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Weight-loss Challenges Unifying Communities Around Health

by The Nations Health website

American Public Health Association (APHA)



Prompted by growing rates of obesity in their states and communities, some leaders are using a new type of campaign to engage residents in health changes: the weight-loss challenge. Kansas, where 64 percent of adults are overweight or obese, became the latest state to announce a weight-loss challenge this year. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback kicked off the Governor’s Weight Loss Challenge in Jan., after a Sept. 2012, “Kansas Summit on Obesity”.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is running the four-month challenge, during which Kansans were encouraged to form teams of five to shed pounds and log their weight loss into the challenge’s official website. The event will end with a weigh-in ceremony on May 15, said Miranda Steele, the KDHE’s director of communications. As an added incentive, the state employee team that loses the most weight wins \$5,000.

Several teams of state government employees get together and walk around the state capital in Topeka during lunch breaks, Steele said. Fitness clubs and YMCA locations in Topeka offer discounts to people who show their state IDs and confirm they are part of the contest. The website also offers weight-loss and nutrition tips from health department staff. Click the APHA logo to view the complete article.

In the Spotlight - Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories Provide Outreach

by Lori Boline, Virology/Serology Unit Manager

Environmental Laboratories, KDHE



In an effort to enhance communication between Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratory (KHEL) and local public health departments, Leo Henning, KHEL Interim Laboratory Director, and Lori Boline, Virology/Serology Unit Manager hit the highways and byways of Kansas to attend several Regional Public Health Meetings. They provided information on recent developments at KHEL and discussed issues of concern with local public health partners.

Leo Henning presented information on pending legislative initiatives that may impact public health entities. He also provided an overview of funding trends and the current and potential future impacts on public health programs.

As part of a quality improvement project to improve specimen transport to the lab, KHEL conducted a client survey. The results showed a substantial need for a dedicated statewide courier service. More information is needed but several options are being explored at this time.

The Health Specimen Submission Quick Guide was provided to attendees. This recently-developed guide is intended as a handy reference to be posted at sample collection and packaging areas. Links to this document will soon be added to the KHEL website.

A brief update was provided on the status of the new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) system, which KHEL hopes to have fully implemented by December 2013. The new software will provide a web portal to allow electronic specimen submission and results reporting. This system should help KHEL provide analytical results more rapidly, allowing earlier diagnosis and potentially more targeted approach to patient care. Another important development is the addition of a new state laboratory training coordinator who will assist with training of online sample submission and report retrieval, packaging and shipping of specimens and microbiology wet labs training for bioterrorism agents.

KHEL has recently enhanced its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) by entering into a contract with LabCorp to provide back-up laboratory services in case of unforeseen circumstances, such as natural disaster, fire, power outage and so forth. This contract defines established rates and testing turnaround times and improves the ability of KHEL to provide seamless analytical services.

Response to the outreach efforts has been positive. KHEL hopes to continue this process in an effort to further enhance communication and foster collaboration with our local public health partners.

In the Spotlight - Sedgwick County Takes Second and Third Places in Contest



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

The Public Health Foundation (PHF) announced the 2013, "I'm Your Community Guide!" contest winners with Sedgwick County Health Department taking second and third place. The contest is designed to identify model practices for implementing the evidence-based strategies outlined in The Guide to Community Preventive Services (The Community Guide). Contestants demonstrated effective and efficient use of the evidence-based strategies outlined in The Community Guide to make positive impacts on their communities.

Sedgwick county for their second place win was to implement, "Walktober: From Baby Steps to Leaps and Bounds." This is a community-wide campaign to increase physical activity. Walktober promoted walking during the month of October to increase daily levels of physical activity in order to decrease risk for diabetes, cardiovascular disease and other chronic diseases. The Sedgwick County Health Department's implementation of Walktober in schools increased from three schools in 2009 to 14 schools in 2012. Walktober's implementation in worksites increased from one worksite to seven worksites over the same period of time.

Third place was also awarded to the Sedgwick County Health Department in Kansas, Office of Health Promotion: Tobacco, for their entry, "Getting the Drift...Clearing the Air in Multi-unit Housing." The Sedgwick County Health Department used the evidence-based recommendation of smoking bans and restrictions from, The Community Guide, to achieve an increase in smoke-free multi-unit dwellings in their community. The program achieved a 300 percent increase in the number of multi-unit dwellings with smoke-free policies in at least one of their residential buildings. The number of dwellings increased from three in Dec. of 2011 to 12 in July of 2012.

To learn more about Sedgwick's award click the PHF logo.

ASTHO Publishes Budget Analysis and Summary

by Bureau of Community Health Systems



President Obama's [budget request](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2014, released on April 10, totals \$3.8 trillion. Within this amount, the discretionary funding request totals \$1.058 trillion, which further breaks down to \$552 billion for defense agencies and \$506 billion for non-defense agencies (all of public health is considered "non-defense"). The Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has shared its analysis of the president's budget. Click the ASTHO logo to learn more.

CDC Briefs Public Health Officials on Novel H7N9

by Bureau of Community Health Systems



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) convened a telebriefing on April 10 to update public health officials on ongoing activities associated with the response to the novel H7N9 influenza infections in China. At the time of the call, there were 33 confirmed cases, 28 of which were hospitalized and most of which had direct contact with poultry. CDC reassured attendees that there has been no person-to-person transmission and no clusters of infection and that the level of cooperation between China and the United States has been very good. CDC also provided an overview of features of some concern, including that cases are not localized, it is a low-path virus and difficult to detect in animals, lab tests suggest it may become easily transmissible among mammals, it may be difficult to develop an effective vaccine, and there is no existing immunity. CDC has activated its emergency operations center (Level 2 status) and has established an H7N9 landing page with information such as health alert; interim case definitions, and a traveler advisory. The page will be updated with additional information as it becomes available, such as infection control guidance currently going through clearance and an antiviral use guidance currently being developed. CDC will be sending out weekly talking points on Fridays on the H7N9 situation to public information officers and other key state public health partners. Click the CDC logo to view the H7N9 landing page.

DOH Changes to DPH

Governor Brownback recently signed House Bill 2322 into law, which changes the name of the KDHE Division of Health to the Division of **Public** Health. The acronym for the Division of Public Health will be DPH.

"This name change better reflects the work of this division and its varied bureaus," said Dr. Robert Moser, Secretary and State Health Officer. "It fits well with the division's mission, which is to promote and protect health and prevent disease and injury among the people of Kansas."

While this change officially goes into effect on July 1, 2013, it's appropriate to begin referencing the new name in KDHE material and correspondence. The Office of Communications will announce when the new KDHE-DPH logo is ready for use.

Hepatitis Awareness Month and National Hepatitis Testing Day

*by Dominique Saunders, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator/Public Health Educator
Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention, HIV/AIDS Program, KDHE*



May is Hepatitis Awareness Month and May 19th is the second annual national Hepatitis Testing Day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH) has developed numerous free resources and materials designed to support your efforts. Below are some of the resources that they have created. Please take a few moments to check them out.

If your organization intends to do any activities surrounding viral hepatitis in the month of May, or any testing events for Hepatitis Testing Day, please let Dominique Saunders know at your earliest convenience. Likewise, you can register your events using the link below.

Hepatitis Awareness Month & Hepatitis Testing Day Resources:

Help spread the word by using the resources found on the Hepatitis Awareness Month and Testing Day [Resource Center](#) page. You'll find a variety of [digital tools](#) including a quiz widget, buttons, and banners that we encourage you to use on your websites and in emails. Several different [Live Script Radio PSAs](#) are also available should you want to adopt or customize for your events and pitch to local radio stations.

Hepatitis Testing Day Event Page:

The National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)-sponsored [Hepatitis Testing Day Event page](#) is back! If you are hosting an event, please register your event. Once events are registered people can search for testing events in their area by entering their zip code. You can promote the event page by featuring one of [two different buttons](#) on your site, so that others can register their events and your constituents can find testing events near them.

Hepatitis Risk Assessment:

Support Hepatitis Testing Day by continuing to promote the [Hepatitis Risk Assessment](#) by downloading [buttons, badges, or banner ads](#) to feature on your website and sending out the risk assessment [e-card](#) to your constituents.

Know More Hepatitis Campaign:

The [Know More Hepatitis](#) campaign continues to raise awareness about Hepatitis C and encourage Americans to talk to their doctor about getting tested. Brand new is a [video PSA](#) encouraging baby boomers to get tested for hepatitis C – check it out and share! Additional Know More Hepatitis [campaign resources](#) are available for your use.

NPIN Hepatitis Materials Inventory:

DVH worked with NPIN to catalogue viral hepatitis education materials in its [searchable materials database](#). Materials are available free of charge and include training manuals, webinars, downloadable fact sheets, and PDFs of posters.

Twitter:

If you are on Twitter, we hope you will follow DVH's Twitter account [@cdchep](#). Please join the conversation by using the following hashtags:

- #Hepatitis
- #HepAware for Hepatitis Awareness Month
- #HTD for Hepatitis Testing Day
- #HepRisk for the Hepatitis Risk Assessment

If you have any questions or would like assistance with your efforts contact Dominique Saunders at dsaunders@kdheks.gov or 785-296-0752.

How Much Does Smoking Really Cost?

by the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition (TFKC) News



Smoking is expensive, but when people consider the cost of smoking, they usually limit their focus to the cost of the cigarettes they smoke. While the cost of cigarettes by itself can add up to \$1,500 a year, the reality is that the cost of cigarettes is only a small portion of the overall monetary cost of smoking. There are numerous hidden costs associated with smoking that most people fail to consider. These costs are rarely examined when people talk about how much their smoking habit costs. Some of these costs arise due to higher payments associated with the risks of smoking while others result from a decrease in asset value due to smoking. All told, these hidden costs of smoking can increase the actual amount a smoker pays each year several times the cost of the cigarettes alone. Click the TFKC logo to read the complete article.

Kansas Community Gardens Project Announces 35 Grant Recipients



Thirty-five community garden projects from around the state of Kansas have been chosen as grant recipients through the Kansas Community Gardens Project, a joint initiative of the Kansas Health Foundation and K-State Research and Extension. In all, nearly

\$150,000 in grant funds will be distributed during 2013, the second year of this three-year initiative. Community gardens receiving funding include:

- Bennington Community Garden (Bennington), \$5,000
- Bethany College Community Garden (Lindsborg), \$5,000
- Coffey County Community Garden (Ottawa), \$5,000
- Community Garden at the Center of Grace (Olathe), \$5,000
- Community of Highland Neighborhood Garden (Highland), \$2,115
- Feed My Sheep Garden (Mound City), \$3,006
- Garden of Eatin' (Great Bend), \$4,931
- Gardner/Edgerton Community Garden (Gardner), \$5,000
- God's Community Garden (Overland Park), \$5,000
- Goodland Community Garden (Goodland), \$5,000
- Hillcrest Community Garden (Kansas City), \$1,500
- Historic Old Town Community Garden (Topeka), \$3,480
- Inner-City Garden (Wichita), \$4,735
- Johnson County WIC Community Garden (Olathe), \$4,475
- Lake Dabinawa Association Community Garden (McLouth), \$4,996
- Larned PRIDE Community Garden (Larned), \$5,000
- Lyndon PRIDE Community Garden (Lyndon), \$3,750
- Lyons School Community Garden (Lyons), \$5,000
- Manhattan Community Garden (Manhattan), \$2,500
- Mulvane Community Garden (Mulvane), \$5,000
- Oakwood Community Garden (Kansas City), \$3,301
- Paola Community Garden of Hope (Paola), \$4,400
- Parker Community Garden (Parker), \$4,994
- PermaCommons Community Garden (Lawrence), \$3,300
- Sharing and Caring Community Garden (Newton), \$4,170
- SMUUCH Community Garden (Lenexa), \$5,000
- St. Francis Community Garden (St. Francis), \$3,285
- St. Paul's Community Garden (Lenexa), \$5,000
- Sublette Community Garden (Sublette), \$2,013
- Sunflower Community Garden (Wichita), \$1,037
- Thomas County Community Garden (Colby), \$3,200
- Uptown Organic Community Garden (Wichita), \$5,000
- Williamsburg Community Garden (Williamsburg), \$4,991
- Wilson Community Garden (Wilson), \$5,000
- YW Community Garden (Topeka), \$4,930



"Community gardens have the potential to do everything from providing food to local nonprofits and schools, to improving the personal health and well-being of those involved," said Steve Coen, president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation. "These gardens can make a lasting and positive impact in the communities they serve."

Grant recipients were selected through a competitive application process, which drew interest from organizations and gardens throughout the state.

"This grant has provided a tremendous opportunity for reaching out across the state to help people grow their own fresh produce," said Dr. Cheryl Boyer, assistant professor and extension specialist, ornamental nursery crops, with K-State Research and Extension. "We are proud of the quality, variety and geographic coverage of the proposals we received this year and that we were able to fund so many great projects."

For more information about the grant recipients or the Kansas Community Gardens Project, please contact the individuals indicated above.

Accreditation Corner

Resource Center for CHA and CHIP



The Resource Center for Community Health Assessments (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) provides practical, customizable tools and resources to all local health departments (LHD)s in a central and publicly accessible location. The CHA/CHIP resource center is intended to support LHDs and their partners in completing community health improvement processes, including the conduct of a CHA and the development of a CHIP for the purpose of improving the health of local communities. The CHA/CHIP resource center contains example high-quality CHAs and CHIPs and case studies of communities who have completed CHAs and CHIPs for accreditation preparation and more. This is a great site to use if you are looking for information on how to get started. Click the image to learn more about this resource center provided by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).

Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program - Deadline May 14



March 21, marked the opening of the 2013 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program application cycle. The application cycle will remain open through May 14. The [Application and Program Guidance](#) can be found on the NHSC Website and contains all of the requirements and program details. Click the NHSC logo to learn more.

RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize - Deadline May 23



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Roadmaps to Health Prize is awarded annually to honor outstanding community efforts and partnerships that are helping people live healthier lives. Phase I applications are due May 23. Winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their success stories celebrated and shared broadly with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally-driven change across the country. Click the RWJF logo to learn more.

Team Nutrition Education Curriculum and Mini-Grant Funds - Deadline May 31



Kansas Team Nutrition is actively working to promote health education programs to support schools wellness policy goals and will be accepting applications for program materials and mini-grant funding for the following programs beginning May 1.

Applications due May 31, 2013:

- Fall Family Fun, Food and Fitness Event Mini-Grants. Applications are being accepted for this \$250 mini-grant to host a school-sponsored health and fitness themed

family night this fall.

Applications due August 31, 2013:

- Power Panther Pals Primary Level (K-2) and Intermediate Level (3-5). Applications are being accepted for this 8-week health education curriculum that includes mini-grant funding in the amount of \$5 per student.
- Power Up! This 8-week health education program curriculum for middle school students includes mini-grant funding, \$5 per student, to help cover the costs of cooking/tasting activities.
- Power Panther Professionals (staff wellness program). Apply for this 8 to 12 week customizable staff wellness program designed for school personnel. Mini-grant funding in the amount of \$100 per participating school is available.

Contact Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org or click the KSDE logo for a grant application and to receive additional information.

Local Health Department of the Year Award - Deadline May 31



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is pleased to introduce the new Local Health Department (LHD) of the Year Award. Local health departments are the local stewards of public health—known for helping to ensure the safety of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the air we breathe. This award recognizes and honors outstanding accomplishment of Local Health Departments across the country for their innovation, creativity, and impact on communities. The award is given in three categories: to large, medium, and small LHDs. To learn more and apply, click on the NACCHO log.

Safe Routes to School Program - Deadline June 7

*by Becky Pepper, State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Kansas Department of Transportation*



The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) announced that it is accepting applications for the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). The SRTS program was created to encourage more children to walk and bicycle to school and to make it safer for them to do so. This federally funded program will provide reimbursements to cities, counties, and school districts for projects that focus around education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering and evaluation.

Click the KDOT logo to find a copy of the application information. Read the entire application guidance as procedures have changed since the last application cycle.

Run for Good - Deadline June 13



The Saucony Run for Good Foundation is committed to improving the lives of children by helping to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. They act to inform the public about its cause and prevention and provide funding to optimize the impact and success of community organizations that promote running and healthy lifestyle programs for youth.

Program participants are 18 years of age or younger, have 501 (c) (3) status and can demonstrate their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running. The Run for Good charter is to fight childhood obesity so those programs that specifically target that epidemic get the most attention. Public schools *are* eligible for this grant. To learn more click the image above.

RGK Foundation Awards Grants in Areas of Health/Medicine - Deadline June 14



Ronya and George Kozmetsky (RGK) Foundation's current interests includes the Health/Medicine programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the website as the first step. RGK Foundation will entertain one electronic Letter of Inquiry (LOI) per organization in a twelve-month period. Organizations that submit unsolicited proposals will receive notification directing them to submit an electronic Letter of Inquiry via the website. To learn more click on the image of the Kozmetskys.

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy - Deadline Sept. 25



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

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

Baseball Tomorrow Fund - Deadline Oct. 1



The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA.) The fund awards grants to organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The Kansas City Royals will fund new program, tangible items, one-time capital expenses or special supplies or purchases. The average amount per grant is \$5,000. To learn more click the Royals logo.

Training and Conferences Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

HIV: Women's Perspective 2013 Education Event - May 12-18



In conjunction with National Women's Health Week, May 12-18, the University of Kansas presents, "HIV: Women's Perspectives 2013." This one day conference will address increasing the knowledge of HIV health care issues that women face living with this chronic disease. The conference will be held on May 18 at the Kansas City, Health Department Biery Auditorium, Lower Level, 2400 Troost Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri.

Click the HIV: Women's Perspective 2013 Conference logo to view the brochure for more information and registration requirements. If you have any questions, contact the KU Area Health Education Center at 620-235-4040.

KIDS Network Safe Slumber Online Training



The Kansas Infant Death and SIDS (KIDS) Network online course, [Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment 2012 \(1033033\)](#) has been completed by over 3,000 learners since it was activated in April of 2012. Click the KIDS Network logo to download the course registration information to share with Kansas child care providers. The two hour online course meets the Kansas Child Care Regulations training requirements. Other online courses posted to KS-TRAIN that meet the Kansas Child

Care Program online course requirements are:

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

UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health Certificate Program in Field Epidemiology



by University of North Carolina (UNC)

Center for Public Health Preparedness Website

As the practice of public health changes, so do the educational needs of public health practitioners, particularly in the area of field epidemiology. In recent years, both in the U.S. and across the world, we have faced a variety of new man-made and natural threats, including new strains of existing diseases and the re-emergence of threats that were thought to be eradicated. At the same time that these threats have increased, we continue to face a shortage of adequately-trained epidemiologists in local, state, and territorial health departments.

The need to prepare the public health workforce to deal with these threats is crucial, and requires innovative approaches to education and training that encompass the latest surveillance techniques and take full advantage of current technology. This program, which is specifically designed for working practitioners, emphasizes practical applied skills and addresses the core functions of outbreak investigation, surveillance methods, infectious disease epidemiology and field epidemiology methods.

The Certificate Program in Field Epidemiology consists of four three-credit-hour online courses, taken one course per semester over a 16-month period. Each course will utilize a number of learning techniques: recorded lectures, discussion forums, case studies, group projects, papers, exams, online office hours and optional live lectures. The fall 2013 session begins, Aug. 20-Dec. 13. The deadline to apply for fall 2013 admission is June 15.

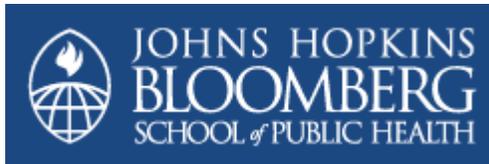
Detailed information regarding this program of study, including application procedures, can be found by clicking on the UNC Logo.

- [Epidemiology 600](#), Principles of Epidemiology for Public Health
- [Epidemiology 759](#), Methods in Field Epidemiology
- [Epidemiology 758](#), Principles and Methods of Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology
- [Epidemiology 750](#), Fundamentals of Public Health Surveillance

This program was developed by the UNC Center for Public Health Preparedness and the Department of Epidemiology in the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. It is administered by the Public Health Leadership Program in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health.

If you have specific questions about the online graduate Certificate in Field Epidemiology program, please feel free to contact them at dgallina@unc.edu or 919-843-2385.

Massive Open Online Courses: MOOCs



Millions of users have signed up in the past year for free courses through [Coursera](#), [EdX](#), and others such as [Udacity](#), drawn by access to video instruction from world-class professors. This reflects a surge of interest from around the world in what is known as massive open online courses (MOOCs). [Coursera](#) has several upcoming courses listed (in the medicine category) that might be of interest to

public health professionals including: Child Nutrition and Cooking; Nutrition for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Growing Old Around the Globe; Disaster Preparedness; Principles of Public Health: Diabetes – A Global Challenge; Nutrition and Physical Health and Vaccines.

Business and management category courses include: Inspiring Leadership through Emotional Intelligence; Leading Strategic Innovation in Organizations; Organizational Analysis and An Introduction to Financial Accounting. This is an option that could meet the needs of some of the Kansas public health workforce. Be sure and add any courses you take to your KS-TRAIN [transcripts](#).

To read an article from the Washington Post titled, "Elite Education for the Masses," click the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health logo.

Free Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Trainings Available Online



by the Preparedness Program, Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

The Columbia Regional Learning Center (CLRC) provides FREE online certificate training courses, webinars and lectures designed for individuals working in health systems including Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), health care, public health, and emergency management. All of the CLRC's certificate courses are developed based on CDC Public Health Preparedness and Response Competencies and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities. These courses cover a range of topics, such

as medical countermeasure dispensing, preparedness fundamentals, mass care, mental health and more. Some of these courses offer continuing education units (CEU)'s credits. View the courses by clicking the CLRC logo.

For additional training opportunities, visit the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for courses related to emergency medical services, health sciences, and leadership and management. Click the Texas A&M Engineering logo.



News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems



Kan-Be-Healthy 2013 Provider Manual

The 2013 Kan-Be-Healthy services are a Title XIX program which provide preventive health care and immediate remedial care for the prevention, correction, or early control of abnormal conditions. These services are available to beneficiaries who are 20 years of age or under. The Kan-Be-Healthy manual is located on the Kansas Medical Assistance Program's website that can be found by clicking the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance logo.

U.S. Spends More on Dementia Care Than Heart Disease or Cancer



The HealthDay News reports that the cost of caring for Americans with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia may now be as high as \$215 billion a year, more than the cost of caring for heart disease or cancer, a new study finds. In 2010, the United States spent somewhere between \$157 billion and \$215 billion on dementia care, researchers reported in the April 4 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. That includes direct medical expenses and the costs of caring for people with dementia, both professional care and the "informal" care that families provide. Click the HealthDay logo to read more about this article.

Healthy People 2020 Launches New Search Tool



Healthy People 2020 has launched a new online tool that allows users to search across Healthy People objectives. Healthy People provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. For three decades, Healthy People has established benchmarks and monitored progress over time in order to:

- Encourage collaborations across communities and sectors.
- Empower individuals toward making informed health decisions.
- Measure the impact of prevention activities.

To learn more about this online tool click the HealthyPeople.gov logo.

Save Lives, Save Money Video



The American Public Health Association (APHA) has launched a new two minute video that answers the question, "Is public health a return on investment?" To watch this video and learn more, click the APHA logo.

Free Library Puts Resources About Minority Health Within Arm's Reach



The National Partnership for Action (NPA) reports that the Office of Minority Health Knowledge Center is highlighting many information resources available to the public. The Knowledge Center focuses its collection on consumer health and many other health equity issues, and builds on this year's theme of Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting Our Communities to Bring Health Care Coverage to All. To learn more click the NPA logo.

NACCHO: Boston Marathon Recovery Resources



Local health departments prepare communities for disasters and respond when emergencies occur. NACCHO has compiled a list of resources for community partners, individuals and families to aid in their recovery and for local health department preparedness training. Click the image on the left to learn more.

Resilience Through Learning - Explosions in Boston



The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) has gathered resources for health professionals in response to the April 15 explosions in Boston. They encourage health professionals to process the events of April 15 by educating themselves and others to contribute to, "a Nation of resilient communities."

Additional ideas for educators who are teaching health professionals interested in learning content or activities related to explosions in mass gatherings may be found by clicking the NCDMPH logo.

Topic Page on Avian Influenza A(H7N9) Virus Now Available



The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has a new topic page, Avian Influenza A(H7N9) Virus: Information Resources on Disease Caused by H7N9. This information is provided by the Disaster Information Management Research Center that contains resources for the A(H7N9) virus. To learn more click the NLM logo.

HHS Offers Moms Knowledge, Help, and Support through a New Breastfeeding Initiative



Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin has announced the launch of, "It's Only Natural," a new public education campaign that aims to raise awareness among African American women of the importance of and benefits associated with breastfeeding and provide helpful tips. Breastfeeding offers mothers and their babies a healthy start. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 80 percent of all women in the United States start out breastfeeding. Click the It's Only Natural logo to learn more.

NACCHO Voice: The Word on Local Health Departments



The National Organization for County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) blog, "NACCHO Voice" mission is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health department leaders and staff. The blog covers a wide range of topics, such as accreditation, emergency preparedness, and chronic disease prevention. Click the NACCHO logo to learn more and to receive notification of new posts by e-mail.

Job Openings

Johnson County Health Department

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

- [Immunization Nurse](#)



Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

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

- [Public Health Nurse](#)



Lyon County Health Department

The Lyon County Health Department/Flint Hills Community Health Center is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Licensed Practical Nurse](#)



Riley County Health Department

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

- [Advanced Practice Registered Nurse](#)



Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Project Imprint Coordinator](#)
- [Registered Dietician - WIC](#)



Shawnee County Health Agency

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

- [Health Information Management Systems Manager](#)



Wyandotte County Health Department

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

- [Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [Program Specialist - WIC](#)



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