled paper and stopped the practice of purchasing Styrofoam cups for break rooms. Walking into the building, the first thing you notice is parking stalls designated for carpool and hybrid car parking.



There are 133 employees at the Kansas Corporation Commission. Eleven staff members make up the KCC Green Team: Barry Flohrschutz, Becky Reid, DeeAnn Shupe, Denise Grau, John Bell, Matt Spurgin, Patti Petersen-Klein, Richard Perske, Shonda Smith and Susan Duffy, led by the coordinator, Neal Barnhart. Much of the success seen by the KCC Green Team is the result of the dedication and leadership of Neal. Neal has championed the effort in the building and is instrumental in collection and delivery of the recyclables. "Since we started the program in 2007, we have seen a large reduction in the amount of waste going to the landfill," Neal said. Neal also keeps bulletin boards fully stocked with green facts and information, which he changes out seasonally. In addition to the bulletin boards, employees are educated through an article in the monthly employee newsletter, *The Pipeline*.



When the program launched in 2007, new recycling bins were purchased for each of the three floors. As part of the kickoff promotion, each employee got a new desk-side paper recycling bin. A bulletin board for each floor was dedicated to green news. The result of the efforts of the KCC Green Team has been a diversion of waste from the landfill and a renewed enthusiasm among employees to dedicate themselves to green processes.

News and Updates

Submitted by the Local Health Section, BLRH

Quality Improvement (QI) and Accreditation Preparation Webinar Series



The National Association of County and City Health Officers (NACCHO) provide periodic webinars as part of their continued commitment to QI and preparing local health departments (LHDs) for national accreditation. There are also past webinar archived and available for viewing. To view the webinars, click the NACCHO logo on the left.

ASTHO Public Health Weekly Email



Sign up to receive Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Public Health Weekly by e-mail. Click the ASTHO logo to receive these e-mails.



Exploring Agency, Systems and Community Health Improvement

National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP) training and Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Training May 12 - 13 in St. Louis. These trainings include opportunities to learn about public health accreditation, performance and quality improvement and health assessment with improvement planning. For more information or to register, click the MHPSP or MAPP logos.



Public Health Preparedness and Response Core Competency Model



The final core competency model that provides a national framework for competency-based curricula and training is now available. The Association of Schools for Public Health (ASPH) has provided the performance benchmarks to measure public health preparedness and response. Click the ASPH logo to review this final model.

Advanced Practice Centers (APC) Toolkit



NACCHO's APC Toolkit provides assistance to help local health departments strengthen their bioterrorism planning and response capability. To view the toolkit, click the APC logo above.

Children and Disasters, Is Your State Prepared?



The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) reports that children represent nearly 25 percent of the population. Also according to the National Commission on Children and Disasters, the unique needs of children often are overlooked or misunderstood in disaster planning and management. NCSL says that the National Commission on Children and Disasters should require child care facilities and schools to meet four basic criteria for disaster preparedness:

1. Licensed child care facilities have a written plan for evacuating and moving kids to a safe location for multiple disasters.
2. Licensed child care facilities have a written plan to notify parents of an emergency and reunite them with their kids.
3. Licensed child care facilities have a written plan that accounts for kids with special needs.
4. Schools have a disaster plan that accounts for multiple hazards.

To see the identified needs, of Kansas, click the NCSL logo above.

Tox Town: Indoor Air



The National Library of Medicine (NLM) provides information about environmental health concerns and toxic chemicals where you live, work and play called Tox Town. The website provides information to learn about possible indoor air pollutants and how these pollutants can increase the risk of illness. To view the website, click the NLM logo.

Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds



The Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds session on March 16 featured Douglas Powell, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, in Kansas State University's presentation, "Shock and Shame: Increasing Handwashing Compliance." If you are looking for new ways to reach a target audience to encourage handwashing, check out the Bites website by clicking the logo above. There are numerous food safety articles, the "barfblog" and downloadable information sheets such as, *Dude! Wash Your Hands!* Click the image on the right to find them.



Job Openings

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

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



- [Public Health Nurse](#) needed full-time to provide immunizations, family planning/HIV counseling and testing services, health education and conducting communicable disease investigations. Experience in an office-based medical practice or public health clinic desirable.

Reno County

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

- [Public Health Nurse \(PHN\) I or II](#) - PHN I: performs general public health nursing services. PHN II: duties of PHN I plus performs physical health assessments as a KDHE certified nurse.
- [Public Health Preparedness Coordinator](#) - Coordinate the health department's Emergency Preparedness and Response Program by working with KDHE preparedness officials, city and county departments, hospital and other community partners to develop or keep all public health preparedness plans current.



Shawnee County

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

- [Health Agency Director](#) - Under administrative direction of the Board of County Commissioners, this position provides leadership, direction, coordination and administrative oversight for the Shawnee County Health Agency and the divisions of Environmental Health, Public Health, Adult Field Services, Clinical Services (FQHC/CHC), Administrative Services, Maternal and Child Health and Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Performs other duties as required. This position reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners.
- [Clinical Medical Assistant](#) - Under direct supervision, this position is responsible for performing clinical and direct patient care duties in a specific health program or clinic site. The work requires the operation of medical and laboratory equipment. Performs other duties as assigned. This position is supervised by a Health Services Team Leader/Officer.
- [Licensed Practical Nurse](#) - Under general supervision, this position provides routine direct patient health care services in a primary care/family planning/immunization setting. As part of a team, works closely with providers and other staff members. Performs other duties as required. This position is supervised by a Health Services Team Leader.



Wyandotte County

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

- [Program Aide](#) – Breastfeeding Peer Counselor to work in the WIC clinic 10 to 20 hours per week. Responsibilities include providing basic breastfeeding information and support to new mothers, counseling WIC pregnant and breastfeeding mothers via telephone at scheduled intervals to provide breastfeeding information to WIC clients regarding benefits, overcoming barriers and assisting with breast feeding concerns.



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