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**National Public Health Week - April 7-13**

*from the APHA website*



National Public Health Week (NPHW) will be observed April 7-13. Partners help American Public Health Association disseminate messages and materials to state and local communities and the general public. A NPHW partner toolkit will help you with tips and suggestions on community events, legislative information, media outreach and social media promotion and other activities that you

can do to get involved. Another great tool is the partner meeting webinar. Recordings can be found on the [Books and Resources](#) page on the NPHW website and provide information on NPHW, utilizing social media and this year's plans for NPHW. Click the NPHW logo to learn about each of the daily themes and activities.

**Bureau of Community Health Systems Personnel Changes**

*Mindee Reece, Administrator, Director  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Barbara Huske, Primary Care Director

Two of the bureau's leadership staff retired from state service on March 14 - Barbara Huske, Primary Care Program Director and Rosanne Rutkowski, Trauma Program Director. "The contributions made by Barbara and Rosanne during their tenure are invaluable to the state's public health and medical system," commented Mindee Reece, Director, Bureau of Community Health Systems. "Both leave a legacy of accomplishment in their respective programs."

Sara Roberts, Director, Rural Health Program, is serving as Acting Primary Care Program Director while an assessment of the Primary Care Program's workload and priorities is undertaken. Sara

may be contacted at 785-291-3796 or [sroberts@kdheks.gov](mailto:sroberts@kdheks.gov).



Rosanne Rutkowski, Trauma Program Director

Mindee Reece is serving as Acting Trauma Program Director while the search for a permanent replacement continues. Mindee may be reached at [mreece@kdheks.gov](mailto:mreece@kdheks.gov). This position is posted as a Public Service Executive II, Req. 176860, on [www.admin.ks.gov](http://www.admin.ks.gov) and will be open until filled.

**BCHS Appoints Primary Care Workforce Coordinator**

*by Sara Roberts, Rural Health, Director and Acting Director, Primary Care  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Ellan Spivey, Primary Care Workforce Coordinator

The Bureau of Community Health Systems, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) welcomed Ellan Spivey to the bureau as the new Primary Care Workforce Coordinator. Ellan began her career in state government with the department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) at the Topeka State Hospital in the administration building, which has now become a piece of lost history. After several years in SRS she moved to the Animal Health Department before taking a break from state employment to become a Realtor and small business owner. She quickly found out both were 24 hours a day, 7 days a week endeavors, so 16 years ago she returned to state service with the KDHE Bureau of Water/Public

Water Supply Section. Ellan states that she has closed yet another chapter of her life and is looking forward to learning new things in her position as primary care workforce coordinator. This is her 30th year of state service and she plans to continue working as long as God and the State allow her. You can reach Ellan Spivey at [es-pivey@kdheks.gov](mailto:es-pivey@kdheks.gov) or 785-296-3135.

## NPHW Contest-Share Your Starting Lines



by APHA

The American Public Health Association (APHA) invites you to promote events that you are hosting or taking part in through the use of media outreach and social media promotion during National Public Health Week (NPHW). The goal is to promote essential activities happening at the grass-roots level focused on public health system transformation. Whether you arrange an interview with your local television or radio station, create a video, or capture pictures via Instagram, APHA wants to hear about it! To learn more, visit the NPHW website by clicking on the APHA logo

### Regional Meetings Scheduled for KanCare Providers

by Samantha Ferencik, Division of Health Care Finance, KDHE



KanCare providers are invited to attend a regional meeting regarding the upcoming Health Homes initiative. Meetings will take place across the state over six days, April 2-9. These meetings will give potential Health Home Partners and potential sub-contracting agencies an opportunity to learn more and get prepared through information sharing and conversation.

Health Homes are an innovative model for improving health care management services for individuals who live with serious mental illness or specific chronic conditions and are eligible for Medicaid. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment plans to implement Health Homes in Kansas beginning July 1.

To assure adequate materials are available for participants, please pre-register by clicking on the KanCare logo. Full agenda and meeting details will be sent to those who pre-register in advance of the meeting. The full-day meetings will be held:

- April 2 – Hays (Fort Hays State University-Robbins Center)
- April 3 – Dodge City (Dodge House Hotel & Convention Center)
- April 4 – Wichita (WSU Hughes Metroplex)
- April 7 – Chanute (Memorial Building-Alliance Room)
- April 8 – Bonner Springs (George Meyn Community Center)
- April 9 – Topeka (Ramada Inn)

Representatives from the following agencies are encouraged to attend:

- Local Health Department
- Community Developmental Disability Organization
- Rural Health Clinic
- Federally Qualified Health Center/Primary Care Safety Net Clinic
- Home Health Agency
- Hospital-based Physician Group
- Physician-based Clinic
- Physician or Physician Practice
- Center for Independent Living
- Community Mental Health Center
- Community Service Provider – for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Substance Use Disorder Provider

### Kansas Local Public Health Accreditation Readiness Project Summit

by Cristi Cain, Public Health Specialist

Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



Don't forget to register for the Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project Kick-Off Summit which will be held Thursday, April 17 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Marcus Welcome Center at Wichita State University. This summit is designed to provide an overview of the accreditation process for local health departments including helpful resources, tips for gathering materials to support documentation, and lessons learned from local health departments that have applied for accreditation. David Stone from the Public Health Accreditation Board will be presenting. Registration is required and is available on [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID, 1048695. The event is free of charge and travel stipends of \$200 per health department are available on a limited basis for those traveling at least 150 miles.

## The State of the Leading Health Indicators Webinar: Progress to Date

by APHA



Join APHA on Tuesday, April 8, at 1 p.m., to learn the results to date from the Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). You will also hear from a state agency that has thoughtfully incorporated the LHIs into its state health improvement plans. This 45-minute webinar is cosponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and APHA.

The webinar will be led by the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health, Howard Koh, MD, MPH and APHA Executive Director Georges Benjamin, MD. The webinar will include a roundtable discussion on the progress of the LHIs and the efforts underway for further improvement. Register today by clicking on the Healthy People 2020 logo.

## Regional Trauma Council General Membership Meeting Dates

by Jeanette Shipley, Regional Trauma Coordinator  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Regional Trauma Council will be holding membership meetings around the state.

- South Central Kansas Trauma Region on April 10 at Wesley Medical Center, Cessna Conference Center, Wichita from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Northeast Regional Trauma Council on April 21 at Stormont-Vail HealthCare, Pozez Education Center, Topeka from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Southeast Regional Trauma Council on April 24 at Via Christi Hospital, Centennial Conference Center, Pittsburg from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Northwest Regional Trauma Council on May 2 at Hays Medical Center, Hadley Conference Center in conjunction with Hays Medical Center's Trauma Symposium, time to be announced (TBA)
- Southwest Regional Trauma Council on May 14 at Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, time TBA
- North Central Regional Trauma Council on May 21 at Salina Regional Health Center, Conference Rooms 6 and 7, Salina from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To learn more about the Kansas Trauma Program click their logo above. For more information you may contact Jeanette Shipley at 785-296-0604 or [jshipley@kdheks.gov](mailto:jshipley@kdheks.gov).

## Impacting Population Health 2014: Connecting Local Health Priorities with Healthy Kansans 2020

by Jane Shirley, Center for Population Health Director

Local Public Health Program Director, Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) would like to announce that plans are underway for another series of regional meetings, "Impacting Population Health 2014: Connecting Local Health Priorities with Healthy Kansas 2020," which will continue the discussions started last year through the Impacting Population Health events. Robert Moser, M.D., Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary and State Health Officer, will be present at all events which

will begin at 12:45 p.m. Attendees will hear about the state health assessment, Healthy Kansans 2020 and discuss connections with local community health assessments and improvement plans. KDHE encourages representatives from a broad group of health care providers, including public health, hospitals, primary care clinics, primary care providers and others to plan to attend. There will be no cost to attend and additional details will be distributed and registration via [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID, 1049339. Click the 2020 logo to download the flyer.

Dates and locations are as follows:

April 24, Chanute, Memorial Building (Alliance Room), 101 South Lincoln, 3rd floor

May 7, Hutchinson, 4-H Centennial Hall, KS State Fairgrounds, 2000 N Poplar Street

May 15, Oakley, Northwest Education Service Center, 703 W 2nd Street

May 16, Garden City, St. Catherine Hospital, Out Patient Building, Room A & B, 401 E Spruce

May 28, Beloit, North Central Kansas Technical College, 3033 U.S. Highway 24

June 10, Topeka, Kansas Department for Children and Families Learning Center, 2600 SW East Circle Drive South

June 12, Olathe, Johnson County Sunset Building, 11811 S Sunset Avenue

### National Prescription Take-Back Day



To offer the public an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted, unused prescription drugs, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Take-Back Day for April 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. DEA has previously held seven National Prescription Take-Back Days, which all together have removed more than 1,733 tons of medication from circulation. During the last Take-Back Day, more than 4,114 agencies participated. On April 1, you will be able to identify collection site locations by ZIP code. A toll-free call center will be available at 1-800-882-9539 for additional assistance or click the DEA logo to find locations.

### KDHE 2013 Annual Report



*by the Office of Communications, KDHE*

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) 2013 Annual Report: Charting a path for quality improvement in public health has been published. In the report, a message from Robert Moser, MD, Secretary, State Health Officer, KDHE explains the significance of this theme and describes the important linkage among agency- and system-wide projects. The 2013 Annual Report is available online by clicking the KDHE logo.

### Add the Spring Regional Public Health Meetings to Your Calendar



*by Teri Caudle, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Program  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) invites you to attend the second quarter Regional Public Health Meetings and the 2014 series of regional community meetings, Impacting Population Health. This year discussions will address connecting local community health assessments and improvement plans with Healthy Kansas 2020, the state health assessment and improvement plan. Robert Moser, MD, Secretary and State Health Officer, KDHE, will attend each session and provide comments and information.

The dates and locations are posted on [KS-TRAIN](#). If you are able to spend the entire day you will need to register for both of the following courses:

- Regional Public Health Meeting, 9:30 - 11:30am. Register on [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID 1049335.
  - Welcome begins at 9:30 a.m.
  - Talking to the Media, Ginger Parks, KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion
  - State and County Updates
  - Morning session ends at 11:30 a.m.
- Impacting Population Health Meeting, 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Register on [KS-TRAIN](#) Course ID 1049339.
  - 12:30 - 12:45 Registration
  - 12:45 - 1 Welcome, Introductions
  - 1 - 2 Presentations by Robert Moser, MD, Secretary and State Health Officer and Brandon Skidmore, Deputy Director, Bureau of Health Promotions, KDHE
  - 2 - 4:30 Discussion Roundtables – strategies for community collaboration to strategically align improvement plans with local capacity and with state priorities
  - 4:30 - 5 Wrap-up

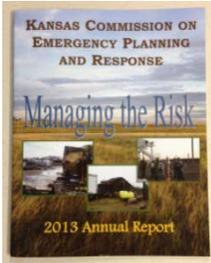
### New Administrative Regulation Regarding Management of Occupational Exposures

#### **Kansas Register**

*by Charlie Hunt, State Epidemiologist and Director  
Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE*

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has adopted K.A.R. 28-1-23 to comply with requirements of Senate Substitute for House Bill 2183 (HB 2183) enacted during the 2013 legislative session. This is designed to address gaps in state law regarding prevention, control and appropriate management of occupational exposure to infectious diseases, which will result in improved health protection for workers. The permanent regulation has been approved by the Department of Administration and the Office of the Attorney General and should become effective in April. More information on the administrative regulation can be found on the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics website by clicking the Kansas Register logo.

### CEPR 2013 Annual Report Available



The Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR) recently released the 2013 Annual Report titled *Managing the Risk*. CEPR is comprised of 27 representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry. The commission makes decisions regarding state preparations for different types of emergencies. Highlights from this report include articles by Dan Wells, with the Bureau of Environmental Field Services, on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's response to the railcar derailment in the City of Hays and Michael McNulty, with the Bureau of Community Health Systems Preparedness Program, shares the story of Fred the Preparedness Dog. The report can

be viewed on the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) website by clicking the image on the left.

### National Women's Health Week - May 11-17



Join the Office on Women's Health in celebrating National Women's Health Week (NWHW). The goal is to empower women to make their health a priority. This year, National Women's Health Week will be celebrated May 11–17.

You can now start registering your National Women's Health Week event or activity using a new process - [Meetup Everywhere](#). The Office on Women's Health and Meet-up are making it easy for anyone to organize and participate in National Women's Health Week events and promote women's health. Visit the NWHW website to learn more by clicking on the NWHW logo.

### 2014 Population Health Webinar Series: WorkWell KS Initiative



The State Office of Rural Health is hosting a series of Population Health webinars this year. Each webinar will be no more than 30 minutes in length and will feature programs/services that impact population health in Kansas.

Join us on Monday, April 14 from 12 - 12:30 p.m. to learn more about WorkWell KS. WorkWell KS is a state-wide initiative funded by the Kansas Health Foundation and coordinated by the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care. This initiative provides leadership and resources for businesses and organizations to support worksite health. It is a great opportunity for new leaders to develop business strategies that create positive change in the health of Kansans.

Join this free, 30-minute webinar on April 14 to learn more about WorkWell KS, its impact on population health in Kansas and how to become involved. Click the WorkWell KS logo to register for the webinar.

### Health Homes Planning and Preparedness Tool Completion Deadline - April 1



Please remember that local health departments should complete the Health Homes Planning and Preparedness Tool available by clicking the image on the left before April 1 to communicate interest in being involved with Health Homes in your community. For more information about the role of local health departments with the KanCare Health Homes initiative, contact Cristi Cain at 785-296-3641 or [ccain@kdheks.gov](mailto:ccain@kdheks.gov).

by *Cristi Cain, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Program Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

### Office of Communications - The Dispatch



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Communications launched the Dispatch, a video series posted to YouTube which spotlights programs in the agency. A new video on Special Health Care Needs with Heather Smith is now available. Click the KDHE logo

to view this video.

To view recent episodes, click the links below:

- [Healthy Kansas 2020](#)
- [Healthy Home Preparedness and Planning Tool](#)
- [Radon and Lung Cancer](#)
- [Foodborne Illness](#)
- [Child Care Licensing](#)

by *the Office of Communications, KDHE*

## Kansas Health Matters Undergoes Indicator Updates in First Quarter 2014

by Roger Zornes , Farah Naz and Greg Crawford  
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During the first quarter of calendar year 2014, 33 indicators administered by the [Kansas Health Matters](#) partners have been updated to reflect currently available data. Included in these updates are the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System ([BRFSS](#)) indicators and Natality indicators. The BRFSS indicators are all new indicators – 15 in all – and cannot be scientifically compared to previous years' data due to changes in the survey process, which now includes contacting survey participants via cell phones along with the land line phones. The original 12 BRFSS indicators have been discontinued. See the list of new indicators below.

The new indicators are as follows:

### BRFSS Indicators, Percent of Adults:

- Ages 65 Years and Older Who Were Immunized Against Influenza during the Past 12 Months
- Doing Enough Physical Activity to Meet Both the Aerobic AND Strengthening Exercise Recommendations
- Tested and Diagnosed with High Cholesterol
- Who are Binge Drinkers
- Who are Obese
- Who are Overweight
- Who Currently Smoke Cigarettes
- Who Reported Consuming Fruit Less than 1 Time per Day
- Who Reported Consuming Vegetable Less than 1 Time per Day
- Who Reported That They Always Wear a Seatbelt When They Drive or Ride in a Car
- Who Were Ever Diagnosed with a Depressive Disorder
- With Diagnosed Diabetes
- With Diagnosed Hypertension
- With Doctor Diagnosed Arthritis
- With Fair or Poor Self-Perceived Health Status

### Natality Indicators:

- Infant Mortality Rate
- Number of Births per 1,000 Populations
- Percent of all Births Occurring to Teens (15-19)
- Percent of Births Occurring to Unmarried Women
- Percent of births Where Mother Smoked during Pregnancy
- Percent of Births Where Prenatal Care began in First Trimester
- Percent of Births with Inadequate Birth Spacing
- Percent of Births with Low Birth Weight
- Percentage of Premature Births

Other indicators updated with current data are as follows:

- Uninsured Population Ratio
- Staffed Hospital Bed Ratio
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Rate
- Percentage of Screened 3-12 Grade Students w No Dental Sealants
- Percentage of Screened K-12 Grade Students w Obvious Dental Decay
- Rate of Violent Crime per 1,000 Populations
- Ratio of Children to Adults
- Ratio of Elderly Persons and Children to Adults
- Ratio of Elderly Persons to Adults

The KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion has also added to Kansas Health Matters the *Sexual Violence in Kansas Report*, March 3. To access this report and all others, click the Kansas Health Matters logo.

## Wichita State University Announces Expansion of RN to BSN Program



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*by Pamela K. O'Neal, Communications, Public Relations & Recruitment Coordinator  
School of Nursing, Wichita State University*

The School of Nursing at Wichita State University (WSU) has announced the expansion of its online RN-BSN program, which offers advanced placement to registered nurses (RNs) seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. This is in alignment with Wichita State President John Bardo's strategic initiative to expand online offerings.

Valuing a RNs previous education, 25 hours of retroactive nursing credit or credit by exam can be applied to the BSN. The program is completely online, no on-campus time is required and is accessible 24 hours a day. The online program provides the ultimate in scheduling flexibility and convenience, at an affordable price. Professional nursing classes can be completed in as little as one calendar year or up to six years of part-time study. There are dedicated RN to BSN Advisors to assist you and answer your questions about the program. Students can fast track to getting a degree with collaborative help from community colleges via the Professional Link for Advancement of Nurses (PLAN Program). The RN-BSN program features easy access to information and application by clicking the WSU logo or email [RNtoBSN@wichita.edu](mailto:RNtoBSN@wichita.edu).

## Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### APHA's 2014 Get Ready Scholarship-Submissions Now Open

*by APHA*



To raise awareness about preparedness, the American Public Health Association (APHA) is offering its sixth annual Get Ready Scholarship. The scholarship is a component of APHA's Get Ready campaign, which works to help Americans prepare themselves, their families and their communities for a range of emergencies – from floods to disease outbreaks. The scholarship, open to both high school and

college students, is designed to encourage them to focus on the importance of emergency preparedness by writing an essay based on their current year of study. Winners will receive one \$400 scholarship to be used to pay for direct school costs. For more information on the campaign or preparedness, visit the Get Ready website by clicking on their logo.

### Do Something Grants



American Express and dosomething.org provides grants of \$250-500 to spearhead national campaigns so 13 to 25 year-olds can make an impact. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis. To learn more click the Do Something logo.

### Healthy Habits



MetLife Foundation supports projects to empower people to lead healthy, productive lives and strengthen communities. The Foundation makes grants in health, education, civic affairs and culture. Underlying the Foundation's programs is a focus on education at all ages and a commitment to increasing access and opportunity. The

Healthy Habits program seeks to promote healthy habits and physical fitness for illness prevention; especially among children. Requests are accepted and reviewed throughout the year.

## Training Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### Vision Screening Trainings Scheduled - April



The University of Kansas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is providing Vision Screening live courses around the state. This program is designed to provide vision screening theory and practices for nurses and other service providers in public health, schools and community work sites. Participants will be able to utilize the information and skills to perform standardized vision screening techniques for children and youth. Cost is \$50 which includes handout material, refreshments and four contact hours from the Kansas state Board of Nursing.

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To register click the location and date for registration form:

- [Garden City April 5](#)
- [Kansas City April 11](#)
- [Hays April 12](#)
- [Emporia April 25](#)

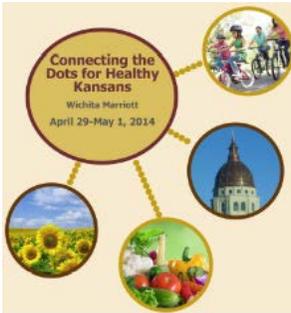
For more information contact the AHEC Statewide Office at 620-235-4040.

### Reducing Smoking Among Pregnant Women - April 9



The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition is hosting a conversation about Reducing Smoking Among Pregnant Women on April 9 from noon to 1 p.m. This web call will include a presentation by Dr. Tanesha Scheuermann, University of Kansas Medical Center, with a report on what is happening locally, resources and information on partner collaborations to improve your impact. To register, contact Misty Jimerson at [MJimerson@tobaccofreekansans.org](mailto:MJimerson@tobaccofreekansans.org). Meeting details and login information will be sent to you.

### 9th Annual Governor's Public Health Conference - April 29 - May 1



The 9th Annual Governor's Public Health Conference will be held April 29 through May 1 in Wichita. The theme of this year's conference is "Connecting the Dots for Healthy Kansans". Sponsors of the conference include the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Public Health Association, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, Kansas Health Foundation and Wichita State University. The pre-conference day, April 29 learning sessions are focused on Maternal Child Health, Public Health 101 and Title X for those new to public health as well as sessions on Public Health Law and School Inspections, Current Issues in Kansas Public Health and a QI Booster Shot for new or seasoned public health professionals.

The general session topics for April 30 - May 1, include the Kansas Baby Behavior Campaign, Environmental Public Health in Kansas, Connecting the Dots: Leveraging Chronic Disease Resources to Improve Community Health, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Building Connections with Primary Care and Rural Health, Opportunity for Public Health Worksites, the Healthy Lifestyles Initiative: Integrating Efforts to Accelerate Community Progress and much more.

The initial keynote session will include comments from Michael Lu, the administrator of the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau and Hani Atrash, Director of the HRSA Healthy Start and Perinatal Services Division. The conference will conclude with an entertaining and educational presentation sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation, "Red Blood and High Purpose" a live dramatic portrayal of [Dr. Samuel Crumbine](#), the Kansas pioneer of public health. Conference registration is through KS-TRAIN, <https://ks.train.org>, Course ID, 1048441. Click the conference logo to download the complete conference brochure.

### State of Kansas LEPC 2014 Conference - May 7 - 8

*by Emily Farley, Planning & Volunteer Coordinator, Preparedness Program  
Bureau of Community Health Services, KDHE*



The Kansas Division of Emergency Management is sponsoring the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) 2014 Conference at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City May 7 - 8. It is encouraged that LEPC members, first responders, emergency managers, community leaders and industry take this opportunity to network, learn from each other and build partnerships with other city, county and state representatives. There is no cost to attend the conference; however registration is required through [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID 1049579. There will be an optional HazMat training on May 6 and requires separate registration, Course ID 1049515.

### Diabetes Self-Management Leader Training - May 12, 13, 19 and 20

The Diabetes Self-Management Program is holding workshops in Wichita on May 12, 13, 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. In this training, participants will learn the curriculum and facilitation skills necessary for the Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP) workshop. Subjects covered include: techniques to deal with symptoms of diabetes, appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance, healthy eating, appropriate use of medication and working more effectively with health care providers. Classes are highly participative, where mutual support and success build the participants' confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives. Contact Ariel Capes at 785-296-1627 or [acapes@kdheks.gov](mailto:acapes@kdheks.gov).

## Save the Date - Tobacco Conversations Web Series - May 21

The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition will be hosting the next Tobacco Conversations Web series on College Campuses and Tobacco.

### ICD-10 Introductory Online Courses Posted to KS-TRAIN

*by Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN Administrator, Local Health Program  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



The Kansas Health Information Management Association (KHIMA) with support from the State Office of Rural Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, has created two International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification ([ICD-10-CM](#)) online coding courses to assist you in understanding the terms, the basic use of ICD-10 codes and the transition from ICD-9.

On Oct.1, the ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets. The transition to ICD-10 is required for everyone covered by the [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#). Please note, the change to ICD-10 does not affect current procedural terminology (CPT) coding for outpatient procedures and physician services.

Introduction to the World of Coding, Course ID 1048532 introduces you to what coding is, answers some questions you may have about these impending changes and gives you some informative tips and tidbits about this classification system. This short online course is a building block for your beginning understanding of ICD-10-CM.

ICD Coding Basics, Conventions and Guidelines, Course ID 1048055 provides basic training needed to use the current ICD-9-CM code book to assign ICD Codes using coding conventions and guidelines. ICD codes are used in all types of health care settings. They are used to identify conditions treated, procedures performed, services provided, submit claims for payment, provide statistics for research and plan for the future of the health care provider.

ICD Coding Basics, Conventions and Guidelines is intended to be used as a refresher for Coding Basics and to prepare to attend an ICD-10 live training.

Those who complete this training will:

- Understand the organization of the ICD-9-CM Code Book.
- Apply the definitions used in the code book.
- Follow the steps to currently assign ICD-9 codes.

In addition, KHIMA is offering some live ICD-10 training throughout the state, beginning in March and going through June. The ICD Coding Basics, Conventions and Guidelines online course must be completed before attending any of the KHIMA live training. Click the KHIMA logo to navigate to the steps to enroll in KHIMA Basic and Advanced ICD-10 live courses.

### Packaging and Shipping Laboratory Training Update

*by Laura Ross, State Training Coordinator  
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The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) has developed a two part training process for Kansas certification of packaging and shipping of infectious substances, Division 6.2 materials. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed an online course, Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials 2014, that is posted to [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID 1048174. The CDC online course is the pre-requisite for a supplemental course on Evidence Control Measures which is under development by the KHEL and TRAIN team. The KHEL supplemental course will be available in early April. When the new course is up and ready for viewing an announcement will be sent out through the Preparedness Update email distribution list and included in the May 1 issue of [Public Health Connections](#). Please contact Laura Ross at [lross@kdheks.gov](mailto:lross@kdheks.gov) for more information.

### ABC's of Asthma for Child Care Workers Online Course Now Available

*by Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN Administrator, Local Health Program  
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ABC's of Asthma for Child Care Workers was developed by Beth Marolf, American Lung Association-Plains/Gulf Region for child care providers with support from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Child Care Licensing program as an approved education offering.

At the conclusion of this education activity learners will be able to:

- Relate the scope of asthma in the US and Kansas

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- Describe what asthma is and isn't
- Identify and remediate triggers that cause asthma attacks
- Properly administer asthma medications to children with asthma in your care
- Execute the use of an Asthma Action Plan
- Demonstrate how to effectively respond in an asthma emergency

This is a self-paced, one hour course with audio, pre-post assessment and an evaluation. A certificate will be available post completing the requirements of this course. Registration for the training is through [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID, 1047617.



Looking for Kansas Department of Health and Environment approved child care provider courses on KS-TRAIN? Click the KS-TRAIN Logo to download the complete list and registration instructions.

## News and Resources

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### Population Health and Preparedness State Wide Call

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a monthly Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call the fourth Tuesday of the month. To view minutes from the monthly calls click the KDHE logo.



### Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and First Lady Michelle Obama recently announced the next set of regulations to implement the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010: a proposed rule on local wellness policies and food marketing in schools. The new guidelines aim to strengthen nutrition and physical activity in schools and, notably, include a new provision to limit unhealthy food and beverage marketing in schools. A summary of the proposed rule is available from USDA by clicking the USDA logo. The rule is [open for public comment](#) until April 25.



### The State of the National Vaccine Plan

The Health and Human Services (HHS) National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) recently announced the release of an inaugural annual report, "The State of the National Vaccine Plan." The comprehensive progress report details the individual and collective efforts of HHS offices and agencies, along with federal and nonfederal partners, to achieve the 2010 National Vaccine Plan's vision. Accomplishments highlighted in the report reflect extensive and ongoing coordination to reduce vaccine-preventable disease. The report also features expert commentaries and an overview of the accomplishments and contributions of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. Click the HHS logo to read the report.

### Disparity in the United States



To aid in communicating about health disparities, America's Health Rankings (AHR) has created graphic representations of disparities in smoking, obesity, diabetes, physical inactivity and health status by educational attainment (four levels) and gender and race/ethnicity (white, black and Hispanic). Information for the United States and for each state is available for viewing and download online by click the AHR logo.

### Checklists for ICD-10 End to End Testing Project



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted final checklists for its ICD-10 end-to-end testing project. Click the CMS logo. ICD-10 is the tenth revision of the [International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems \(ICD\)](#), a [medical classification](#) list by the [World Health Organization](#). It codes for diseases, signs and symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases. This CMS project is using ICD-10 testing to develop a "best practice" for faster and more efficient testing of administrative simplification standards. Hospitals and other entities covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act must [transition](#) to the ICD-10 coding system by Oct. 1.

### 2015 President's Budget



On March 4, President Obama released his FY 2015 budget proposal to Congress. The FY 2015 proposal requests \$3.9 trillion in overall spending, including \$1.014 trillion in discretionary funds, which equals the spending cap under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 negotiated by Senate Budget Committee Chair Patty Murray and House Budget Committee Chair Paul Ryan and passed in December. In response, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) released an FY 2015 President's Budget Analysis and Summary. Click the ASTHO logo to read more.

### Influenza Vaccine Regulations for Children Six - 59 Months



In September 2010, Connecticut became the second state (after New Jersey) to implement regulations requiring that all children aged six to 59 months receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine each year to attend a licensed childcare program. Using vaccination data from U.S. and Connecticut surveys and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Emerging Infections Program (EIP), the health department determined that vaccination rates among children in Connecticut increased from 67.8 percent before the regulation to 84.1 percent after implementation. In addition, among all 11 EIP surveillance sites, Connecticut had the greatest percentage decrease, 12 percent, of influenza-associated hospitalization rates since 2007-08 among children aged four years or younger. Connecticut also had a lower ratio of influenza-associated hospitalizations among children aged four years or younger to the overall population rate (0.53) when compared to other EIP sites. A new Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report proposes that the childcare vaccination requirement may have helped to increase vaccination rates in Connecticut and reduce serious morbidity from influenza. Click the CDC logo to read more about this report.

### 2014 County Health Rankings Released



On March 26, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI) released the 2014 County Health Rankings. Now in its fifth year, the Rankings have helped expand the conversation about the broad range of factors that influence community health. Visit website to see where your county ranks by clicking on the logo above.

### Job Openings

#### Finney County Health Department

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

- [WIC Dietitian or Registered Nurse](#)



#### Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is accepting applications for the following position in the Bureau of Community Health Systems:

- [Public Service Executive II Trauma Program](#)



#### Lyon County Health Department

The Lyon County Health Department is accepting applications for the following positions:

- [Dentist](#)
- [Family Physician or APRN](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)



### Pottawatomie County Health Department

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

- [Public Health Nurse](#)



### Reno County Health Department

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

- [Maternal Child Health Social Worker](#)



### Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [PHEP Project Planner](#)
- [Registered Dietician/Registered Nurse - WIC](#)



### Shawnee County Health Department

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

- [Dietitian](#)
- [Medical Director](#)
- [Mid-Level Practitioner](#)
- [Registered Nurse \(WIC\)](#)



### Wyandotte County Health Department

The Wyandotte County Health Department is accepting applications for the following positions:

- [Medical Technologist](#)
- [Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [Program Specialist](#)



## Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

[Epi Updates Newsletter](#)

[Health Homes Herald](#)

[KanCare Advisor](#)

[Kansas Environmental News](#)

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