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May is American Stroke Month

from the American Stroke Association's website



May is American Stroke Month, which is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease and to educate Americans that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable. While stroke is the number four cause of death and leading cause of disability in the U.S., many Americans do not think of stroke as a major health concern. A growing number

of individuals and organizations are helping spread American Stroke Month across the nation and throughout the world. From families to healthcare professionals, corporations, national organizations, professional societies and communities, each partner plays a critical role in helping create healthier communities. [Join the campaign](#) and let's work together to end stroke! Click the logo above to learn more.

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 - 11:30 a.m. 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

In the Spotlight - How Does Your County Rank? Kansas Uses Data to Improve Health Outcomes



by the Local Public Health Program,
Bureau of Community Health Systems,
KDHE

The [County Health Rankings and Roadmaps](#) (Rankings) program recently announced its annual measure

of 29 vital health factors, including high school graduation rates, obesity, smoking, unemployment, access to healthy foods, the quality of air and water, income and teen births in nearly every county in America. The annual rankings provide a revealing snapshot of how health is influenced by where we live, learn, work and play. They provide a starting point for change in communities. According to the 2014 rankings, the five healthiest counties in Kansas, starting with the most healthy, are Johnson, followed by Riley, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee and Stevens. Ranking the counties is a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute.

Kansas counties are utilizing this data in their community health assessment/improvement plans and strategic planning processes to determine next steps to improve the public's health in their communities. Jefferson County Health Department Administrator, Beth Brown, was recently featured in the county newspaper, The Oskaloosa Independent. This article highlighted the progress over the last five years where the Jefferson County population of 19,000 has improved their ranking by 25 positions to number 29 out of 98 Kansas counties that were ranked. She stated that the Rankings provides a good road map for showing trends that may need attention and intervention. This year the Rankings noted that there has been a big improvement in healthy behaviors for Jefferson County, with teen birth rate and percent of adult obesity steadily decreasing and the percent of low birth weight babies also trending downward in the county.

Ms. Brown discussed that through their community health assessment they looked at multiple sources of data, like the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. The health department and community partners supported a public health survey last year as one component of their community health assessment, which resulted in the development of a Wellness Coalition. This coalition is prioritizing concerns identified in the local public health survey and is implementing improvement plans. The health department and community partners, including the county commissioners, are looking at economic development for jobs and improvement of personal income, how to increase physical activity with access to exercise facilities, how to increase public safety due to a high incidence of vehicular accidents, and how to decrease the use of tobacco and alcohol by the county's youth.

So, how does your county rank? The County Health Rankings and Roadmaps provides [tools and guidance](#) to assist you and your local partners to improve the health of your community. The [Kansas Health Institute](#) can also provide support, as it has served as the state's contact for the rankings since it began five years ago. Other Kansas data resources can be found on the [Kansas Health Matters](#) website.

May is Arthritis Awareness Month



by Ariel Capes, Public Health Educator
Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE

Getting your heart rate up at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week helps reduce the pain, fatigue and stiffness from arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation's Walk With Ease program can help. This free six-week program encourages participants to walk for up to 30 minutes at least three times a week. Participants receive a guidebook, bag and pedometer. They also have access to a number of online tools such as video instruction and emails alerting when milestones have been reached.

Visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website by clicking the image on the left to learn more, or click the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) logo for the CDC website.



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.



Dr. Moser in Chanute on April 24

Dates and locations are as follows:

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 Women's Health Week - May 11-17



from the NWHW website

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.

Kansas Maternal and Child Health Needs Your Feedback

by the Bureau of Family Health, KDHE



The Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is seeking input on services for Maternal and Child Health (MCH) priority populations (women of reproductive age, pregnant women, mothers, infants, children, adolescents and individuals with special health care needs). The Kansas Title V MCH Services Block Grant is a federal-state partnership administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health. Whether you are a parent, government official, advocate, or member of the general public, the MCH Block Grant likely touches your life. Your input is needed to assure the MCH programs and activities are guided by the needs of Kansas families. The survey will close for public input on May 15. Click the image above to submit your input. Resources to increase your knowledge

about the Kansas Title V MCH Block Grant and state's priority issues for 2011-2015 are available online at www.kdheks.gov/bfh. Questions should be directed to Rachel Berroth at rberroth@kdheks.gov.

Critical Congenital Heart Defect Webinar

*by Jena Callen, Newborn Screening Consultant
Bureau of Family Health, KDHE*



Critical Congenital Heart Defect (CCHD) accounts for nearly 30 percent of infant deaths due to birth defects. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has launched a quality initiative program to increase awareness of CCHD and to ensure that all babies in Kansas are being screened for CCHD prior to discharge. In November 2013 a work group was developed and consists of families of children with CCHD, the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA), the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, physicians representing private and hospital-based practices (including University of Kansas Medical Center, Wesley Medical Center, Children's Mercy and more) and KDHE Newborn Screening (NBS) Program Staff. A survey was also conducted in February 2014, which reflected approximately 65 percent of Kansas infants are currently being screened for CCHD at birth, prior to discharge. Four sites have been selected for the pilot sites. Technical assistance and support will be provided by KDHE NBS program staff by providing education and training to birthing facilities and hospitals.

KDHE has joined KHA in providing and creating a noon briefing webinar which will be held May 15 from 12 - 1 p.m. The webinar will provide information on the following: an overview of CCHDs; Pulse oximetry testing; Information regarding Kansas' quality improvement project; an overview on current status and future plans. We would love anyone who is interested in CCHD please join us on this webinar. Click the KHA logo to view the flyer regarding registration.

KDHE Solid Waste Grants Announced

by the Office of Communications



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Waste Management (BWM) has selected the recipients of the Green Schools grants and the waste tire recycling grants for 2014. These annual solid waste grants are awarded to municipalities and school districts across the state. This year, the grants totaled more than \$586,000.

"Promoting and fostering environmental stewardship is a state-wide commitment," said KDHE Secretary Robert Moser, M.D. "By rewarding these municipalities and school districts throughout Kansas for their innovation and hard work, we can ensure that our children are participating in a project that sparks a lifelong interest in conservation."

Twenty-two Kansas schools were awarded Green Schools grants from the BWM, with awards ranging from \$873.75 to \$4,500. The Green Schools grants totaled \$72,799.02 this year. These grants will fund projects to take place during the 2014-2015 school year and will result in the purchasing of recycling bins, compost programs for cafeteria waste and field trips to community recycling centers. This marks the seventh round of BWM Green Schools grants, which are funded by a \$1 per ton state landfill fee.

More than \$513,000 was awarded in waste tire recycling grants, which goes toward partially funding safe surfacing at playgrounds, tracks and picnic tables and benches made from waste tires. This year's 32 waste tire recycling grants, ranging from \$148.50 to \$147,000, are distributed to recipients across the state. The grants are funded through a 25-cent tax paid on the purchase of new tires.

For more information on KDHE's waste reduction grant awardees, opportunities and application procedures, contact the Bureau of Waste Management at 785-296-1600, or visit www.kdheks.gov/waste. If you are interested in learning more about Kansas Green Schools, visit their website by clicking the Kansas Green Schools logo.

Sara Belfry Named KDHE Director of Communications

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



Sara Belfry has been named as the new Director of Communications at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). She began her position at KDHE on April 14. "Sara will be a great addition to our team," said Robert Moser, M.D., Secretary of KDHE. "Her knowledge of KanCare and the administration's priorities made her an excellent choice for this position."

Belfry recently served as the Deputy Director of Communications for Governor Sam Brownback. Prior to working in the Governor's office she worked as Director of Public Affairs for the Kansas Department on Aging, now the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. She received her degree from the University of Kansas.

"I am excited for this new opportunity to continue serving Kansas," Belfry said. "I look forward to working with everyone at KDHE to improve the health and environment for all Kansans." Belfry replaces Miranda Steele who is now the Director of Communications and Marketing for Sunflower State Health Plan.

Health Homes Preparedness and Planning Tool Update



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

Health Homes for people served by KanCare who have a serious mental illness or a chronic condition including diabetes and asthma will roll out on July 1. Health Homes are designed to provide comprehensive and intensive care coordination for these individuals. It isn't too late to complete your Health Homes Preparedness and Planning Tool. Whether you are planning to be a Health Homes partner, a subcontractor, or you are unclear what your role might be in Health Homes, submit a Health Homes Preparedness and Planning Tool. For more information click the KanCare logo.

Traveling Sugary Drink Display

by *Caroline Stern, Office and Communications Manager
Oral Health Kansas*



Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Displays are available from May onward and reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas. If you would like to make a reservation contact Caroline Stern at cstern@oralhealthkansas.org.

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.

- Southwest Regional Trauma Council on May 14 at St Catherine Hospital, Board Room, Garden City, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 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.

Smart Snacks in Schools - All Foods Sold in School Standards

by *Cheryl Johnson and Jill Ladd, Child Nutrition & Wellness
Kansas State Department of Education*



Beginning July 1, students will be offered healthier food options during the school day as a result of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Smart Snacks in Schools Rule. This rule sets forth nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day. Students will still be able to buy snacks that meet common-sense standards for fat, saturated fat, sugar and sodium, while promoting foods that contain whole grains, low-fat dairy, fruits, vegetables and/or lean protein. The Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards support better health for our kids and echo the good work already taking place in schools across the country. The new standards preserve flexibility for time-honored traditions like fundraisers and bake sales and provide ample transition time for schools. USDA and the Kansas State Department of Education are committed to working closely with students, parents, school stakeholders and the food and beverage industries to implement the new guidelines and make the healthy choice the easy choice for America's young people.

To learn more about the standards participate in a Smart Snacks in Schools Training Webinar offered by the Kansas State Department of Education in July or August. Contact Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org for additional information on the webinar opportunities.



More information about the rule and upcoming standards can be found on the USDA's webpage by clicking on the Smart Snacks Owl or you can call the Child Nutrition & Wellness team at 785-296-2276.



Kansas Public Health History

The common drinking cup was a serious public health issue at the turn of the century. By 1912, most common drinking cups had been banned in Kansas and soon after replaced by "sanitary drinking fountains." In 1926, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) prohibited common drinking cups for workers in the US and required employers to provide potable water in all places of employment.

Accreditation Corner

PHAB to Present Webinar With CSPHS on May 6

from the PHAB website



The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and the [Center for Sharing Public Health Services](#) (CSPHS), will present a one-hour webinar on May 6 titled "Accreditation: How Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Fits into the Picture." Designed for the Center's project sites, it will be open to anyone who has an interest in how public health department accreditation integrates with cross-jurisdictional issues and the use of shared documentation as evidence for the Standards and Measures. The webinar will also present policies and options for health departments that are considering a multi-jurisdictional application for accreditation. The webinar will be held from 11 a.m. - Noon CT. Registration information is posted on the PHAB website. Click the PHAB logo to view.

Deadline Approaching for Standards and Measures, Version 1.0

by PHAB



The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is very proud of [Version 1.5 of the Standards and Measures](#) and believes it is a significant improvement over [Version 1.0](#). However, PHAB recognizes that some health departments have been preparing for accreditation using Version 1.0 and wish to be assessed with that version.

If your health department wants to be assessed with Version 1.0, your health department director must submit your application in e-PHAB by 10:59 p.m. CT, June 2. This will provide sufficient time for PHAB to review the application, the health department to correct any errors noted by PHAB staff and PHAB to conduct the final review and accept the application before July 1. It is necessary to provide 30 days for the application to be reviewed by PHAB and accepted because historically, 53 percent of applications have required a change after the PHAB staff review.

PHAB strongly recommends that health departments wanting to apply under Standards and Measures, Version 1.0 submit their Statement of Intent (SOI) now. That way, the initial step will be complete, the health department will have access to the application form and the health department Accreditation Coordinator and health department director will have time to complete and submit the application before June 2. Receiving health departments' SOIs also assists PHAB in planning its internal workload in order to serve health departments better.

Health departments that submit their applications on June 3 or after will be reviewed and assessed using Version 1.5 of the Standards and Measures. Exceptions to this cut-off date cannot be granted.

Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

2014 National Health Service Corps New Site Application Cycle Now Open - Deadline June 1

from the NHSC website



The 2014 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) New Site Application cycle is now open to those sites that have never been approved as an NHSC site. All completed applications must be submitted by June 1 at 10:59 p.m., CT to be considered for an award. Please refer to the [NHSC's Site Reference Guide](#) for all of the program requirements.

In order to apply to become an NHSC-approved site, a facility must submit an NHSC Site Application through the NHSC's [Customer Service Portal](#). For the upcoming application cycle, only sites that have never been approved as NHSC sites are eligible to apply. Previously approved NHSC sites will have an opportunity to recertify in fall 2014. The NHSC encourages eligible sites to apply as early as possible. On average the site application cycle can take two-three weeks from start to finish.

Before applying to become an NHSC-approved site, please encourage facilities you come in contact with to closely review the [NHSC's Site Reference Guide](#). Please note that all auto-approved sites do not need to apply but must contact NHSC regional office staff found on page two of the "[Resources in Your Community](#)" document to add new sites to the NHSC system of record. Auto-approved site types are listed in the [NHSC's Site Reference Guide](#).

Safe Routes to School 2014 Application Information - Deadline July 18



The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is pleased to announce 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. You can find a copy of the application information by clicking on the KDOT logo.

KHF Recognition Grant Guidelines - Sept. 15



Recognition Grants expand the Kansas Health Foundation's (KHF) support to a broad range of organizations throughout the state. While the majority of the Foundation's funding is through invited proposals, the Recognition Grants program is designed to fund unsolicited requests. It is targeted for organizations and agencies proposing meaningful and charitable projects that fit within the Foundation's mission of improving the health of all Kansans.

In addition to supporting projects, the Foundation also seeks to support initiatives that focus on promoting policy, systems and environmental (PSE) transformations that support health. PSE initiatives that affect all aspects of health, including social factors that contribute to a healthy population may be considered. Funding may be used to support the following activities of the proposed initiative: strategic communication, coalition building, data collection to inform or support an initiative or non-lobbying advocacy actions.

Recognition Grants are grants of up to \$25,000 per organization. Using a competitive process, the Foundation will award as much as \$2 million annually to Recognition Grant projects. Application deadline Sept. 15. To learn more click the KHF 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

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 acap@kdheks.gov.

HIV: Women's Perspectives 2014 Conference - May 16

by Michael Pommier, Senior Coordinator for Marketing
KU Area Health Education Center



Registration is still open for the HIV: Women's Perspectives 2014. This year's conference will be held on May 16 at the Kansas City, Mo. Health Department in Kansas City, Mo. The purpose of this conference is to increase the knowledge of HIV health care issues that women face living with this chronic disease.

The brochure with more information regarding this conference can be found by clicking on the image on the left. The deadline to register is May 9. Online registration is available by visiting the [KU Area Health Education Center](http://www.kuareahealtheducationcenter.org).

For more information, contact the KU Area Health Education Center at 620-235-4040. For information regarding the community presentation portion of the conference, please contact Deana Hayes at 816-404-4044.

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



In April the federal government signed into law a bill that requires the federal government to delay the adoption of [ICD-10-CN/PCS until Oct. 1, 2015](#). 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, [KS-TRAIN](#) 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, [KS-TRAIN](#) 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.

Are you a Certified Public Health Professional

from the CDC Learning Commission



The National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) now accepts Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continuing education units (CEU) for Certified Public Health (CPH) recertification. Visit CDC's [TCEOnline](#) to locate courses that offer CEUs. To learn more about becoming certified or for assistance calculating recertification credits, [visit NBPHE](#).

Packaging and Shipping Laboratory Training Update

by Laura Ross, State Training Coordinator

Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories, KDHE

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, [KS-TRAIN](#) Course ID 1048174. The CDC online course is the pre-requisite for a supplemental course, KHEL: Preparing Clinical Specimens Related to Chemical or Biological Exposure Using Evidence Control Measures, [KS-TRAIN](#) Course ID 1050287. The new KHEL course is up and ready for viewing. Contact Laura Ross at lrross@kdheks.gov with questions.

Washburn University School of Nursing Launches Online RN to BSN Program

by Jeanne Catanzaro

Program Director, Washburn University



Washburn University School of Nursing is pleased to announce the opening of an entirely online RN to BSN program slated to go live in late July. This innovative program has been designed with best practice in online learning in mind providing the working RN with flexibility and affordable tuition. Course construction is based on the adult learner who has foundational knowledge with full-time and part-time program options.

Registered Nurses interested in this exciting opportunity to become a BSN, can contact Jeanne Catanzaro, Program Director and Advisor, at 913-723-1031 for further information. For a complimentary transcript review, send unofficial copies by email to RNBSN@washburn.edu or fax to 785-670-1032. To begin the application process, click the Washburn University logo then click on Undergraduate Programs. Scholarships and financial assistance are available to qualified applicants.

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

by Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN Administrator, Local Health Program

Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



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.

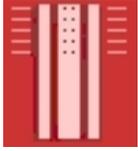
At the conclusion of this education activity learners will be able to:

- Relate the scope of asthma in the US and Kansas
- 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.

Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

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Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP) is pleased to share exciting news about the recent [Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum](#) update. As oral health is a natural forum for interprofessional education and practice, the Smiles for Life Steering Committee has integrated content related to the [Core Competencies](#) for Interprofessional (IP) Collaborative Practice (IPEC) in each of the 8 Smiles for Life modules. Module 1, [The Relationship of Oral to Systemic Health](#), includes IP module objectives and content about the IPEC competencies. Each module has an IP case study dedicated to teach and reinforce the oral health focus of each module. An IP Tool Kit is located under the Resources tab with links to national and international IP organizations and their open access classroom and clinical materials. We invite you to use the Smiles for Life link on our [OHNEP website](#) to access the pioneering addition to this important interprofessional curriculum.

APHA in New Orleans-Come for the Annual Meeting - Nov. 15 - 19

from the APHA website



The American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition will be held Nov. 15-19, in New Orleans, La. Come experience the largest public health gathering in the world and network with more than 12,000 individuals who are passionate about public health. Attendees will hear from industry leaders on the latest research and emerging issues. Sessions will cover all topics of public health, including the theme, "Healthography: How where you live affects your health and well-being." Whether you are new to the field of public health or a seasoned veteran there is something for you. Don't miss the [APHA 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition](#), registration opens June 3.



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

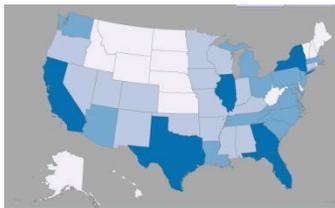
Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems



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 Tues. of the month. The May call will be held the Tuesday after Memorial Day, May 29. To view minutes from the monthly calls click the KDHE logo.

Grant Funding Profiles Tool



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released FY 2013 funding data and summaries in its [Grant Funding Profiles Tool](#). The tool provides quick access to information on CDC funding provided to recipients in states, the District of Columbia and territories to address issues of public health importance. These investments include funding provided to state and local health departments, universities and other public and private agencies for a variety of public health programs. New for the FY 2013 data set: (1) methodology was modified to categorize projects more strictly by CDC budget line and (2) sequestration was a new budgetary factor. CDC's Office of the Chief Financial Officer coordinates the reporting of these resources.

National and State Healthcare Associated Infections Progress Report



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the [National and State Healthcare-Associated Infections Progress Report](#), which summarizes national and state-specific surveillance data from the National Healthcare Safety Network. The report shows overall progress in reducing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), but also discusses some infection types where challenges remain. CDC also published results from the [Multistate Point-Prevalence Survey of Healthcare-Associated Infections](#), which estimates and characterizes the significant burden of HAIs in hospitalized patients. These reports highlight the need for enhanced efforts to address patient safety issues, including antibiotic resistance; the FY 2015 president's budget requests \$30 million for CDC's [Detect and Protect Against Antibiotic Resistance](#) initiative.

Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease



The American College of Cardiology's 63rd Annual Scientific Session, the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention released a new report, [Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke: Ten-Year Update](#). It recommends a new framework for individuals, organizations and agencies to collaboratively achieve national goals for preventing heart disease and stroke. The plan includes contributions from more than 100 national public health leaders and organizations.

How States are Tackling "Health Disparities"



The Pew Charitable Trusts' Stateline news service has published a new article on what states are doing to address health disparities. Interpreters, educational programs and cultural competency are all part of states' efforts to eliminate health disparities between populations. The article discusses the importance of data, strategies and social determinants of health, as well as proposed health disparities measures from numerous states. Click the Pew Charitable Trusts logo to read more.

Emerging Priorities in Workforce Development



Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) staff, in collaboration with the de Beaumont Foundation, have published a paper in the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, "[Thinking Beyond the Silos: Emerging Priorities in Workforce Development for State and Local Government Public Health Agencies](#)." The paper reports on the results of Phase I of the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey project, which aims to assess the priorities, needs and characteristics of the governmental public health workforce.

Applying a Health Lens to Decision Making Health Improvement



The Institute of Medicine (IOM) Roundtable on Population Health Improvement has released a summary from its workshop "[Applying a Health Lens to Decision Making in Non-Health Sectors](#)." The fall 2013 workshop was held to foster cross-sector dialogue and considered opportunities for and barriers to, improving the conditions for health in the course of achieving other sectors' objectives, such as economic development and efficient public transit. Areas of discussion were the importance of health impact assessments, Health in All Policies, how social policies shape health and highlights from federal, state and local agencies' work. There has been increasing dialogue on incorporating a health perspective in policies, programs and projects outside the health field, including a [2011 IOM report](#) that calls for government and the private sector to adopt approaches that look for shared benefits.

ASTHO Immunization Resource Guide



The newly released [ASTHO Immunization Resource Guide](#) highlights more than 60 innovative best practices among state and territorial health departments. This guide describes strategies public health departments are using to address vaccine finance issues; improve immunization rates among children, adolescents, adults and healthcare providers; build immunization infrastructure; and improve uptake of immunization registries. The guide features the impressive work of state and territorial health departments and serves as a valuable resource when considering potential successful methods to increase access to vaccine and rates of vaccination.

Conditions of Participation and Conditions for Coverage for Medicare and Medicaid Providers



The American Hospital Association (AHA) has provided guidance for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed emergency preparedness Conditions of Participation and Conditions for Coverage for Medicare and Medicaid providers. AHA submitted comments that provided general support for the framework to strengthen readiness but also provided suggestions to reduce confusion or administrative burden and recommendations to re-evaluate the cost estimates associated with the implementation and time frame for compliance. Specifically, AHA submitted [comments](#) that encouraged CMS to consider five guiding principles:

- Align policies with existing standards
- Define leadership roles for community planning
- Accept an integrated approach to emergency planning
- Collaborate to develop interpretive guidance
- Balance implementation and compliance with education

FDA Proposes to Extend its Tobacco Authority



The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) [released](#) a proposed rule that would extend the agency's authority to cover additional types of tobacco products, such as electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, certain dissolvables that are not smokeless tobacco, nicotine gels and waterpipe tobacco. The proposed rules would prevent minors from purchasing these products and prohibit sales in vending machines (unless in facilities never open to youth) and distribution as free samples. The proposed rules also require health warning labels. The proposed regulations would not preempt efforts taken by states to restrict access to youth and do not include a ban on flavors in e-cigarettes and cigars or restrictions on the marketing of e-cigarettes. Public comments on the proposed rule will be accepted for 75 days beginning April 25. A date for issuance of a final rule has not been announced. Click the FDA logo to view the proposed rule.

New Toolbox for Evidence-Based Intervention Strategies



A new toolbox is available to help public health practitioners and community-based organizations apply evidence-based intervention strategies from the Community Preventive Services Task Force. The [Community Guide Toolbox](#) contains more than 20 tools for putting the recommendations found in The Community

Guide into practice. These tools can help public health professionals conduct assessments and evaluations, engage stakeholders, execute a project plan and create successful community-based programs. Along with [The Community Guide website](#), the toolbox provides specific guidance for putting evidence-based programs, services and policies to work.

Job Openings

Harvey County Health Department

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

- [Community Health Nurse](#)



Johnson County Health Department

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

- [ACT Clinician](#)
- [Laboratory Supervisor](#)
- [Registered Nurse – on call](#)



Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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

- [Health Facility Surveyor](#)



Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

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

- [Clinic Office Supervisor](#)



Lyon County Health Department

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

- [Dentist](#)
- [Family Physician or APRN](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [WIC Administrative Clerk](#)



Mitchell County Health Department

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

- [Health Department Administrator](#)



Pottawatomie County Health Department

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

- [Public Health Nurse](#)



Reno County Health Department

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

- [Certified Home Health Aide](#)
- [Maternal Child Health Social Worker](#)



Riley County Health Department

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

- [Nursing Supervisor](#)



Shawnee County Health Department

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

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



Wyandotte County Health Department

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

- [Nurse Practitioner](#)



Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

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[KanCare Advisor](#)

[Kansas Environmental News](#)

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

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