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NEW ESSENTIAL SERVICES TOOLS

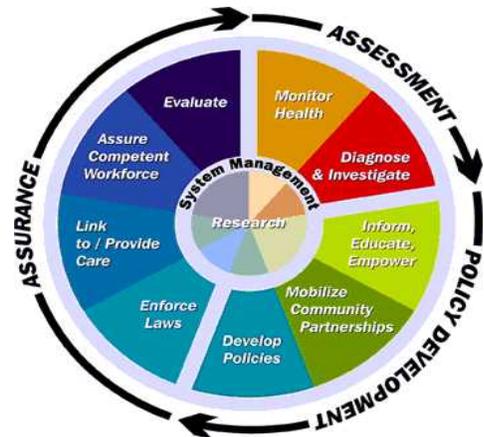
submitted by Linda Frazier

Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE), OLRH

To assist in improving public health in Kansas by meeting the Essential Services and increasing Core Competencies of the public health workforce, Local Health Section of the Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH) has implemented an online support tool. This tool provides public health information and resources to:

1. Increase understanding of Essential Services and Core Public Health Competencies
2. Create job descriptions
3. Develop training plans
4. Begin a Community Health Assessment
5. Complete the National Public Health Performance Assessment Tool
6. Find Kansas public health data
7. Research public health literature

This month, you will be introduced to the tool. A different function will be highlighted in Connections in the next few months. You may view the tool at the Office of Local and Rural Health Home Page: <http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/index.html>. Just click on the Essential Services Wheel. For more information contact Linda Frazier (785) 296-3641 or lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us.



STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

*submitted by Linda Frazier
KDHE, OLRH*



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is conducting a National Profile of Local Health Departments Study during the summer of 2008 to develop a comprehensive and accurate description of local health department infrastructure and practice. For more information go to <http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/profile/index.cfm>.

ONE MILLION SEATS CHECKED FOR PROPER INSTALLATION

*submitted by Cherie Sage and Jan Stegelman
KDHE, Safe Kids*



Statistics show a 25 percent drop in vehicle crash fatalities for children under age five since car seat inspection programs began. Safe Kids Buckle Up, the child passenger safety program of Safe Kids USA sponsored by Chevrolet and General Motors, has reached a milestone no other safety program can claim: one million car seats and booster seats checked for proper installation.

Safe Kids Kansas has been participating in the Buckle Up program since its inception and through our local coalitions have checked a total of 47,246 child safety seats at 1,915 local check up events. "We are so proud to be part of this incredible achievement," said Jan Stegelman, state coordinator for Safe Kids Kansas. "Safe Kids Kansas has many committed volunteers and community partners all dedicated to saving children's lives. We teach parents and caregivers how to secure their children in a vehicle the right way—step by step."

At approximately 30 minutes per inspection, one million car seat inspections represents more than 500,000 volunteer hours—or 57 years for one person working around the clock. The millionth seat was checked on June 12 at an event held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Nearly 200 car seat checkup events are being held at Chevrolet dealerships and community locations throughout the country in celebration of the millionth seat milestone.

Significant progress has been made since 1997 when the program checked its first car seat. Statistics from the National Highway Transportation Administration show a 25 percent drop in vehicle crash fatalities for children under the age of five from 1997 to 2006 (the latest year with available data). More good news has been seen in restraint use. Car seats have saved the lives of an estimated 3,800 children ages zero to four from 1997 to 2006. Of the children in fatal crashes where restraint use was known, 46 percent were unrestrained in 1997. This number decreased to 25 percent in 2006.

The partnership between Safe Kids USA and General Motors is the longest running corporate/nonprofit partnership in history to address safety for children in and around vehicles. In 2004, Chevrolet became the lead brand in the relationship. Safe Kids has more than 600 local coalitions and chapters, staffed mostly by volunteers, who provide injury prevention programs to communities throughout the country free of charge.

"Partnering with Safe Kids Buckle Up allows businesses and organizations to be a strong advocates for child safety in our community and a resource for parents who want to learn more about keeping their children safer around vehicles," said Stegelman. "A million seats isn't the finish line; it's simply a good start." Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages three to 14, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2005, 1,946 children ages 14 and under died and an estimated 234,000 were injured in crashes. However, studies show correctly used child safety seats are extremely effective, reducing the risk of death by as much as 71 percent. But nearly 73 percent of child restraints are not installed



or used correctly. Half of children who die in crashes are completely unrestrained. Safe Kids Buckle Up is a national program developed by Safe Kids USA and sponsored by the General Motors Foundation and Chevrolet to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of protecting children in and around vehicles at all times. Since 1997, the program has inspected one million car seats, donated approximately 365,000 seats to families in need and educated millions of adults and children through programs such as Spot the Tot, Never Leave Your Child Alone and the Automotive Safety Patch program.

In addition, a fleet of more than 130 Mobile Car Seat Checkup Vans serves communities across the United States, more than 450 permanent child safety seat inspections stations are operated by Safe Kids coalitions, and program resources are used to advocate for upgraded child passenger laws in the states.

Safe Kids Kansas, Inc. is a nonprofit Coalition of 67 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children ages zero-14. Local coalitions and chapters are located in Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Clay, Coffey, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Osage, Pottawatomie, Republic, Rice, Riley, Saline, Smith, Shawnee, Wilson and Woodson Counties, as well as the cities of Chanute, Emporia, Leavenworth, Pittsburg, the Wichita Area and the Metro Kansas City Area. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury. The lead agency for Safe Kids Kansas is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. For more information you can contact Cherie Sage at (785) 296-0531 of csage@kdhe.state.ks.us or Jan Stegelman (785) 296-1223 jstegelm@kdhe.state.ks.us or visit their Web site at www.kansassafekids.org.

GREEN MEETINGS

*submitted by Meranda Reifschneider
KDHE, Bureau of Waste Management*

Here are some easy tips you can apply to any meeting to make it more environmentally responsible.

- Put it in writing. Establish an agency or division green policy for meetings and events. Share the policy with attendees, speakers, and others. You'll be amazed at how far they'll go to help you make your event Green.
- Go paperless. Instead of printing handouts for everyone, provide the electronic versions of presentations and handouts by sending them via e-mail, copying them to CDs for those who want them, or by posting them to your website. E-mail the meeting agenda to attendees beforehand so that those who wish to can print a copy to bring. When you must use paper copies, print on both sides of the paper and choose recycled content paper.
- Meet close. Choose a destination with minimal travel requirements for attendees. Shorter distances will result in less environmental impact. Have those who are too far away participate via teleconference.
- Make recycling convenient. See that recycling receptacles are available for paper, beverage containers, etc. and that these are placed in a visible, easy to use location.
- Conserve energy. Utilize natural lighting by opening the blinds or window coverings whenever possible. Be sure to shut off lights and other appliances when you are finished.
- Forget about disposables. Eliminate disposables by providing attendees with reusable coffee mugs or drinking glasses at the start of the meeting or rely on attendees to bring their own. Another option is to switch to the bio-based, compostable cups and dishes. These are now available from the state's office supply contractor. See www.kansasgreenteams.org/green-purchasing for further information.
- Spread the word! Tell others about your success. You'll be surprised - green efforts are contagious.

For more information about green meetings visit <http://www.bluegreenmeetings.org> or see the attached Green Meetings Guide from the National Recycling Coalition.



COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BRIEFS

- Kathy Ryan will be the new public health administrator at Sherman County starting Aug. 21.
- Michelle Correll is retiring from her Administrator position at the Meade County Health Department as of Aug. 1. She asks that emails and correspondence be sent to Barb Johannsen the new Administrator for the agency.
- Pawnee County Health Department (PCHD) recently bid farewell to Elaine Welch with a reception to recognize her 16 years of service to the department. The agency is pleased to announce the hiring of Mitchell Craft as the new Child Care Licensing and Registration Surveyor and Health Educator for Pawnee County Health Department.



Mitchell Craft

Craft has his bachelors of administration in human health performance and health promotion from Fort Hays State University. Holly Corman is the new Healthy Start Home Visitor for PCHD. Corman has her associates degree in elementary education from Newman University, Wichita.

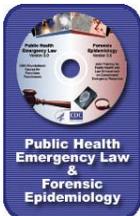


Holly Corman

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LAW AND FORENSIC EPIDEMIOLOGY

The Public Health Law Program of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has just released version three of the Public Health Emergency Law and Forensic Epidemiology training materials on CD-ROM.

These self-contained training packages were developed for use by instructors in any jurisdiction in the United States who provide public health preparedness training to front-line practitioners. Materials include three lecture units with PowerPoint slides, an interactive case study and a Course Manager's Guide. Notes for instructors and other supplemental information are also included. To order a free CD-ROM, visit www2.cdc.gov/phlp/phel.asp.



1918 INFLUENZA INFORMATION

The Influenza Pandemic occurred in three waves in the United States throughout 1918 and 1919. Learn more about the pandemic, along with the Nation's health and the medical care system and how they were affected. Also, take a glance at some people who fought the Influenza in the United States.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released an online resource that explains the circumstances and history of the 1918 influenza pandemic. Nurses and doctors attempted, often unsuccessfully, to protect themselves from influenza. "The Great Pandemic: the United States in 1918-1919" is available at <http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/index.htm>.

PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

KDHE's Office of Local and Rural Health will be partnering with the Kansas University Medical Center – Wichita, Masters in Public Health program for the next Public Health Certificate Program (CPH). Planning is taking place now for an exciting learning opportunity. Classes will begin January of 2009, and will rotate between Topeka and Wichita with two day sessions every other month for one year. Look for more details this Fall in Public Health Connections. For more information contact Linda Frazier (785) 296-3641 or lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us.



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's largest medical library. The collections stand at more than NINE million items--books, journals, technical reports, manuscripts, microfilms, photographs and images.



For 125 years, the Library published the Index Medicus®, a monthly subject/author guide to articles in 4000 journals. This information is available in the database MEDLINE®, the major component of PubMed®, freely accessible via the World Wide Web. PubMed has more than 16 million MEDLINE journal article references and abstracts going back to the mid-1960's with another 1.5 million references back to the early 1950's. Other databases provide information on monographs (books), audiovisual materials, and on such specialized subjects as toxicology, environmental health, and molecular biology. Through the Web at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov> some 900 million searches of MEDLINE are done each year by health professionals, scientists, librarians, and the public. There are increasing links between article references and full text, and a new service called PubMed Central allows free access to a central repository of journal articles. The NLM has created a special Web site, [MedlinePlus](#), to link the general public to many sources of consumer health information.

CORE COMPETENCIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice has refined and updated the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals, based on recommendations from Council members and the public. The new draft (image left) includes changes in both content and phrasing and aims to address issues raised in the seven years since the Core Competencies were first released. The Council welcomes public comments on the updated Core Competencies.

... *Some concerns have been expressed about the proposed changes in the competencies. Please review the new draft version and provide your comments on the Web site. The final results will depend on what they hear from all of us!Linda Frazier*

HIV COUNSELING, TESTING, AND REFERRAL UPDATE COURSE FOR 2008

*submitted by the Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention Section
KDHE*



The required "HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Update Course for 2008" is now available online at the KSTrain website, <http://ks.train.org>, course # 1013855. All HIV/AIDS counselors must complete this course no later than December 31. If a counselor fails to complete the course, they will be required to repeat the initial certification process. There is no charge for the course, it is entirely self-paced, and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. You do not need to notify the HIV/AIDS Prevention Section at the Kansas Department of Health & Environment when you have taken and passed the course as the website tracks records of the training. Contact Randy Burd if you have any questions, (785) 296-6174 or rburd@kdhe.state.ks.us.

NEW TRAIN COURSE LISTINGS

*submitted by Debbie Nickels RN, BSN
KS-TRAIN Administrator*

Open a new web-browser, add <http://ks.train.org>, log-in, click the course links. Forgotten your ID and password? Contact the helpdesk@kdhe.state.ks.us or call (785) 296-5655. Print the Quick Guide icon for general TRAIN user information.



1. Non-train Event: [Emerging Trends - Session #4](#)
2. [HIV Prevention and Behavior Change Counseling Strategies \(#1010734\)](#) (CourseID = 1010734) SessionID = 19736. Session Time Zone: CT

Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
8/21	8:00 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	Salina - Kansas Highway Patrol Academy
8/22	8:00 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	Salina - Kansas Highway Patrol Academy

3. [Measurement, Design, and Analysis Methods for Health Outcomes Research](#) (CourseID = 1011977)
SessionID = 21641. Session Time Zone: ET
8/18 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
8/19 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
8/20 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
4. [Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security, and Communication](#) (CourseID = 1012261)
SessionID = 22578. Session Time Zone: ET
8/5 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
8/6 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
8/7 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
8/8 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Harvard School of Public Health
5. [NEKHPR: HICS IV Overview Training \(#1013131\)](#) (CourseID = 1013131) SessionID = 23836. Session Time Zone: CT
8/20 7:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Ft Riley - Irwin Army Community Hospital
6. [Home Visitation Basic Training](#) (CourseID = 1013458) SessionID = 24397. Session Time Zone: CT
8/4 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Salina
8/5 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Salina
8/6 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Salina
8/7 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Salina
8/8 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Salina
7. [HEALTHY START HOME VISITOR 2008 FALL REGIONAL TRAINING](#) (CourseID = 1013601) SessionID = 24522. Session Time Zone: CT
8/5 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Stockton - Health Department
8/6 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Meade Public Library
8/7 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Hutchinson Public Library
8/8 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Parsons-Wesley United Methodist Church
8/15 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Clay Center-Clay County Emergency Service Academy
8. [KDEM Trng "\(DHS-MGT-323\) Instructor Development Workshop](#) (CourseID = 1013807)
SessionID = 24719. Session Time Zone: CT
8/5 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Topeka - Kansas National Guard Armory
8/6 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Topeka - Kansas National Guard Armory
8/7 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Topeka - Kansas National Guard Armory
9. [KDHE: Pandemic Influenza - Communications and Administrative Tools](#) (CourseID = 1013841) SessionID = 24751. Session Time Zone: CT
8/4 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Wichita - Northrock Suites
8/6 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Hays - Best Western Inn
8/8 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Lawrence - Hampton Inn
10. [KDEM Trng "\(G400\) Incident Command System \(ICS\) 400: Advanced"](#) (CourseID = 1013878) SessionID = 24827. Session Time Zone: CT
8/14 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Ellsworth - ECF Training Center
8/15 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Ellsworth - ECF Training Center
11. [KDHE: Training on Limiting Youth Access to Tobacco](#) (CourseID = 1013944) SessionID = 24948. Session Time Zone: CT
8/7 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Wichita - Finney State Office Building



NO TRAVEL GRANT WRITING CLASS

*submitted by Linda Frazier
KDHE, OLRH*



Dr. Keith Campbell

Fort Hays State University's distance learning is offering a grant writing class, with no traveling involved. The student will earn ten continuing education credits and a grant writing certificate. The course costs \$175, and is taught by a Fort Hays State professor with 20 years of teaching grant writing at a university level and a strong track record of successful grant proposal writing for rural health care facilities.

For additional information email sociology@fhsu.edu, call 785-628-5840 or go to: <http://www.fhsu.edu/sociology/8weekgrants.shtml>



IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE



The Kansas Immunization Program is hosting their 2008 statewide conference Sept. 2-4. The conference will be held in Wichita at the Hyatt Hotel. The focus of the conference this year is to facilitate learning for health care professionals on the importance of continuing immunizations from birth through adulthood, and safeguarding the immunization records for a lifetime through a state-wide registry. The conference committee has secured speakers that have vast knowledge and expertise regarding the importance of vaccinating throughout the lifetime to protect the individual and communities from vaccine preventable disease. The

brochure can be found by clicking on the Vaccinations for Life logo.

SMALL STEPS TOWARD GREAT CHANGE

submitted by the KPHA Conference Committee



KPHA 65th Annual Fall Conference
September 17-18, 2008,
Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, KS



The Kansas Public Health Association, with the support from the Kansas Health Foundation, and the Kansas University School of Medicine will sponsor the 2008 KPHA Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, "Small Steps toward Great Change" on September 17 and 18 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Approximately 315 individuals have participated in previous years. Attendees include public health professionals, physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, local and state health department employees and other

health care professionals throughout Kansas from public health as well as private practice. Registration is through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course # 1013975.

For more information on the conference or being an exhibitor go to the KPHA website at www.kpha.us.

TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND KPHA'S FALL CONFERENCE

*submitted by Sonja Armbruster
KPHA President Elect and Conference Chair*



10. Network, Network, Network—This is a great time to catch up with your public health friends from across the state!
9. Fun prize drawings throughout the conference and wonderful trips for winning poster presenters.
8. New presentation gadgets including an audience response system.
7. New and improved section meetings with excellent section specific presentations.
6. FREE Pedometer—Everyone gets a pedometer and is invited to take more than just a few small steps. Prizes will be given for participation in our one day pedometer challenge.
5. Ten breakout sessions and dozens of posters where Kansas professionals will share their successes and best practices to spark new approaches to improving health in Kansas.
4. Outstanding plenary sessions with national speakers including

- a. Georges Benjamin, MD, Executive Director of the American Public Health Assoc.
- b. M. Jane Lewis, DrPH, UMDNJ-School of Public Health (Tobacco)
- c. Surgeon General Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, M.D., M.P.H. (*invited*)
3. Updates from State Leaders about Health & Health Policy efforts in Kansas
 - a. Marcia Nielsen, PhD, MPH. Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority
 - b. Roderick Bremby, Secretary of Health and Environment
2. Vote on our policy platform and new section chairs.
1. Be inspired by the passion and heart of our award winning colleagues and a special presentation of public health in Kansas through pictures.

POSITION OPENINGS
NESS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ness County is accepting applications for a County Health Nurse. Applicant must be a Registered Nurse. Benefits include health insurance and KPERS. Applications may be obtained at the: Ness County Clerk's Office, 202 W. Sycamore, Ness City, KS 67560 or by phone: (785) 798-2401. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



The Johnson County Public Health Department, located in the Kansas City Metro area is seeking applicants for the following position:

- Mental Health Nurse #100536

To review the job specifications click on the Johnson County logo on the left and scroll down the page. Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to Stacy Barr, Recruiter; stacy.barr@jocogov.org or for complete details and to apply online, visit <http://hr.jocogov.org>; or fax resume to (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

- PT Immunization CHN II - [20005602072508](https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/employment/20005602072508)

For more information click the Sedgwick Seal on the right, or contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department at (316) 660-7333.



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