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Register Today for the 2013 Kansas Public Health Association Fall Conference - Sept. 17-19

by the KPHA Conference Committee



Registration is now open for the 70th Annual Kansas Public Health Association Fall Conference to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita, Sept. 17-19. Conference sessions will focus on "Integrating Systems for Health: A Shared Vision."

Keynote presentations include:

- Integrating Primary Care and Public Health: Why Take This Road and What Will It Take?
- Disseminating Lessons Learned in Public Health
- The FDA Center for Tobacco Products: Its Role in Reducing Tobacco Use
- Fred's BARK – Bringing Awareness to Reach Kids

This program has been approved for (5.7) contact hours for Day One of the Conference; (4.7) for Day Two of the conference and (5.4) for those nurses and social workers who attend one of the optional pre-sessions.

Registration for this event is now available online through KS-Train at <http://ks.train.org>, course ID 1045013. If you have any questions, please contact the [WSU Conference Office](#) at or by phone at 316-978-6493. Click on the KPHA logo to view the conference brochure.

2013 Kansas Public Health Association Awards - Due Aug. 9

By KPHA Conference Committee



While the public health challenges we face are not easy to address, they can only be improved by the work of public health professionals and dedicated partners. Annually, Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) recognizes individuals who have made contributions to public health in our state. Click the KPHA logo for a nomination

form and description of the award categories.

The award categories are as follows:

- Samuel J. Crumbine Medal, KPHA's highest award, is given for meritorious service and state, regional, or national recognition related to the improvement of the health of Kansans and/or the environment of the state. Recipients of other KPHA awards may receive this award.
- Special Service Awards are for individuals who have rendered outstanding service to Kansas in the interest of public health and/or environmental improvement. Two special service awards may be given annually, one of which may be to a non-member of KPHA.
- Dorothy Woodin Award is bestowed on a public health nurse for outstanding public health nursing services.
- Jane Addams Award is for a social worker who exemplifies the qualities of Jane Addams, including a pioneering spirit, a trailblazer and one striving to improve the health of the poor and the sanitary conditions of communities.
- Virginia Lockhart Health Education Award is given for outstanding service in public promotion of health and/or environmental issues.
- The Corporate Public Health Service Award may be presented annually to a company or organization which, through public policy activities, makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement in Kansas.

Please submit your nomination by Fri., Aug. 9 to Becky Tuttle at btuttle@sedgwick.gov.

NACCHO Honors 38 Local Health Departments with Model Practice Award



by Jane Shirley, Director of Local Health Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

honored 38 local health departments across the country for implementing programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable outcomes in response to an identified public health need. "Local health departments are constantly innovating as they help improve the lives of the people they serve," said NACCHO Executive Director Robert Pestronk. "The Model Practice program recognizes and lifts up groundbreaking activities that leaders across the public health world can use in their own communities to promote health and safety."

One of those honored is the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department (LDCHD) with Developing Tools for Improving Compliance with Child Care Licensing Regulations. The health department's goal was to decrease the number of violations cited on a NOSF (Notice of Survey Findings). Performance measures used to evaluate the practice were number of child care facilities receiving citations on a NOSF. The health department looked at the number of citations during their last survey and after the training. They also looked at the number of citations during the last survey and the providers who did not attend the training and the number of citations at their current survey. The second objective was to decrease the time spent on surveys. When providers used the new tools they had fewer violations which resulted in a shorter survey.

To read more about the health department's honor click the LDCHD logo.

Kansas Health Matters iPad Giveaway

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



Everyone working in community health wears many hats. There often is not much time to share experiences and insights with others. Showcasing your work at the state and national level can help your community get visibility and improve community health services in Kansas.

Kansas Health Matters would like to increase the number of Kansas Promising Practices featured on the Kansas Health Matters website and share Kansas public health work with similar websites through the Healthy Communities Institute's (HCI) database of promising practices.

The Promising Practices database provides a collection of programs, practices and policies aimed at improving community health and quality of life. The database provides carefully reviewed, documented and ranked practices that range from good ideas to evidence-based practices.

If you would like to submit a promising practice and enter the iPad Giveaway, please review the Guidelines for Submitting Promising Practices and then complete the Promising Practice Submission form by clicking the Kansas Health Matters logo. All promising practices entered will be entered into the iPad Giveaway. If you need assistance submitting a Promising Practice, contact Sarah Hurd, Kansas Health Institute at 785-233-5443.

Upon submission of your promising practice, research staff at the Healthy Communities Institute will review it for inclusion in the database. If it meets criteria, it will be posted to all community sites. If it does not meet

HCI criteria, Kansas Health Matters will make a final determination about including the program to the website. Either way, you will be entered for the iPad Giveaway.

Individuals or organizations may enter. Your name or organization will be entered for each promising practice that is submitted, so please enter all of your promising practices. Individuals and partner organizations of the Kansas Partnership for Improving Community Health are not eligible.

Individuals or organizations may enter their promising practices through Sept. 13. A drawing of all entries will take place at the Kansas Public Health Association conference on Sept. 18-19 in Wichita. You do not need to be present to win.

Sedgwick County Uses the Community Guide to Increase Physical Activity



*by Jane Shirley, Director of Local Public Health
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

Sedgwick County Health Department received second place in the Public Health Foundation's "I'm Your Community Guide" contest. The health department utilized an intervention featured in The Community Guide to implement a community-wide initiative called Walktober. Click the PHF logo to learn more about Sedgwick County's efforts.

Announcing the Local Health Departments Coding Certification and Training Pilot Project



*by Stephanie Lambert-Barth, Project Manager
Kansas Foundation for Medical Care*

The Kansas Immunization Billing Project recently learned that the no-cost extension for the project has been approved. A major focus of work during the next year will be a coding certification and training pilot project. The request of proposal (RFP) was released July 15 to allow Kansas local health departments (LHD) time to apply, with RFP responses due Aug. 15. The RFP and response template are available by clicking on the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) logo. The project plans to recruit five Kansas LHD's to participate in the pilot program. Pilot participants will be provided with up-to-date coding materials, membership with one of the coding accreditation organizations and a training budget.

KFMC will resume stakeholder meetings in the fall of 2013 once the pilot project is underway. Please direct all project inquiries to Stephanie Lambert-Barth, KFMC Project Manager, at slambert@kfmc.org or (785) 271-4137.

Kansas Rural Community Health Assessment Initiative Recognized by ASTHO



*by Sara Roberts, Director, State Office of Rural Health
and Jane Shirley, Director, Local Public Health Program, KDHE*

Since spring 2012 over \$119,000 has been awarded to 33 rural communities through Kansas Rural Community Health Assessment local awards to support collaboration between local health departments and rural hospitals in engaging their community members, assessing the health needs of the community and developing a community health improvement plans. This initiative has recently being showcased by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) as a successful case study example of state health agencies working with non-profit hospitals on community health needs assessments (CHNA) to improve the coordination of hospital community benefits with other efforts to improve community health. Click the ASTHO logo to read more about this initiative.

SHCN and CPRF Hold Outreach Clinics



*by Heather Smith, Director for Special Health Services Section
Bureau of Family Health, KDHE*

Beginning this month, the Kansas Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) program will be partnering with the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF) to hold outreach seating clinics in Garden City, Hays, and Salina. These include both consultation and evaluation appointments for children and youth in need of seating supports and services.

Please note the various dates and opportunities available in your community and share with consumers in your area. Individuals may contact David Sierra at the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation at 316-651-5211 for an appointment. Questions can be directed to CPRF or to the SHCN Program at 1-800-332-6262.

Garden City - Southwest Development Services, Inc., 1808 Palace Drive, Suite C

- Aug. 29, 2013 - Consultation Day

- Sept. 25, 2013 - Evaluation Day
 - March 26, 2014 - Consultation Day
 - April 23, 2014 - Evaluation Day
- Salina – OCCK, Inc., 1710 W. Schilling Road
- Oct. 23, 2013 – Consultation Day
 - Nov. 27, 2013 – Evaluation Day
- Hays – LINK, Inc., 2401 E 13th Street
- Jan. 22, 2014 – Consultation Day
 - Feb. 26, 2014- – Evaluation Day

Watson Selected as CPM Director

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



Kate Watson has been selected as the Director of Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)'s Center for Performance Management (CPM), effective Aug. 19. She currently works in the Bureau of Health Promotion as the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Manager and Kansas Quality of Care Project Manager, where she has served since 2003. Prior to joining the agency, Watson worked as an Auditor and Audit Supervisor for Kansas Legislative Post Audit. She holds bachelor's degrees in History and Political Science from the University of Missouri, a Master's degree in History from the University of Missouri and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas. Watson has a vast background in quality improvement and performance management and will be a tremendous asset to the agency in her new role.

Watson fills the vacancy left by Brenda Nickel in June. The goals of the [Center for Performance Management](#) are to create a cost-effective operating environment, to provide delivery of the highest possible quality public health services and to ensure protection of the public through efficient and effective public health programs addressing the health of people and the environment. One of the avenues for achieving these goals is through public health accreditation. KDHE plans to submit its application next year to the Public Health Accreditation Board and Kate will be instrumental in that process. To contact Watson email her at kwatson@kdheks.gov or call 785-296-1418.

Smith Appointed as New Director for Special Health Services Section Program

by Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



Heather Smith has been appointed as Director to the Special Health Services Section position in the Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which was previously held by Marc Shiff.

Rachel Berroth, Director, BFH, stated, "Heather has done an outstanding job prioritizing section needs, building and strengthening partnerships, making recommendations/changes for program improvements and exuding positive leadership. Smith can be reached at 785-296-4332 or hsmith@kdheks.gov.

KDHE Official Tapped to Head Oral Health Division at CDC

by KHI News Service



Katherine Weno, a dentist and lawyer who heads the Bureau of Oral Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), has been selected as the new director of the Division of Oral Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. Weno is scheduled to take the new post Oct. 6. The CDC division she will lead has an annual budget of about \$14.4 million. The division works with states to promote oral health. Among its duties is maintenance of a national fluoridation reporting system.

"We'll definitely miss having her here as KDHE's director of Oral Health," said agency spokesperson Miranda Steele. "She's done a wonderful job in Kansas."

At CDC, she will replace William Bailey, who has been acting director of the division the past two years while also serving as chief dental officer for the U.S. Public Health Service.

Move Across Kansas Update



by the Office of Communications, KDHE

The first official monthly route for Move Across Kansas ended July 31. A new route launched Aug. 1, that revolves around Kansas' more unique and quirky attractions. While those that finish each month's route early cannot begin the route designated for the next month, participants may continue to record their activity time for their personal records.

It's not too late to register and begin logging your time! You can log in or register by clicking on the image above. Questions and feedback for Move Across Kansas can be sent to info@kdheks.gov.

KanCare Health Home Forum Held



by the Office of Communications, KDHE

The Kansas' Medicaid program, KanCare, will be offering health homes visits beginning Jan. 1, 2014. The term "health home" refers to a new Medicaid option to provide coordination of physical and behavioral health care with long term services and supports for people with chronic conditions. Health homes expand upon medical home models to include links to commu-

nity and social supports. Health homes focus on the whole person and all his or her needs to manage his or her conditions and be as healthy as possible. All the caregivers in a health home communicate with one another in order that all of a patient's needs are addressed in a comprehensive manner.

The Department of Health Care Finance's (DHCF) Becky Ross, Mary Ellen Wright, Cindy Stortz and others from the KanCare program hosted the second Health Homes Forum in Topeka on July 23. The purpose was to collect input on draft components of the State Plan Amendments to be submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and to provide more information about the health homes initiative and the progress made to date.

PHAB Releases New Version of Standards and Measures



by the Public Health Accreditation Board

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) announced its release of the proposed revisions to the Standards and Measures, Version 1.0 for review and comment. The proposed revision is Standards and Measures, 1.5. Comments will be accepted by PHAB for 30 days, July 8 - Aug. 9. Click the PHAB logo to see the revisions.

PHAB is providing a [survey instrument](#) to submit comments and indicate which Domain, Standard and Measure each comment is about. You may comment on as many measures as you would like. There is also an opportunity to submit general comments.

Solid Waste Public Survey



by the Office of Communications, KDHE

Bureau of Waste Management is using an online survey as one method of acquiring information from stakeholders about solid waste generation, disposal and recycling services. All Kansans are invited to participate through Aug. 16. The study is being conducted in accordance with a new Kansas statute.

The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 2249 late in the 2013 session requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to perform a study that assesses the adequacy of solid waste reduction practices in Kansas and to report those findings to the Legislature in January 2014.

"While KDHE will collect information from this survey and through meetings with interested stakeholders, we will also be assembling available data to summarize trends in recycling, composting and waste disposal," said Bill Bider, director of KDHE's Bureau of Waste Management. "The report we deliver to the Legislature in January 2014 will help policymakers decide if existing trends are adequate or if new laws or regulations are warranted to improve practices."

Solid waste, defined by Kansas law, is refuse, garbage, waste tires and other discarded materials, including those solid, semisolid, sludges, liquid and contained gaseous waste materials resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural and domestic activities. Existing Kansas law establishes several broad solid waste management policies including actions "to encourage the wise use of resources through development of strategies that reduce, reuse and recycle materials."

Completion of this survey will help the bureau understand public opinion regarding waste management in general, waste reduction services and related state policies. Click the KDHE logo to take the survey.

For the past 20 years, KDHE has encouraged and assisted local governments and private businesses in the start-up and operation of waste reduction programs. Significant progress has been made over this period to increase waste diversion from landfills; nearly one-third of all municipal solid waste, or more than 1 million tons, was recycled or beneficially used in 2011. These efforts conserve valuable natural resources and limited landfill space.

Scientists Detect Heartland Virus in Lone Star Ticks

from the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, CDC



Scientists from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) have detected [Heartland virus](#) in field-collected ticks that infected two men in Missouri in 2009. In a study published in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, CDC, with collaborators from Missouri Western State University, collected ticks during spring and summer 2012 in north-western Missouri. Heartland virus was found in nine samples of lone star ticks obtained from the residence of one of the 2009 patients and in one sample from a nearby conservation area. This provides strong evidence that the virus is persisting from season to season in lone star tick populations and that these ticks play an important role in disease transmission. Lone star ticks are also common in Kansas and other parts of the United States. Click the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene logo to learn more.

Cyclospora Parasite Causing Illness in the Midwest

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website



The rare parasite Cyclospora has caused at least 425 illnesses since mid-June, according to 16 state health department reports. The parasite can be found in contaminated food or drinking water and attacks the small intestines, causing diarrhea (which can last up to two months), loss of appetite, weight loss, cramping, bloating, gas, nausea and fatigue. Vomiting and low-grade fever could occur less commonly, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Nebraska and Iowa cases are part of the same outbreak, suggesting that they arose from a common source. Investigations in Nebraska and Iowa confirmed an association between consuming salad and being ill with cyclospora. The salad was determined by the Federal Drug Administration to be a pre-packaged salad mix. To read more click the CDC logo.

KHERF Selected for Healthier Kansas Initiative

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF) has been selected to participate in the Kansas Health Foundation's Statewide Partnerships for a Healthier Kansas initiative, which is built around four primary goals: increase consumption of healthy foods, increase consumption of water, reduce overconsumption of sugary drinks and support health-promoting food and beverage retailing and distribution policies. To help guide the efforts of this project, KHERF is establishing the Healthy Hospitals Technical Advisory Group. This group will identify the areas in which hospitals need assistance, provide input on policy development and be champions for change.

NMRMC Patient Notification and Infection Control Investigation

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



As a precautionary measure, 244 patients who received colonoscopies at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center (NMRMC) between Jan. 3 and July 3, 2013 were alerted in July by letter that they should be tested for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections. The notification is based on an investigation conducted by NMRMC in consultation with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Neosho County Health Department (NCHD), which was initiated after NMRMC determined that the colonoscopies used during these patients' procedures were not reprocessed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Although the risk of transmission in this setting is very low, it is recommended that these patients get tested now and again six months after their procedure date in order to take appropriate steps to protect their health. Hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV are serious medical conditions and infected patients may not have outward symptoms of the disease for many years. All testing will be performed free of charge through the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories. Click on the Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center logo to learn more.

Health Insurance Marketplace is Coming to Your Practice

from the Central Plains Geriatric Education Center

HealthCare.gov

Healthcare providers or persons in public service roles, are likely to be working with patients or clients over the next several months that need assistance in understanding and securing

health insurance through the new Health Insurance Marketplace being created through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Click on the HealthCare.gov logo to link to a website that will help healthcare providers in better understand the options available in Kansas and assist others in choosing the best health insurance options given their unique circumstances.

Over the coming months, the Central Plains Geriatric Education Center will be forwarding additional information to Kansas healthcare providers on the provisions of the Affordable Care Act as it becomes available. They are also planning to focus some of their future programs on issues relating to the Affordable Care Act as they affect healthcare providers. Please email the Central Plains GEC at GEC@kumc.edu with any suggestions you have for programs or particular issues you would like for the center to address. For updates on current and future programs, please visit the Central Plains GEC's website by clicking on their logo.



Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

State Giving Program - Deadline Aug. 9



The Wal-Mart Foundation is providing funding to support organizations with programs that align with the foundation's mission to create opportunities for people to live better. The foundation has adopted four areas of focus including education (addressing the educational needs of underserved young people between the ages of 12 and 25) and health and wellness (improving access to health care, reducing healthcare disparities and promoting nutrition).

Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000 will be awarded to select applicants. Nonprofit organizations in the United States are eligible to apply. Click the Wal-Mart logo for more information.

Mental Health Services Grants (Kansas) - Deadline Aug. 15



Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and the Tower Mental Health Foundation are soliciting grant applications for projects and activities that support mental health services in Kansas. Nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that provide mental health care treatment and services to the residents of Kansas are eligible to apply. For more information click on the Kansas Office of the Attorney General 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, Impacts 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 programs, 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.

CVS Caremark Community Grants - Deadline Oct. 31



The CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations targeting children with disabilities under age 21, academic and enrichment programs at public schools and programs that provide access to quality health care services and health education for at risk and underserved populations of all ages. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to select applicants. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

Click the CVS Caremark logo to learn more.

Sunflower Foundation New Funding for Sunflower Trails Program - Deadline Nov. 1



The Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans announces a new Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Sunflower Trails program, as well as a change in the submission process that should enhance the experience for all applicants.

The trail funding initiative is designed to support the concept of the "built environment" as a strategy to increase opportunities for outdoor physical activity and therefore reduce the prevalence of obesity. The foundation invites Kansas communities and schools to submit proposals for the development or improvement of trails. Further details about this RFP click the Sunflower Foundation 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 (HUSC) 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 HUSC or advancing towards the next award level if already a recognized HUSC 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 HUSC criteria. For more information, including the application, go to the School Nutrition Programs, [What's New page](#) on the KSDE website or click the [HealthierUS School Challenge Training Mini Grant](#) title ink.

National Institutes of Health Grants

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. 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 commu-

nity-based organization. Contact the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more information and to apply for funding by clicking the NIH logo.

Blood Pressure Measurement Technologies - Deadline Jan. 7, 2014



The National Institutes of Health (NHI) invites applications for the hypertension diagnosis and management are critical needs in both the US and in India and are areas that are ripe for technological innovation that would serve both countries, particularly in underserved populations. New technologies could be utilized in the design of new blood pressure measurement devices that do not require cuffs or expensive equipment and that can be used by untrained individuals in their own homes or regional care settings. Affordable technologies for blood pressure measurement would make a substantial contribution to the improvement of hypertension diagnosis and management in both countries. To learn more click the NHI logo.

Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children and Adolescents - Deadline Varies



The Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children and Adolescents grant program funds research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents, ages eight-21, with chronic illnesses. Research related to sociocultural, environmental and behavioral mechanisms that contribute to successful and ongoing self-management of chronic illnesses in children is encouraged.

Awards of up to \$50,000 a year, for two years, are available. Eligible organizations include public and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, for-profit organizations, government agencies at all levels and faith-based or community-based organizations. Click the NIH logo to learn more.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Grants



Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (HV CoIIN)

Applications to develop a [Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network \(HV CoIIN\)](#) to provide support for the delivery of maternal and early childhood services, including home visiting services provided under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV), which was authorized by section 2951 of the Affordable Care Act. MIECHV seeks to identify families with children ages zero to five years and pregnant women who reside in at-risk communities and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for these families. The purpose of the HV CoIIN is to facilitate the delivery and accelerate the improvement of home visiting and other early childhood services, both globally and as provided by MIECHV grantees, so as to obtain good results faster for low-income and other at-risk families served.

Abstinence Education Grant Program

Grantees under this [Abstinence Education Grant Program](#) will be expected to develop a targeted and medically accurate approach to reducing teen pregnancies through abstinence education. Abstinence education programming is one intervention in a continuum of services that seeks to prevent teen pregnancy. The purpose of the Competitive Abstinence Education Program is to provide funding for additional tools to address the rates of teen pregnancy among adolescent youth who are at greatest risk of STDs/STIs and most likely to bear children out of wedlock. Program plans will focus on the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by delaying initiation of sexual activity and engaging in healthy relationships.

Clinical Trial of a Multifactorial Fall Injury Prevention Strategy in Older Persons (U01)

The [Clinical Trial of a Multifactorial Fall Injury Prevention Strategy in Older Persons](#) initiative invites applications for funding to conduct a randomized clinical trial of a multifactorial strategy for preventing serious fall-related injuries among non-institutionalized older persons. Click the link to learn more.

Training and Conference Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

How Environmental Public Health Tracking Assists in Providing Safe Water - Aug. 8



This is the last in a three-part series of Environmental Public Health Tracking Program webinars co-sponsored by the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and the National Association of County and City Health Officials. Learn how water data from the Tracking Network can help state and local agencies monitor and provide safe community water, as well as understand how the most common contaminants affect different areas of the country. Click the APHA logo to register.

Ninth Annual Working Well Conference, Rules of Engagement - Aug. 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.

Cybersecurity and Insider Threats: What Every Health Organization Should Know - Aug. 21



The National Health Information Sharing & Analysis Center (NH-ISAC) presents the second webinar in its series on cybersecurity in the Health Care and Public Health Sector. The webinar will discuss Insider Threats to the health sector and threats that originate from within an organization.

Guest speakers for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Cybersecurity and Communications will explain cyber threats to help healthcare and public health organizations think about how to increase their resiliency against insider threats. To register for this webinar click the NH-ISAC logo.

Regional Health & Medical Preparedness Conference - Aug. 29-30



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services presents the Regional Health and Medical Preparedness Conference for Region VII. Health and medical preparedness partners and Medical Reserve Corps representatives are invited to learn from subject matter experts, share best practices and network. The conference will be held on Aug. 29-30 at the Kauffman Foundation Center in Kansas City, MO. To register click the HHS logo.

Understanding Infant Adoption - Sept. 6



Spaulding for Children, Arizona's Children Association & Harmony, in collaboration with adoption and pregnancy counseling agencies and health centers is proud to have developed an evidence-based model curriculum, Understanding Infant Adoption and a sustainable national delivery system, the Infant Adoption Training Initiative (IATI). IATI is a training designed for staff at public and private non-profit entities that provide health and counseling services to pregnant women. This training will be held at the Riley County Child Resource Center, West End Room, 2101 Claflin Road, Manhattan on Sept. 6. To register for this training click the IATI logo.

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.

NICHHD 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 NICHHD logo.

Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Archived Sessions Available on TRAIN



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.

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Fall 2013 Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds - Save the Date

To learn more about the live Kansas Public Health Grand Round Sessions and how your organization can participate, click [here](#) or contact the KU Medical Center, Area Health Education Centers call 620-235-4040 or email at ksphgr@kumc.edu. The first session begins Wed., Aug. 28, from noon to 1 p.m. via Adobe connect. A complete listing of the session topics and speakers will be announced soon.

Summer 2013 Public Health Preparedness Webinar Series



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) offers several free webinars to bring you the latest research and model practices in the field of public health preparedness. Featured speakers will include federal partners, local and state health officials and other experts discussing topics important to local health departments. Past webinars are available. Click the NACCHO logo to view the webinar series.

Using TRAIN for Research: Your Guide for Using the TRAIN Datasets for Research Webinar



This webinar, made available through funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, outlines how the TRAIN learning management system (LMS) can be utilized by researchers to study the public health workforce and expand the Public Health Systems and Services Research (PHSSR) agenda. The webinar explains what TRAIN is, the three datasets available to researchers and the process of obtaining access to study the datasets.

It is important to note that the three available datasets are separate, even though they all contain data from the TRAIN LMS. Because they have no common element to link them in, for example, an Excel table, they cannot be linked via Excel, SAS, or SPSS easily. It would be possible to link them together through Microsoft Access functionality. The datasets can, however, with some work and creativity, be linked to other, external datasets (ex., Association of State and Territorial Health Officials) where there exist common elements (ex., demographic data, course data, etc.).

Objectives:

- Describe the TRAIN Learning Management System
- Summarize the three available TRAIN datasets
- Demonstrate process for obtaining access to the three available TRAIN datasets

Recognizing that the needs of PHSSR extend beyond these three datasets, PHF invites researchers to request customized data from TRAIN to meet specific needs. Requested data can include any fields in TRAIN related to workforce questions, but cannot include any potentially identifying information.

This archived webinar is available on TRAIN as [Course ID 1031939](#).

News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

CDC Vital Signs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vital Signs offers recent data and calls to action for important public health issues. Each month Vital Signs will address a single important public health topic. The program consists of several parts, including:



- MMWR Early Release the first Tuesday of every month.
- A professionally designed Fact Sheet for consumer audiences, a dedicated website that mirrors the Fact Sheet on the topic.
- Media releases.
- A series of announcements via social media tools (Twitter, Facebook, etc.).

Topics will include colorectal and breast cancer screening, obesity, alcohol and tobacco use, access to health care, HIV testing, seat belt use, cardiovascular disease, teen pregnancy and healthcare-associated infections, asthma and foodborne disease. Click the CDC logo and save the website page as a favorite.

CDC Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity



The mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity is to lead strategic public health efforts to prevent and control obesity, chronic disease and other health conditions through regular physical activity and good nutrition. To learn more, click the image on the left.

Nutrition Evidence Library (NEL)



The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Nutrition Evidence Library (NEL) specializes in conducting systematic reviews to inform Federal nutrition policy and programs. NEL staff collaborates with stakeholders and leading scientists using state-of-the-art methodology to objectively review, evaluate and synthesize research to answer important diet-related questions. To learn more click the USDA logo.

Save a Life with Hand 2 Heart CPR



Mid Georgia Ambulance (MGA) service has recently teamed up with local artist Floco Torres to help spread the word about Hand 2 Heart CPR. MGA wants you to learn how to perform Hand 2 Heart CPR so that if you are ever witness to an emergency situation, you will be equipped with the necessary skills to save a life. To view this service announcement, click on the MGA ambulance.

NACCHO's Community Guide Screencast Series



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) presents Three Ways the Community Guide Makes the LHD Worker's Job Easier: A Screencast Series. This series uses task force recommendations from the Community Guide to quickly identify prevention approaches that work.

- Access systematic review findings from the Community Guide to enhance your grants.
- Use resources from the Community Guide to promote dialog with multi-sector stakeholders.
- Implement six steps to integrate Community Guide findings into your Community Health Improvement Plan as part of your accreditation efforts.

Click the NACCHO logo to view this telecast.

New Webpage on Teen-Friendly Reproductive Health Services



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have launched a new webpage on teen-friendly reproductive health services. This new page provides the Elements of Youth-Friendly Contraceptive & Reproductive Health Services and a downloadable infographic of a teen-friendly reproductive health visit. Contraceptive and reproductive health services include: family planning; contraception (methods to prevent pregnancy); prenatal, obstetric and postnatal care; and prevention or treatment of reproductive tract infections, including sexually transmitted infections. Click

the Find Youth Info logo to learn more.

Reducing Patients' Out-of-Pocket Medication Costs



The Community Preventive Services Task Force found strong scientific evidence that lowering out-of-pocket medication costs for patients with high blood pressure and high cholesterol can help control both conditions. The Task Force based its recommendation on a systematic review of all available studies. The review was

conducted, with Task Force oversight, by scientists and subject-matter experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with a wide range of government, academic, policy and practice-based partners. To learn more about the task force's recommendations click the Community Guide logo.

Combating Summer Suffering



The Kansas City Public Media (KCPM) presented a listening report on Combating Summer Suffering. Summer can conjure up images of warm beaches and cold drinks, but the hot weather isn't as pleasant if you dare to venture out for a run or when you're trying to take care of your lawn and garden. During the next hour, KCPM will cover everything from heat exhaustion to air quality with panel of guests well-versed in the effects of these sweltering temperatures. Click the image on the left and the Listen button to hear this report.

Public Health Workforce Development Initiative

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a [Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office](#) (SEPDPO) that is collaborating with public health partners to address the ongoing transformation in public health and the related need to modernize the workforce. The goal of the initiative is to strengthen the public health workforce by influencing policy and improving quality, availability and accessibility of training and workforce development.

Fruits and Vegetables are Nutritious and Economical



Most people know that fruits and vegetables are good for them. Yet, most Americans do not eat the recommended amounts. One barrier is the belief that fruits and vegetables are not affordable and that the average price per serving of healthy fruits and vegetables was less than unhealthy options for both snacks and side dishes. The average price per serving of the fruit or vegetable snacks was \$0.34, while that of the unhealthy snacks was \$0.67. The average price per serving of vegetable side dishes was \$0.27, compared to \$0.31 for the less healthful side dishes. To read more of this report click the image on the left.

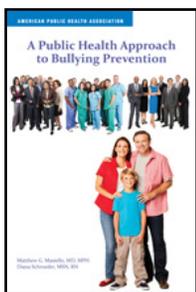
A Public Health Approach to Bully Prevention

from American Public Health Association

"A Public Health Approach to Bullying Prevention," serves as a practical, sustainable, cost-efficient strategy to address bullying. More importantly, it may be the best approach to providing legitimate and sustainable hope to our children at a time when bullying is becoming increasingly more difficult to tackle.

This book presents a public health approach to bullying prevention in a comprehensive and deliberate manner. Formal public health strategies have been used to combat infectious disease epidemics, tobacco use and motor vehicle injuries. When applied to bullying, public health strategies provide a scientific approach to community planning, the use of evidence-based programs, coalition development and the ability to change the culture in a

school and community to one that is positive and strong. Click the image on the left to learn more.





National Prevention Strategy

In coordination with the release of the National Prevention Council's 2013 Annual Status Report, the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has launched a new website, click ASTHO logo, to support implementation of the National Prevention Strategy (NPS), a guide to the most effective and achievable means for improving health and well-being in the United States. This new resource features a [toolkit](#) with examples of how states are implementing NPS recommendations, as well as data sources, evidence-based recommendations, action guides and policy examples. The toolkit's resources are organized under the NPS' four [Strategic Directions](#) and seven [Priorities](#).

Effects of Four Poor Health Habits

An [analysis](#) from GE Healthcare [illustrates](#) the effects of four poor health habits and their relationship to developing breast, lung and colon cancers. For the study, researchers calculated costs attributable to the bad habits of smoking, alcohol consumption, poor nutrition and physical inactivity in 10 developed and developing markets. Their research concludes that within these markets, bad habits add \$33.9 billion in annual global health costs. The United States shoulders 54 percent of the annual global cost, at \$18.41 billion.

CMS Issues Final Rule on Medicaid Eligibility

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a [final rule](#) describing how states should handle eligibility determinations for Medicaid and other income assistance programs on new state-based health insurance exchanges beginning Jan. 2014. According to a CMS [fact sheet](#), the rule:

- o Addresses aspects to Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and marketplace eligibility notices and appeals processes
- o Provides additional flexibility on benefits and cost sharing for state Medicaid programs
- o Codifies several eligibility and enrollment provisions included in the Affordable Care Act
- o Provides operational guidance to help states implement their insurance marketplaces

Job Openings

Butler County Health Department

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

- [Part-time Program Coord II-Wellness](#)



Harvey County Health Department

The Harvey County Health Department is accepting application for the following positions:

- [Community Health Nurse](#)
- [Child Care Licensing Coordinator](#)



Johnson County Health Department

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

- [Environmental Health Specialist](#)



Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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

- [Public Health Specialist](#)

Lyon County Health Department

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

- [Outreach Enrollment Specialist](#)
- [Teen Pregnancy Prevention Outreach Coordinator](#)



Reno County Health Department

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

- [Health Educator](#)
- [Public Health Nurse](#)



Riley County Health Department

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

- [Raising Riley Literacy Intern](#)
- [Raising Riley RIGHT Child Care Facilitator](#)



Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Worksite Wellness Health Educator](#)



Shawnee County Health Agency

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

- [Fetal Infant Mortality Review Coordinator/Abstractor](#)
- [Physician](#)
- [Social Worker-MSW](#)



Sheridan County Health Department

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

- [Public Health Nurse/Health Department Administrator](#)



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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[Kansas Health Statistics Report](#)

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