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Move Across Kansas Kick's Off July 1

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment launched the [Move Across Kansas](#) program for all Kansans on July 1. KDHE's program is based on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) employee fitness program of the same name. The State of Kansas' Move Across Kansas program started on the heels of the Governor's Weight Loss Challenge with the purpose of helping participants maintain a fitness routine. Under this program, KDHE encourages Kansans to exercise a minimum of 30 minutes at

least five days a week and log their time into the Move Across Kansas website.

Move Across Kansas boasts a map and route across the state for virtual travels, and each participant selects an icon to represent his or her progress on the map. Participants will enter their daily exercise time [online](#) at the Move Across Kansas website to move along a different route every month. Each participant can receive credit for up to 60 minutes of exercise each day. An exercise routine including a minimum of 30 minutes a day, five days a week will equate to "completing" the monthly route (600 total minutes).

No matter the type of physical activities, adults are encouraged to exercise at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week. Move Across Kansas is intended to be a year-round program, encouraging participants to track their exercise time and move "virtually" across the state. To learn more and register, click the Move Across Kansas logo above.

In the Spotlight - Sedgwick County Health Department Noted as a Shining STAR

Becky Tuttle, Division Director

Sedgwick County Health Department



The National Association of Chronic Disease Director's State Technical Assistance and Review (STAR) Program offers technical assistance to state, Commonwealth, territorial and local health departments as they develop, implement and evaluate effective chronic disease programs. STAR combines self-study, on-site expert review, and recommendations for improvement and integration to increase program effectiveness and efficiency. The

assessment addresses the core components of a successful health department chronic disease prevention and control program, including: leadership, epidemiology and surveillance, informatics/information systems, partnerships, state plans, targeted interventions, evaluation, program management and administration, and program integration.

The Sedgwick County Health Department Health Promotion Program was nominated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to participate in STAR and Kansas was the first state in the nation to be involved in the process. The Sedgwick County Health Department is the first local health department in the nation to be involved in the STAR Program!

Public Health and Primary Care Convene Conversation to Impact Population Health in Kansas

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

A June summit hosted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Community Health Systems kicked off a statewide discussion among 85 health leaders of integrating primary care and public health. [Click here](#) for information on the meeting and a [link to the slides](#) from keynote presenter, Bruce Bagley, MD, Interim President and CEO of TransforMED.

Impacting Population Health: Regional Listening Sessions



by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

Kansas, along with many national and regional organizations, is exploring options to improve health in communities through increasing collaborative relationships between primary care providers and public health. Successful models of integration share common goals of improving population health, involving the community in defining and addressing needs, relying on strong leadership across disciplines and sharing data and analysis.

Please join the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) and partner organizations for this important conversation, which is designed to bring together individuals to:

- Provide information about potential opportunities in cross-sector collaboration
- Explore current integrated delivery system examples in Kansas communities
- Discuss potential opportunities and perceived challenges

Dr. Robert Moser, a family physician serving as the State Health Officer and Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, will attend each session to provide comments and rationale for this discussion. Collaborative cross-sector work underway in Kansas communities will be highlighted, challenges and opportunities will be discussed, and participants will receive answers to their questions.

We hope to see you at one of the following locations from 5:00-8:30 p.m. (dinner will be provided)

- Mon., July 8 – Garden City, Clarion Inn
- Tues., July 16 – Salina, Courtyard by Marriott
- Thurs., Aug. 1 – Colby, City Limits Convention Center
- Tues., Aug. 6 – Topeka, Ramada Inn Convention Center

There is no charge to participate, pre-registration is required on [KS-TRAIN](#) Course ID 1044011. Space is limited so register early. For more information contact Jane Shirley, Local Public Health Director at 785-296-6549 or <mailto:jshirley@kdheks.gov>.

KDHE Appoints Vandeveld as New STI/HIV Section Chief



*by Brenda Walker, Director
Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention, KDHE*

It is with great pleasure and pride that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announces that Jennifer L. Vandeveld has accepted the responsibilities associated with the position of Sexually Transmitted Infections-Human Immunodeficiency Virus (STI/HIV) Section Chief in the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention. She has performed the duties of STI Section Chief for the past year before accepting the combined appointment of both the Sexually Transmitted Infections Program activities as well as those associated with the HIV/AIDS Program. Vandeveld's organizational ability and technological foresight catapulted the STI Program through her innovative managerial techniques and KDHE anticipates with her at the helm, both programs will attain the direction it needs to continue the forward movement through the changing demands of our grantors; as we are required to work smarter with automated resources to assure our products are effective, efficient and timely.

Bureau of Community Health Systems Welcomes New Team Member



by Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

Ashley Muninger joined the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Rural Health Program, as a Rural Health Program Analyst this past June. Muninger had worked in the Bureau of Health Promotion as a health educator and, most recently, as the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Manager. Muninger has a Bachelor's of Science degree in health promotion and a Masters in Science degree in health and physical education.

Notice of Meetings on KanCare Demonstration Amendment

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The State of Kansas, Department of Health & Environment (KDHE), intends to seek an amendment to the KanCare Section 1115 demonstration (11-W-00283/7) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The full public notice, which describes the proposed amendment in more detail, is available by clicking on the KanCare logo.

KDHE plans to request CMS approval for three changes to KanCare, effective January 1, 2014. First, KDHE will ask CMS for approval to provide long term supports and services (LTSS) to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities through the KanCare managed care plans. Under the current waiver, these services are carved out from managed care and paid on a fee-for-service basis. Second, KDHE will ask CMS to approve three new pilot programs designed to support Kansans who might otherwise be enrolled in Medicaid: (1) a Social Security Alternative Pilot; (2) a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Employment Support Pilot; and (3) a Health Account Pilot. Third, KDHE will ask CMS to postpone implementation of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Pool of funds by one year, so that it will begin in demonstration year 3 (2015) instead of demonstration year 2 (2014).

KDHE will hold two public meetings to solicit comments on the KanCare amendment:

- July 15 at 2 p.m.
Wichita State University Metroplex, Multipurpose Room
5015 E. 29th Street N
Wichita
- July 16 at 10 a.m.
Downtown Ramada, Madison Ball Room
420 SE 6th Street
Topeka

The State is also making teleconference access available for the July 16 meeting. The participant dial in number for the event will be 866-491-3158.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in either meeting. Requests for accommodation should be made at least two working days in advance of the meeting by contacting KanCare@kdheks.gov or by calling Rita Haverkamp at 785-296-5107.

Comments on this proposed demonstration amendment can be emailed to KanCare@kdheks.gov, or mailed to ATTN: Rita Haverkamp, KDHE-DHCF, 900 SW Jackson, Room 900, Topeka, 66612. KDHE will be accepting public comments until July 29.

Kansas Water Office Provides 2013 Drought Update

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The Kansas Water Office (KWO) Drought Update for June 14, 2013 is now available on their website. The Climate and Drought Update is produced at least monthly as a climate summary to reflect conditions in the State. When conditions warrant, updates will be posted more frequently. To view this drought update, click the KWO logo. Please contact Diane Coe at the Kansas Water Office 785- 296-3185 or diane.coe@kwo.ks.gov

should you have any questions or suggestions on the report.

KDHE Utilizing EpiTrax to Monitor Elevated Blood Lead Levels

by Farah Ahmed, Environmental Health Officer

Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE



During the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) June public health conference call Charlie Hunt, State Epidemiologist informed the audience on the state agency's implementation of tracking elevated blood lead levels through the EpiTrax surveillance system. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) receives a copy of all blood lead laboratory reports for children and adults tested in the state. Currently, if a child has a test result of 10 µg/dL or greater, a case is created in EpiTrax and the lead lab results are entered. Results for all adults are entered into EpiTrax, regardless of whether the level was elevated or not.

KDHE would like to make these lead lab results available to Local Health Departments (LHDs) so that they can see the cases of elevated children and adults in their jurisdictions. Similar to the way cases of infectious disease are assigned and accessed in EpiTrax, LHDs will only be able to access information for residents of their jurisdictions. The extent to which cases are managed will likely depend on the resources of the individual health

departments but KDHE will now make the information readily available. This effort will entail identifying the person or persons in each LHD responsible for environmental health disease investigation. If these persons do not currently have access to EpiTrax, they can contact the EpiTrax Administrator at epitraxadmin@kdheks.gov for set up and training.

In an ongoing effort to address the public health impact of blood lead poisoning, KDHE is establishing partnerships with Children's Mercy Hospital, the Kansas Poison Control Center, and the University of Kansas Hospital to provide technical assistance to local health departments and physicians managing cases of blood lead poisoning. For any questions regarding blood lead surveillance, please contact Farah Ahmed at fahmed@kdheks.gov.

Invitation for Requests to Participate as a Rural Health Systems Pilot Community

by Jeff Gamber, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund



The Kansas Rural Health Systems Improvement Pilot Project (KRHSIPP) invites you to learn more about this opportunity to improve Kansas Rural Health systems. This is not a typical Request for Proposals, but rather an invitation for interested communities to request participation in a pilot program through which they will develop proposals to improve rural health systems of care.

Representatives of communities with potential interest are encouraged to see the "[Application Process](#)" section of this site to find out about the next steps required, including participation in a required webinar which will explain the project in more depth and offer an opportunity to discuss projects and questions. To learn more and how to register for the webinar, click the KRHSIPP logo.

Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Making the Case for Laws that Improve Health - Deadline July 24



The Public Health Law Research (PHLR) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that seeks to build the evidence for and strengthen the use of regulatory, legal and policy solutions to improve public health. PHLR is equally interested in identifying and improving laws and legal practices that unintentionally harm health. Multiple awards of up to \$150,000 each for short-term studies will be awarded to select applicants. Nonprofit organizations based in the United States or its territories are eligible to apply. For more information click the RWJF logo.

Nutrition Education Curriculum and Sub-Grant Funds Available - Deadline Aug 31



from the Kansas State Department of Education Child Nutrition and Wellness Newsletter

Kansas Team Nutrition (KTN) is actively working to promote health education programs to support schools' wellness policy goals and is accepting applications for program materials and mini-grant funding for the following programs. Applications due Aug. 31.

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 sub-grant funding in the amount of \$5 per student.

Power Up! This 8-week health education program curriculum for middle school students includes sub-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. Sub-grant funding in the amount of \$100 per participating school is available.

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

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, Im-

pacts and Consequences of Limited Health Literacy, Education and Training, Health Systems Interventions and Methodology and Research Technology Development.

Deadline is Sept. 25 and it 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.

HealthierUS School Challenge Training Mini-Grants

from the Kansas State Department of Education Child Nutrition and Wellness Newsletter

The Kansas Health Foundation and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), Child Nutrition & Wellness Program are providing the opportunity for 50 schools to receive \$2,000 in training mini-grants to act as an incentive to apply for the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) and to help provide training to staff.



Schools who choose to apply for the training mini-grant will commit to working towards applying for the HUSSC or advancing towards the next award level if already a recognized HUSSC award winning school over the next two school years. Using these funds schools can provide training opportunities to applicable staff (school foodservice, physical education teachers, and staff involved in teaching nutrition education) that will assist the school in working towards meeting updated HUSSC criteria. For more information, including the appli-

cation, go to the School Nutrition Programs, [What's New page](#) on the KSDE website or click the [HealthierUS School Challenge Training Mini Grant](#) title link.

Developing Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents - Ongoing



The Healthy Habits Small Grant Program funds research that identifies mechanisms of influence and/or promotes positive sustainable health behaviors in children and youth. Positive health behaviors may include practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced diet and engaging in physical activity while applications to promote these behaviors should target social and cultural factors such as schools, families and communities.

Awards of up to \$50,000 a year for two years will be available. Eligible organizations include public and private institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, government agencies and faith-based or community-based organization. Contact the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more information and to apply for funding by clicking the NIH logo.

Training and Conference Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Menthol in Tobacco Products - What Local Health Departments Can Do - July 9



Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) presents a webinar focusing on with experts from the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium who will discuss what local health department can do to press the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to take bold action while also considering local policy options to address the devastating public health impact of menthol in tobacco products.

Tobacco companies add flavors to their products to mask the harsh taste of tobacco, making it easier for young people to start smoking. That's why Congress banned the sale of flavored cigarettes in 2009. But Congress made one exception to the flavor ban, deferring action on the most popular of all flavors, menthol, and directing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to decide whether continued sale of menthol cigarettes is "appropriate for public health." To register for this webinar click the MAPP logo.

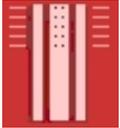
NACCHO Annual 2013 Conference - July 10-12



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will be holding this year's conference in Dallas, TX, July 10-12. The conference will provide an interactive setting for local health officials and their public health partners from around the country to examine strategies, share ideas and plan actions for sustaining or reinventing their organizations. To register or learn

more about this conference click the NACCHO logo.

Oral Health Kansas Partners on Oral Health and Pregnancy Workshops - July 10-29



A healthy pregnancy is essential for a healthy baby. When the mother has a healthy mouth, the newborn baby starts out on a path to be free of cavities. Teeth for Two workshops provide current, evidence-based information that home visitors, health care providers, social workers and others can use with confidence. Click the Oral Health Kansas logo to see times, contact information and registration dates.

- Johnson County, July 10
- Pittsburg, July 15
- Wyandotte County, July 16
- Hutchinson, July 19
- Dodge City, July 23
- Garden City, July 24
- Lawrence, July 26
- Holton, July 29

Kansas Green Schools and Environmental Education Conference - July 25-27



Join Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) for an educational adventure in the heart of the Flint Hills. Get inspired as keynote speaker Stephen Ritz describes how his school garden grows student jobs, academic excellence, and better health. Network with teachers, school staff, natural resource professionals, community-based educators and all who work to expand opportunities for children and

adults to learn about and experience nature. This conference will be held in Newton, KS, on July 25-27. To learn more click on the KACEE logo.

2013 Kansas Preparedness Summit Brings Volunteer Community Together - July 26-27

*by Devan Tucking-Strickler, Human Services Officer
Kansas Division of Emergency Management*



This year's 2013 Kansas Preparedness Summit will be held on July 26-27 in Wichita and is provided in partnership with the Kansas Medical Reserve Corps, Kansas State Animal Response Team, Kansas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), Kansas Citizen Corps and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM).

The summit will provide training for voluntary organizations active in disasters, animal response professionals, veterinarians, emergency management professionals, human services professionals, public health and citizens. Topics include whole community preparedness, psychological first aid, citizen preparedness, poison control, points of distribution operations, volunteer engagement, grant writing, Super Storm Sandy, weather risk, warning complacency and much more.

Registration is free. Hotel rooms are available on a limited basis by contacting Devan Tucking-Strickler at devan.n.tucking.nfg@mail.mil. Registration will close on July 10. Click the KDEM logo to learn more and register for the summit.

Kansas Youth Suicide Prevention Statewide Summit - July 30-31



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Forward thinking. World ready.

The Kansas Youth Suicide Prevention (KYSP) will be hosting their first statewide conference July 30-31, on the campus of Fort Hays State University (FHSU). Plan to join your peers for engaging and thought-provoking workshops that will give you more tools to use in your critically important work. KYSP will also introduce a number of resources

for you to draw upon. To register, click the FHSU logo.

Kansas Evidence-Based Public Health Course - August 5-8

*by Ginger Park, Communications Manager
Bureau of Health Promotion, (KDHE)*

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Health Promotion is offering training on the use of evidence-based public health interventions for local and state public health professionals. The training is a four-day course that will be offered in both Kansas City and Wichita on Aug. 5 - 8.

Applied use of evidence-based interventions at the state and local levels is critical to achieving successful public health outcomes, a skilled and adaptable workforce and more efficient and effective use of resources. As local health departments prepare for public health accreditation, the topics, techniques and tools provided through this course will enhance current understanding of principles of health assessment, improvement planning and evaluation.

The Kansas Evidence-Based Public Health course will include the following topics: selecting evidence-based interventions, action plans for results, quantitative evaluation, using qualitative data, prioritizing program and policy options and the economics of prevention.

This course is provided in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Medicine and the St. Louis Prevention and Research Center (PRC). Adapted from the PRC's highly regarded Evidence-Based Public Health Course, the Kansas course features state specific data, insight from successful Kansas initiatives and guidance from instructors who practice public health in Kansas.

This course is ideal for tier two and tier three public health professionals. Register through [KS-TRAIN](#) course ID 1044092. Complete the application form linked to the TRAIN course registration button and submit to healthpromotion@kdheks.gov by July 19. Continuing education credit will be offered.

Ninth Annual Working Well Conference, Rules of Engagement - August 19-20



The Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita (HWCW) presents the 9th Annual Working Well Conference on Aug. 20 at the Wichita Hyatt Hotel. Rules of Engagement will be the conference focus featuring fresh content and renewed inspiration. A pre-conference workshop focused around communicating wellness will be held on Aug. 19. Space is limited for the pre-conference workshop, so don't delay your registration. To learn more click the HWCW logo.

Save the Date - Sept. 17-19



The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) 2013 Fall Conference will be held Sept. 17-19 at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita. Registration for this year's big event will be announced soon. Click the KPHA log for more information.

ASTHO Annual Meeting - Sept. 18-20



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Annual Meeting and Policy Summit will be held in Orlando, FL on Sept. 18-20. This year's summit will present conversation to address strategic public health and leadership issues. For more information and how to register for this meeting, click the ASTHO logo.

NICHD SIDS Risk-Reduction Curriculum for Nurses



The National Institutes of Child Health and Human development (NICHD) is providing a free program that provides nurses with the most current and accurate information to communicate risk factors and answer parents' questions about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Nurses who successfully complete the course will earn 1.1 contact hours of continuing education credit. To learn more click on the NICHD logo.

Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Archived Sessions Available on TRAIN



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

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the University of Kansas (KU) Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and Area Health Education Centers are making available the *Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds series as Archived Webcasts* via TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> for Kansas learners or www.train.org for national learners. Click the KU logo to download the archived grand round session information.

To learn more about the live Kansas Public Health Grand Round Sessions webinars and how your organization can participate contact the KU Medical Center, Area Health Education Centers at ksphgr@kumc.edu or call, 620-235-4040. The live session registration announcement will be in the Aug. issue of Public Health Connections.

News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Public Health Emergency - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)



Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius recently signed a declaration that circumstances exist to justify an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) so that HHS agencies can take additional Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV, formerly called "novel coronavirus") preparedness measures. The secretary's declaration is a necessary first step in the legal and regulatory process that allows the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to swiftly authorize the use of new laboratory diagnostic test kits designed to detect MERS-CoV. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) will share the MERS-CoV test kit domestically with qualified laboratories. The EUA does not indicate that an actual public health emergency exists in the United States. At this time, there are no reported cases of MERS-CoV in the U.S. Because this is a new type of coronavirus, FDA had not previously developed and cleared a specific diagnostic kit. CDC released a summary and key points about MERS-CoV on May 28. More information about MERS-CoV, including the latest case counts, is [available on CDC's website](#).

World Hepatitis Day - July 28th



Viral hepatitis is the leading cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer worldwide. Approximately 1 in 12 persons, or around 500 million people, have chronic viral hepatitis and most of them do not know they are infected. World Hepatitis Day is recognized annually on July 28th, the birthday of Dr. Baruch Blumberg (1925-2011). Dr. Blumberg discovered the hepatitis B virus in 1967 and two years later developed the first hepatitis B vaccine and for these achievements won the Nobel Prize. To learn more click the World Hepatitis Day logo.

National Preparedness Report



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its partners released the [2013 National Preparedness Report](#), an annual status report on the nation's progress toward reaching the national preparedness goal of a secure and resilient nation. Overall, the report found that the nation continues to make progress building preparedness in key areas and identified several significant areas of national strength. The report also identified areas for national improvement in enhancing the resilience of infrastructure systems and maturing the role of public-private partnerships.

The Role of Small and Rural Hospitals and Care Systems



A new [guide](#) from the American Hospital Association's Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence initiative and the Association for Community Health Improvement seeks to help small and rural hospitals develop effective community partnerships to improve population health. The report notes that rising health costs and the demand for quality outcomes lead to value-based payment models that are focused on better population health management. According to the report, "These market dynamics, along with new care delivery models and payment reform, are challenging hospitals and health care systems to develop population health approaches focused on prevention, improved chronic disease management and wellness activities. Hospitals and care systems that engage the community prepare themselves to meet these opportunities."

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Grantees Announced by KSDE



from the Kansas State Department of Education Child Nutrition and Wellness Newsletter

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program that provides grants to elementary schools for the purpose of serving additional fresh fruits and vegetables to students at times other than breakfast or lunch. For school year 2013-14, 166 elementary schools will be awarded FFVP grants totaling over two million dollars. Grant funds will be used to pay the cost of the FFVP food, supplies, labor and program administration. These grants will directly benefit approximately 52,400 Kansas students. A list of the 2013-14 FFVP Grantees can be found by clicking the fruits and vegetables image above.

Summer Nutrition Success - 105 Sponsors and 371 Sites!



from the Kansas State Department of Education Child Nutrition and Wellness Newsletter

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides reimbursement to approved sites for serving healthy meals and snacks to children ages one-18 during the summer months. A listing of all Kansas SFSP sites, including addresses and meal times is available. To find a meal site nearest you, click the sunflower image on the left. If you have questions about SFSP, contact your consultant or call 785-296-2276.

ICD 10 Diagnosis Code Set to be Implemented into Practice Oct. 2014



By Oct. 2014, every healthcare provider or business covered by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is required to switch their medical coding from International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-9 to ICD-10 - the [new standard diagnosis code set](#). This new requirement will affect every organization that files a Medicare/Medicaid or private insurance claim.

The, "International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition," (or ICD-10 for short), is an updated code set for medical diagnosis and procedures. ICD-9 is beginning to show its age and is not able to keep up with where health care practices are trending. The new code sets are updated from the previous version to include new terminology and classification of diseases. In practice, ICD-10 will prove to be logically organized, more detailed/specific, and most importantly, more accurate than anything to come before.

Though the transition to the new coding standards may be hard and require intense planning and training, ICD-10 should have a strong, positive impact overall. There are two key parts to this transition: replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 and replacing 4010/4010A1 standards with HIPAA 5010 standards for medical transactions. To learn more click on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services logo above.

Living with Type 2 Diabetes



The American Diabetes Association's (ADA) Living with Type 2 Diabetes program provides a year of details information in English and Spanish about diabetes management and healthy lifestyles. The program offers education, guidance and support to help people who are newly diagnosed manage their diabetes and improve their lives. To enroll click the ADA logo.

Quality Health Education Resources for Diverse Populations



Ohio State University, Wexner Medical Center, Mount Carmel, Central Ohio Hospital Council, Ohio Health and Nationwide Children's Hospital partnered together to provide resources for diverse populations. Health Information Translations developed an education resource in multiple languages for health care professionals and others to use in their communities. Resources are easy to read and culturally appropriate. To utilize this resource click the Information Translations logo.

America's 50 Healthiest Counties for Kids



Part of the U.S. News Best Children's Hospital 2013-2014 report highlights communities that are safe and child-friendly. This report highlights county-level assessment of how health and environmental factors affect the wellbeing of children younger than 18. The report offers data on fewer infant deaths, fewer low-birth-weight babies and deaths from injuries, fewer teen births and fewer children in poverty. Johnson County, KS, ranked 27th with a total score of 85.2 in this report. To learn more click the image on the left.

Resources for Implementing the Community Health Needs Assessment Process



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a new webpage, Resources for Implementing the Community Health Needs Assessment Process, providing resources to be used for community health needs assessments and community health improvement plans related to revised community benefit obligations for public hospitals under the Affordable Care Act. Click the CDC logo to learn more.

Also available is Principles to Consider for the Implementation of a Community Health Needs Assessment Process, authored by Sara Rosenbaum, JD, of The George Washington University (GWU) School of Public Health and Health Services, Department of Health Policy. The report identifies seven guiding principles to inform the implementation community health needs assessments and implementation plans, including those being conducted by nonprofit hospitals. Click the GWU logo to learn more about this report.



Three More Public Health Departments Join the Special Ranks of Those Now Accredited



The public health community celebrated another milestone May 30, when the Public Health Accrediting Board (PHAB) announced it had awarded five-year accreditation to three more public health departments. Accreditation status was awarded to [Polk County Health Department](#) in Balsam Lake, Wis.; [Summit County Combined General Health District](#) in Stow, Ohio; and [Wood County Health Department](#) in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

The decisions bring the number of public health agencies now recognized by PHAB as high-performing health departments to 14. More than 130 health departments are currently preparing to seek national accreditation through the program.

"In this day and age, communities must insist on a strong public health department that works with them to focus on improving health, not just treating disease," Paul K. Halverson, DrPH, FACHE, vice chair of PHAB's Accreditation Committee, said in a June press release announcing the accreditations. "In granting accreditation, PHAB is acknowledging the achievement of these governmental public health agencies as having met the national standards by which all public health agencies can be judged. These accredited health departments represent their communities well in their willingness to be accountable for their performance as a public agency and as a critical partner in protecting and advancing the health of the public."

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 position:

- [Nurse V](#)
- [Women's and Men's Health Program Supervisor](#)



Lyon County Health Department

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

- [LPN](#)



Reno County Health Department

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

- [Assistant Director](#)
- [Public Health Nurse](#)



Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Children's Dental Clinic Program Manager](#)



Shawnee County Health Agency

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

- [Physician](#)

Wyandotte County Health Department

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

- [Nurse Practitioner](#)



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