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Kansas Public Health Leaders Recognized at KPHA

by KPHA

Eight public health leaders were recognized at the 2016 Kansas Public Health Association Awards Ceremony on September 20. Awardees include:



- Gianfranco Pezzino, MD, MPH - Samuel J. Crumbine Medal
- Debbie Nickels, RN, BSN - Special Service Award
- Mark Holland, Mayor, Kansas City, KS and Sly James, Mayor, Kansas City, MO - Public Health Policy Makers of the Year Award
- The Wichita Eagle Editorial Board - Corporate Public Health Service Award
- Janis Goedeke, ARNP - Dorothy Woodwin Award
- Kendra Baldrige, LMSW - Jane Addams Award
- Karla Stenzel, MA - Virginia Lockhart Award
- Mark Thompson, PhD - President's Award



Nominations for each award were made by public health colleagues and peers, and the Kansas Public Health Association Awards Committee selected the individuals from the nominations. Each of the awarded individuals not only met the qualifications for the individual award they received, but also exemplified the theme of the Kansas Public Health Association's Annual Conference - Advocating for the Health of All Kansans.

Winter Regional Public Health Meetings

*by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
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The regional public health meetings for the last quarter of 2016 offer a variety of useful information on proposed revisions to disease regulations, mandatory reporting, and upcoming changes to KS-TRAIN. The meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. Register on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID# 1065642.

The agenda includes the following: Update on Kansas Disease Regulations: Times They are a Changin', D. Charles Hunt, State Epidemiologist and Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics; Child Abuse/Neglect Intake, Investigation and Assessment, Regional Administrators, Kansas Department for Children and Families; KS-TRAIN Local Health Department Administrator Training, Debbie Nickels, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), KS-TRAIN Administrator and Karen Kelley, KDHE, Project Manager, Catalyst/KS-TRAIN.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, October 13
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, November 2
- Southwest Region, Garden City, November 9
- Northwest Region, Oakley, November 10
- North Central Region, Beloit, December 14
- Northeast Region, Topeka, December 13

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at tcaudle@kdheks.gov.

Sugary Drink Display Available for Community Events

by Oral Health Kansas



Oral Health Kansas has a drink display available for reservation. The drink display contains 10 beverages with a visual demonstration of how much sugar is in each beverage. Oral Health Kansas has had a lot of success with the display, especially with children. The drink display is free, and shipping costs are reimbursed when you return it. Dates for reserving the display are already filling up for 2017. If you have a community event for which you are interested in reserving the display, contact Oral Health Kansas at info@oralhealthkansas.org.

The First New TB Treatment Guidelines Released in Over 10 Years



Although tuberculosis (TB) is no longer a leading cause of death in the United States, efforts to eliminate this potentially fatal disease are critical. After two decades of steady decline, the number of reported U.S. TB cases rose slightly in 2015 to 9,563, according to provisional data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each day, health care professionals work diligently to treat patients who have TB disease. The CDC is committed to supporting this important work and has joined the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) in developing the newly released [2016 Treatment of Drug-Susceptible Tuberculosis Guidelines](#).

The guidelines update the previous TB treatment guidelines published by ATS/CDC/IDSA in 2003, and have also been endorsed by the European Respiratory Society and the U.S. National Tuberculosis Controllers Association. The current guidelines provide strong recommendations on the management of patients who are co-infected with TB and HIV. The new guidelines recommend that patients begin antiretroviral therapy (ART) while being treated for TB, and provide greater precision about the recommended timing of initiation of ART.

The current guidelines provide evidence-based recommendations that were developed with the GRADE (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation) methodology, another difference between the current guidelines and their predecessor. GRADE involves structured literature review, systematic reviews and meta-analyses of combined data, and expert discussion to assess the certainty in the evidence and determine the strength of each recommendation.

The new guidelines recommend comprehensive care of all patients with TB disease (known as case management). Case management includes the use of directly observed therapy (DOT), which improves treatment success. In DOT, a health care provider watches the patient swallow each dose of medication during the six-month course of therapy. Case management is essential to ensure TB treatment is effective, the guidelines note.

“Case management, including directly observed therapy and patient education and counseling, is vital to reducing the risk of non-adherence to treatment, and consequently the risks of TB relapse, drug-resistance, and other illnesses,” said Dr. Susan Mosier, State Health Officer.

For the full article [click here](#).

Wyandotte County One of 50 U.S. Communities to Receive \$10,000 for Health Improvement

by APHA



The American Public Health Association (APHA), Aetna Foundation and National Association of Counties have collaborated with CEOs for Cities to create the [Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge](#). The Challenge awards 50 communities \$10,000 to implement a program that addresses a key social determinant of health - and creates better health outcomes in the process. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County was one of the 50 communities selected for the award. They will focus on addressing the community's low Walk Score through the [Healthy Community Corridor](#) project. The Healthy Community Corridor project will build upon existing initiatives and create a Safe Routes to Parks program, allowing more people to safely access the county's outdoor spaces and places for physical activity. The project will focus on the area between 7th and 18th streets, spanning from the northern to southern edges of Wyandotte County.

The 50 communities will also be eligible for prize awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000. Each community will be judged on their own progress rather than in competition with the other awarded communities.

In a [press release](#) about the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge, APHA Executive Director Georges C. Benjamin, MD, said, “We know that efforts to address these social determinants of health are necessary to create health equity, and that’s why we’re so excited for our 50 cities, counties and tribes.”

Kansas Local Health Department Clinical Services Coding Resource Guide

by Aaron Davis, Project Manager,
WSU Center for Public Health Initiatives



The newest version of the [Kansas Local Health Department Clinical Services Coding Resource Guide](#) was released in September. This guide is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunizations Billing Grant, awarded to the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention at Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). It should be noted that this guide has changed names from a manual to a resource guide to better describe its role and purpose. This guide and its updates have been an on-going effort by KDHE, the Center for Public Health Initiatives at Wichita State, and a number of local billers and coders to share information.

Please share this resource with your staff and make sure you are utilizing the most recent version. The guide is available on the KDHE Local Public Health website at http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/billing_coding_resources.htm. If you have questions please consult Aaron Davis with the Center for Public Health Initiatives at aaron.davis@wichita.edu or use the Billing List-Serve provided through the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments.

2016 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

[Click Here to Access the Calendar](#)

Enter to Win an iPad from Kansas Health Matters

by Kansas Health Matters Partnership

 Has your organization completed a successful project or initiative aimed at improving health in your community? If you answered Yes, then you could be eligible to win an iPad. If you do not wish to win an iPad, other prizes are available for substitution such as a gift card of your choice for \$500, a Chromebook, or two registrations for the Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference, April 25 - 27, 2017.

Kansas Health Matters is interested in adding your local examples to kansashealthmatters.org. Each example of a promising practice is entered for a chance to win an iPad. Visit the Kansas Health Matters website to review guidelines for submission and to complete the Promising Practices Submission Form at [kansashealthmatters.org/promising practices](http://kansashealthmatters.org/promising-practices). The deadline to enter is December 1 and the winner will be contacted on or before December 12.

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), is a surveillance project of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state health departments. The PRAMS project in Kansas is a collaborative effort of three bureaus within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) - the Bureau of Family Health, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, and Bureau of Health Promotion, along with the Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council. PRAMS collects state-specific, population-based data on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during and shortly after pregnancy. The overall goals of Kansas PRAMS are to reduce infant morbidity and mortality and to promote maternal health by influencing maternal and child health programs, policies, and maternal behaviors during pregnancy and early infancy.

Surveys include a core set of standardized questions, allowing for multi-state analyses. In addition, each state can add questions tailored to meet its needs. The core section of the survey includes topics such as attitudes and feelings about the most recent pregnancy, prenatal care, smoking, alcohol use, physical abuse, infant health, contraception and the mother's knowledge of pregnancy-related health issues, www.cdc.gov/PRAMS. The Kansas-specific section of the survey is developed with input from the Kansas PRAMS Steering Committee.

Hospitals and local health departments can benefit from PRAMS. The results can be used to:

- Inform local health objectives and goals
- Plan local maternal and infant health programs

Local health departments are critical to the success of PRAMS and can:

- Inform mothers about the benefits of participating in the PRAMS questionnaire
- Educate providers and hospital staff about the PRAMS questionnaire
- Disseminate educational items such as brochures and posters

Please send questions, suggestions and feedback to PRAMS@kdheks.gov.

New Report Available: Trends in External Causes of Death, Kansas, 2002-2014

by Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics



A new Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) research summary, Trends in External Causes of Death, Kansas, 2000-2014, has recently been posted to <http://www.kdheks.gov/phi/index.htm>. Age-adjusted death rates due to all external causes rose from 56.9 per 100,000 population in the 2000-2002 period to 65.0 per 100,000 population in the 2012-2014 period. Motor vehicle traffic incidents, firearms incidents, drug poisoning and falls account for over 70 percent of all deaths due to external causes.

Motor vehicle incidents remain the leading external cause of death, but declined from 18.1 per 100,000 population in the 2000-2002 period to 12.4 per 100,000 population in the 2012-2014 period. The decline in motor vehicle incident death rates was more than offset by increases in the other three leading external causes of death: firearm incident death rates rose from 10.4 per 100,000 population to 11.9 per 100,000 population, drug poisoning death rates rose from 5.1 per 100,000 population to 11.3 per 100,000 population, and fall death rates rose from 6.0 per 100,000 population to 10.9 per 100,000 population.

October Focus - Brought to You by Kansas Health Matters



Vaccines are one of public health's biggest achievements. Diseases like smallpox, tetanus, and polio that were once very common with sometimes devastating consequences have now been eradicated or nearly eliminated. In 2011 - 2012, 71.7 percent of Kansas infants were fully immunized at 24 months. Check the indicators to see vaccination rates in your Kansas community on the Kansas Health Matters [website](http://www.kansashealthmatters.org). Kansas Health Matters provides data resources by county, region and state to assist you in looking at the health of your community.

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be October 25. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

CMS Release New Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Providers

by CMS



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized rules to establish consistent emergency preparedness requirements for health care providers participating in Medicare and Medicaid, increase patient safety during emergencies, and establish a more coordinated response to natural and man-made disasters. These new rules will require certain participating providers and suppliers to plan for disasters and coordinate with federal, state, tribal, regional, and local emergency preparedness systems to ensure that facilities are adequately prepared to meet the needs of their patients during disasters and emergency situations. The effective date will be November 16, 2016 and the implementation date will be November 16, 2017. The finalized CMS rules can be accessed here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>. The CMS press release can be accessed here: <https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Press-releases/2016-Press-releases-items/2016-09-08.html>

After careful consideration of stakeholder comments on the proposed rule, this final rule requires Medicare and Medicaid participating providers and suppliers to meet the following four common and well known industry best practice standards.

- Emergency plan: Based on a risk assessment, develop an emergency plan using an all-hazards approach focusing on capacities and capabilities that are critical to preparedness for a full spectrum of emergencies or disasters specific to the location of a provider or supplier.
- Policies and procedures: Develop and implement policies and procedures based on the plan and risk assessment.
- Communication plan: Develop and maintain a communication plan that complies with both Federal and State law. Patient care must be well-coordinated within the facility, across health care providers, and with State and local public health departments and emergency systems.
- Training and testing program: Develop and maintain training and testing programs, including initial and annual trainings, and conduct drills and exercises or participate in an actual incident that tests the plan.

KAN-Be-Healthy Resources Available

by Vanessa Lohf, Project Specialist,
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KAN-Be-Healthy (KBH) is the Kansas name for the Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) process that is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for all children, but is required for all children enrolled in Medicaid (KanCare). In 2011, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) discontinued the requirement for credentialed staff to be certified to conduct these screenings, see [Provider Bulletin #10138](#), though certification continues to be required to conduct associated vision and hearing screens.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently launched the Bright Futures guidelines to support providers conducting EPSDT screenings. Click [here](#) to access the AAP Recommendations for Preventative Pediatric Health Care – also known as the AAP Periodicity Schedule – for the schedule and guidance on age appropriate assessment and screenings. Free information, tools for each stage of development, and training for providers related to the Bright Futures Guidelines and best practices for implementation can be found on the Bright Futures [website](#).

The Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) [website](#) offers access to KBH Forms, billing information, and beneficiary information in English and Spanish. KMAP issued a bulletin in [April 2016](#) that outlines the forms that can be used to document KBH visits. Detailed training about the EPSDT program requirements and services in Kansas is available from the KDHE Division of Health Care Finance. Please contact Carol Arace at carace@kdheks.gov for future training schedules. In addition, the KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCO) each provide EPSDT training that is readily available on their respective websites or you may contact your organization's MCO provider relations representatives for additional training and support.

Fred the Preparedness Dog-Tails from Kansas Featured on CDC Public Health Matters Blog

by CDC



Fred, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Preparedness Program's mascot, was featured on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Matters Blog in September. Fred's mission is to increase family and pet preparedness for all types of emergencies. The blog entry shares how Fred started his career in preparedness and his ongoing work. Throughout September, Fred participated in a number of community events throughout Kansas to spread key messages for emergency preparedness. He encouraged children and families to have a plan, make a kit and be informed.



You can access the rest of the blog post [here](#). For information on how your agency, school or community can request a visit from Fred or to find preparedness activities go to fredthepreparednessdog.org.

Kansas Health Matters Made Easier with Simplified Tools Track Your Impact on Community Health Improvement

by Kansas Health Matters Partnership



The web-based tool [Kansas Health Matters](#), powered by Healthy Communities Institute (HCI), has redesigned and enhanced its community dashboard. Kansas Health Matters now provides faster and more visual tools to compare demographic and secondary data on health, health determinants, and quality of life to local, state, and national goals and prior values, side-by-side. Tracking your impact on community health improvement has never been easier. These updates equip Kansas communities with the tools they need to champion collaboration, communicate priorities and implement strategic interventions to impact community health outcomes.

The new community dashboard makes it easy to:

- Find and visualize data faster with compelling icons, maps and graphs
- Present more meaningful comparisons
- Tell persuasive stories using data

Grid 120 Training Changes

by the Local Public Health Program



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been working with a contractor, Spectrum Health Policy Research (SHPR), this year to make some significant enhancements to Catalyst, the system for the Aid to Local process. One of the goals was to roll out a new interface, Grid 120, with greater functionality in January 2017. Due to the complexity of the implementation of Grid 120, which includes an extensive testing environment, SHPR has informed us they will not be able to meet this planned deadline. However, there will be a release coming in January 2017 that will provide better functionality in Catalyst. The delay will allow KDHE to ensure that the product has been thoroughly tested with all issues addressed.

The scheduled enhancements will not require significant training; therefore, the live trainings scheduled for November 28, 29 and 30 have been canceled. KDHE will be providing webinars on December 5, 12 and 19 to demonstrate the new enhancements. Please register at ks.train.org, Course ID# 1064942.

KDHE Bureau of Community Health Systems Welcomes New Staff

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



Edward Bell has joined the Bureau as the new Compliance Coordinator for the Preparedness Program. He is a native of Manhattan, Kansas, originally hailing from Central Kansas. He is a recent retiree from the United States Army as a Medic, and has experienced a variety of assigned posts, including six Stateside posts, one overseas posting to Korea, and three combat deployments ranging from being a Field Medic to a Medical Treatment Supervisor. His last duty assignment was at Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, where he served for four years with increasing roles of responsibility. Those assignments included roles ranging from a medical supply specialist, Area Safety Officer for the Emergency Department to the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Urgent Care Clinic to being assigned as the Primary Care's Operations Manager and Logistics Manager.

Katie Mahuron is the new Public Health Specialist with the Local Public Health Program. She is a Registered Nurse and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana University School of Nursing. She completed her senior capstone at Marion County Health Department in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to her arrival at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, she was at Wichita State University's Center for Public Health Initiatives for a year as an AmeriCorps VISTA.



Save the Date! [Chronic Disease Alliance of Kansas](#) Semi-Annual Meeting
Tuesday, December 13
Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan, KS
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (tentative times)

ACCREDITATION CORNER

Aligning Accreditation and the Foundational Public Health Capabilities



The Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI), established by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), recently developed a new publication entitled [Aligning Accreditation and the Foundational Public Health Capabilities](#), which explains the alignment between Version 1.5 of the Accreditation Standards and Measures and Version 1.0 of the foundational capabilities, part of the foundational public health services framework. As outlined within the document, the significant alignment between the two is displayed in a tabular format: the first table provides a high-level overview of the alignments, while the second table provides detailed connections among the elements of each foundational capability. Collectively, the tables reflect how an accredited health department embodies the foundational capabilities. PHNCI encourages broad dissemination of this new resource, and hopes this document is useful for health departments' work around the foundational public health services. Visit www.phnci.org to learn more about the foundational public health services framework and the health departments working toward implementing them at the state and local level.

PHAB Released Proposed Standards and Measures for PHAB Reccreditation



The [Proposed Reccreditation Standards and Measures](#) were open for comment July 5 to August 10. The reccreditation requirements will be finalized and adopted by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Board of Directors in December 2016 and released in January 2017. The e-PHAB reccreditation module will be developed in the first half of 2017. e-PHAB will be available for the first group of accredited health departments up for reccreditation to upload required documents beginning the second half of 2017.

When the final requirements have been approved by the Board of Directors, PHAB will publish them along with the process for reccreditation and the reccreditation fees. The proposed standards and measures for accredited health departments' reccreditation will be different than the requirements for initial accreditation documentation. Rather than the identification and submission of many documents of evidence, reccreditation will require that health departments provide narratives that describe their processes and activities. Accredited health departments will be required to upload a limited number of documents for reccreditation.

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Funding Opportunities

BCBSKS Foundation - Healthy Habits for Life - Deadline October 7



**BlueCross
BlueShield
of Kansas**

Healthy Habits for Life is a major grant-giving program of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation. It is offered to help schools address a current major health issue in Kansas and the nation: childhood obesity. The Healthy Habits for Life program is offering a total of \$150,000 in grants, up to the maximum grant amount of \$1,000 per school, to assist in promoting healthy lifestyle choices to K-12 students. School nurses, physical education teachers, principals, health or family and consumer science teachers, or other administrators are encouraged to apply for funding that they may use during 2017. Funds cannot be used for salary or wages of any staff or employee and all funds must directly benefit the needs of the program for schools in Kansas; Wyandotte and Johnson County are excluded. Past grant recipients are eligible to apply again but must adequately explain how an additional grant would allow them to either expand their existing program or create a new one.

The Foundation recognizes that schools have a unique opportunity to teach students about healthy habits through curriculum and programs that reach them where they spend so much of their time: school. As a young, captive audience, students can be more easily influenced to develop life-long healthy habits and behaviors. The Foundation hopes that curbing childhood obesity now will translate into healthy adults later, saving health care dollars for all Kansans.

The Foundation is seeking programs that will help Kansas youth:

- Reduce their cardiovascular risk,
- Increase their physical activity, or
- Learn healthy eating habits

[Click here](#) or the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas logo for more information.

US School Garden Grant and Extended Learning Garden Grant - Deadline October 31



Created by a partnership between Whole Kids and FoodCorps, the School Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to support an edible educational garden on the grounds of a K-12 school. Schools, or a non-profit organization working in partnership with a school, may apply. This application is meant to be a blueprint for everything you need to start or maintain a successful garden program. As a result, it is anticipated that it should take applicants anywhere from a couple of days to a couple of weeks to fully complete the process. The application is an online process, but a full copy of the application questions can be viewed [here](#). The application is available [here](#).

Interested in a garden grant for a non-profit children's programming organization, not located at a school? Check out the [Extended Learning Garden Grant](#) program. This program supports edible educational gardens that are not located at a school. The application is available [here](#), and a full copy of the application questions can be viewed [here](#).

The deadline for both grants is October 31. For questions about either grant opportunity, email grants@wholekidsfoundation.org.

Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60 - Deadline November 2



Up to \$4,000 per year is available to qualified K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 to jumpstart healthy changes. There's a new Play in town, sure to get your students excited about putting one foot in front of the other one mile at a time. Marathon Kids® is a nationally recognized, evidence-based walking/running club, and, starting now, you can use Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60 to support this Play in your school. Funding can be used to enroll your students in the program and to provide cool student incentives - click [here](#) for more details. The first step to apply will be to select one Healthy Eating Play and one Physical Activity Play from the [2016 - 2017 Playbook](#). The Playbook includes programs such as Farm to School, Fuel Up Your Community, Community Playtime, and Ramp Up for Recess. For questions about the programs or application, use the [online email form](#) to contact Fuel Up to Play 60.

Universal Service Administrative Company - Rural Health Care Program - Deadline November 30



The Universal Service Administrative Company is an independent non-profit designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to distribute funds that increase the availability of [telecommunication services](#), especially in rural areas. The Telecommunications Program, formerly known as the Primary Program, provides discounts for telecommunications services for eligible health care providers. As long as applicants file their funding request during the filing window, they are guaranteed to receive at least a percentage of the request based on funding available. Last year, funding requests reached an historic high of \$377 million of the \$400 million annually available. Anticipating that requests may reach or exceed the \$400 million cap, the FCC [just announced](#) new [filing windows](#) for FY2016 which is July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017.

The next filing window is from September 1 - November 30, 2016. If funds remains after all applications in that window are funded, the third filing window be February 1 - April 30, 2017, and all requests in that window would again receive an equal percentage of available funds. More information about the funding opportunity is available [here](#).

Career Development Grants - Deadline December 15



The American Association of University Women's (AAUW) [Career Development Grants](#) provide assistance to women who, through additional higher education, technical training, or participation in professional development institutes, are making career changes, seeking to advance in current careers, or reentering the workforce. Primary consideration is given to women of color, women pursuing credentials in nontraditional fields, and women who do not currently hold an advanced degree. Grants provide support for coursework toward degree programs other than a doctorate or for specialized training in technical or professional fields. [Applications for AAUW Career Development Grants are open August 1 - December 15.](#)

The Sunderland Foundation Grant Opportunities

THE SUNDERLAND FOUNDATION

Sunderland Foundation Grants support capital improvement projects in the areas of higher education, churches, youth serving agencies, health facilities, community buildings, museums, civic projects and energy efficient housing projects. The Sunderland Foundation primarily makes grants in the geographic areas that have connections to the Ash Grove Cement Company. Grants are awarded in Western Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, and Western Iowa. The Foundation generally awards grants to larger, well-established nonprofit organizations. Start-ups and small, grassroots organizations are encouraged to seek funding elsewhere. Areas of interest include higher education, churches, youth serving agencies, health facilities, community buildings, museums, civic projects and low maintenance, energy efficient housing projects sponsored by qualified tax-exempt organizations. In recent grant cycles, the Board of Trustees has awarded the majority of grants in four broadly defined areas: higher education, human services, arts and culture and healthcare and hospitals. In 2015, more than \$1.2 million was awarded to hospitals and health-care groups to build and improve their facilities. For more information on this funding opportunity, please see the [application guidelines](#) on the [program website](#). An [email contact form](#) is available on the website for questions.

Training and Conference Announcements

KDHE Division of Health Care Finance Offers Medicaid Training Courses in Independence and Wichita October 5 and 27



Interactive [courses](#) for any staff of any agency that has contact with the Kansas Medicaid system will be offered in Independence on October 5 and in Wichita on October 27. Attendees will be able to learn more about the system through four courses that provide an overview of Kansas Medicaid, managed care, Medicaid eligibility, and some special programs for people with disabilities who want to work. Please note that the courses are not intended for individual consumers or their families, and the course focused on Medicaid eligibility related to Home Community Based Services (HCBS) will not cover specific HCBS waiver services. Registration is based on a first come basis and can be completed through the [registration form](#).

14th Annual Regional Trauma Council & Advisory Committee Trauma Statewide Leadership Meeting - October 12



The Kansas Trauma Program is sponsoring the 14th Annual Kansas Trauma Program Statewide Leadership Meeting, October 12 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. The event will include several keynote speakers, and will include discussions on pertinent topics in the Kansas Trauma System development, national advances in trauma system development, legislative issues surrounding the trauma system, and providing quality trauma care. Continuing education credits will be available, including credits for physicians, APRNs, nurses, and EMS personnel. The brochure for the event and registration are available through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID# 1065242. Please contact Wendy Gronau, Regional Trauma Coordinator, with questions about the event at 785-296-0425 or wgronau@kdheks.gov.

It's Influenza Time - Looking for Resources?



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has [free resources](#) available on its website for the flu season. Resources include a [digital media kit](#), resources in [Spanish](#) and [11 other languages](#), targeted resources for [Seniors](#), plain language resources, and more. If Your Kids are a Size [poster](#) provides a reminder that flu protection is recommended for children six months and older. [Resources](#) are also available targeting pregnant women to raise awareness on the risk for serious complications from the flu. There are also posters available for [families](#), including [No Flu In My House](#), which can be [ordered](#) for free.

Partnering for Health Conference - October 11



The 6th Annual Partnering for Health Conference will take place at Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Partnering for Health is a free event that highlights partnerships and encourages open discussion among the faith-based community, academic health centers, community health workers and community-based service organizations. It is an opportunity to engage with other regional health researchers, community-based organizations, and public health professionals to address health disparities within local communities. Click here for information on [past conferences](#). Registration is available by [clicking here](#). For more information contact Todd Moore at Tmoore3@kumc.edu or 913-588-4925.

Public Health Ebola Risk Communications Training - Beginning October 11 in Garden City



In order to ensure the readiness and response capability of state, local and territorial public health agencies to public health emergency, crisis and disaster situations the Preparedness Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is collaborating with the Public Policy and Management Center (PPMC) at Wichita State University to provide crisis communication training. [KDHE-BCHS: Ebola Risk Communications Training, Course ID# 1065100](#) is for Local Health Department Public Information Officers and applicable KDHE staff participating in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Preparedness [Ebola Supplemental Grant](#). This full day training will be held at six locations around the state before June 30, 2017. See the course details page on [KS-TRAIN](#) for more information including dates and times. If you have questions about the contact Elisa Nehrbass at 785-296-1882 or enehrbass@kdheks.gov.

NACCHO Webinar: Breastfeeding in the Community: Closing the Care Gap - October 12



The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) will be offering its second webinar in the NACCHO Public Health Breastfeeding Series on Wednesday, October 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT. The interactive webinar will address varying mechanisms that can be used to create a continuum of care to promote and support breastfeeding in underserved communities. Discussing both internal and external care continuity in hospital and community settings, the webinar will also explore how breastfeeding support and promotion services can be integrated into allied public health programs to create sustainable solutions to the care gap. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Kansas Evidenced Based Course 2016 - Registration Deadline October 16



[Registration is now open](#) for the November 14 - 16, Kansas Evidence-Based Public Health Course for Local & State Practitioners at the Ramada Downtown Hotel and Convention Center, Topeka. 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.

This training is offered by the Bureau of Health Promotion at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Adapted from the Prevention Research Center in St. Louis'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. As state and 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. Don't miss this unique training opportunity.

Course Themes:

- Selecting Evidence-Based Interventions
- Action Plans for Results
- Quantitative Evaluation
- Using Qualitative Data
- Prioritizing Program & Policy Options
- Economics of Prevention

Registered participants are expected to complete a series of six 30-45 minute webinars prior to the in-person course in Topeka. Webinars will be pre-recorded and accessible via KS-TRAIN in mid-October. While there is not a fee associated with this training, all course participants are responsible for their own travel and hotel and all other per diem expenses. Lunch will be provided two days. Continuing education units are available. Click here to access the [application form](#). Questions can be directed to csnyder@kdheks.gov.

NCCMT Webinar: Peer-led Interventions to Prevent Tobacco, Alcohol and/or Drug Use Among Young People: What's the Evidence?



The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT) will hold an interactive webinar on October 27 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Dr. Georgie MacArthur, National Institute of Health Research Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Social and Community Medicine, University of Bristol, will present an overview of findings from her systematic review examining peer-led interventions to prevent tobacco, alcohol and/or drug use among young people. Register [here](#) for the webinar.

Wichita State University Offers Healthcare Badges for Continuing Education

Wichita State University's online Badge courses are designed for busy professionals looking to increase their knowledge and gain new skills. Topic areas include Public Health, Breastfeeding and American Sign Language. For a complete listing of available courses visit: badges.wichita.edu/badgcatalog

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Oral Health Kansas Conference - November 3-5

 **Registration** is now open for the 2016 Oral Health Kansas Conference in Overland Park. The theme for this year's conference is Igniting Collective Impact: Inspiring Communities. The Friday session will include a panel of state officials and leaders to reflect on the 15 years that have passed since the Surgeon General's report on oral health. The keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Shermer, who will demonstrate why science is the best tool possible to determine whether our human beliefs match reality. The Saturday session will focus on how dental providers and others can promote oral health services to trauma survivors and create an environment to reduce stress for all. Registration for the event ends October 28. For more information about the event contact Oral Health Kansas at info@oralhealthkansas.org or 785-235-6039.

Community Health Workers: A Bridge to Value-Based Care - November 9



Please join the Mid-America Regional Council, Wednesday, November 9, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a special one-day conference to introduce health care providers and payers to the benefits of working with Community Health Workers (CHWs). In the changing health care environment, reimbursement is increasingly linked to the quality and value of care. As such, providers and payers of health care services are exploring new ways to improve the delivery of care. Join your peers as they examine how CHWs are integral to improving the patient experience and outcomes and helping to deliver better care at a lower cost. The keynote address will be presented by Shreya Kangovi, M.D., MSHP, the founding executive director of the Penn Center for Community Health Workers and an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine. Panel presenters will include national and local health care providers and health payers. For more information, contact Marlene Nagel at mnagel@marc.org. To access registration information [click here](#).

2017 Local Public Health Leadership Series Taking Applications - Apply by November 15



Applications are now being accepted for the next session of the Local Public Health Leadership Series. All Public Health Professionals who desire to expand their leadership development are encouraged to apply for this four-month education opportunity sponsored by The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD). The purpose of the Local Public Health Leadership Series (LPHLS) is to enhance the ability of local health department administrators and staff to exercise leadership in the delivery of Medicaid services to residents in their communities. The LPHLS will develop core knowledge and skills related to identifying and responding to adaptive challenges. The focus will be on development of leadership competencies identified by the Kansas Leadership Center: Diagnosing the Situation, Managing Self, Energizing Others and Intervening Skillfully.

Leadership involves mobilizing others, sometimes without direct authority to do so, in an effort to address difficult community challenges. These difficult, daunting, adaptive challenges don't have a single expert or manager that can fix them. Progress can be made to address adaptive challenges but it will require learning, involvement of stakeholders and persistent efforts. Public health professionals are in key positions to provide this kind of leadership.

Applicants who are chosen will be expected to attend all live sessions in Wichita at the [Community Engagement Institute](http://CommunityEngagementInstitute.org). There is no registration cost for participating in the Local Public Health Series, only the commitment of time.

- January 23 - 24, 2017
- February 7 - 8, 2017
- March 7 - 8, 2017
- April 12 - 13, 2017

The Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute will serve as faculty and coaches for the series which is modeled after the [Kansas Leadership Center's](http://KansasLeadershipCenter.org) training curriculum and methods. If you want to know more about this program email Seth Bate at Seth.Bate@wichita.edu or Sonja Armbruster at Sonja.Armbruster@wichita.edu.

If you are interested in participating in this program and would like to receive the application, please contact Kristina Helmer at Kristina.Helmer@wichita.edu. The applications are due November 15.

Disaster Information Management Resource Center Trainings Available on KS-TRAIN



The National Library of Medicine's Disaster Information Management Research Center has released two of six courses on disaster health information. These courses address one of the disaster medicine core competencies: to be able to identify authoritative sources for information in a disaster or public health emergency. [Disaster Health Information Sources: The Basics](#), Course ID #1064823, is a course providing a comprehensive overview of the essential resources needed to provide health-related information services for supporting disaster mitigation, planning, resources, and recovery. [Health Information Resources for CBRNE \(Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives\)](#), Course ID #1064871, provides information about CBRNE incidents, their effects, appropriate responses, and available resources for planning, response and recovery.

TRAIN Course on the Role of Professionals in Identifying and Intervening in the Lives of Drug Endangered Children



As a part of the continued collaboration between the Local Public Health Program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the [Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children](#) (KADEC) a course has been made available on KS-TRAIN, [KADEC: The Role of Professionals in Identifying and Intervening in the Lives of Drug Endangered Children](#), Course ID #1062217.

This one-hour course was designed to increase awareness about drug endangered children, who are found in an environment where illegal drugs are manufactured, sold, distributed, used, or where there is other significant evidence of illegal drugs. Participants in the online module will learn about the risks and impacts of parental/caregiver substance abuse on children, learn to identify drug endangered children and their environments, and learn the effects of prenatal substance abuse. Information is also included about intervention opportunities for these families and the process for referring these children and families to services. The goal is for participants to learn how they can make a difference in the lives of these vulnerable children. Click the KADEC logo to learn more about the organization.

Continuing Education Courses Available for Public Health Professionals Via KS-TRAIN



[The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care Review](#), Course ID #1065148, covers a brief history of the Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards, the overview and importance of implementing CLAS, CLAS Standards, implementation strategies, the Title VI Civil Rights Act, and the relationship of Title VI to the CLAS Standards. CLAS is increasingly important as the communities we serve experience changes in demographics and increasing diversity, while health disparities and inequalities continue to plague the greater population. This webinar outlines the National CLAS Standards Blueprint, a condensed version of the full CLAS Standards that can be used as an implementation guide, created and released by the New Jersey Office of Minority Multicultural Health in 2014. CHES credit is available.

[Marijuana Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Clinical Guidance](#), Course ID #1065030, is from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Retail Marijuana Public Health Advisory Committee. Colorado is one of the first states to legalize marijuana, and the research of health effects of marijuana use is limited. Tasked with creating public awareness, prevention and education strategies, developing resources, and aligning messages, CDPHE created the Retail Marijuana Education program. Additionally, CDPHE manages the Retail Marijuana Public Health Advisory Committee which includes public health and health care professionals, experts in cannabinoid physiology, and scientists. Based on literature reviews, medical professional expertise, and stakeholder input, pregnancy and breastfeeding guidelines were developed. This learning module will disseminate research, review pregnancy and breastfeeding guidelines, and cover additional marijuana safety topics. CME credit is available.

[MMWR Recommendations and Reports: U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use](#), 2016, Course ID #1065027 online module is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The goal of this report is to address a select group of common, yet controversial or complex issues regarding initiation and use of contraceptive methods. This report will serve as clinical guidance for health-care providers and offer evidence-based recommendations, with the goal of reducing medical barriers to contraception access and use. CNE, CHES and CME credit is available.

[Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units Grand Round Series](#), June 29, Course ID #1065032, Old Poison, New Findings: Arsenic's Effect on Maternal and Child Health states, that although the vulnerability of the child to environmental exposures has long been recognized because of their smaller size, active growth and development, and such susceptibilities as increased respiratory rate and higher skin surface area to mass, many clinicians have expressed reticence in addressing these issues with parents/caregivers. The reasons provided in survey responses from a number of professional organizations have included lack of time, lack of training, uncertainty regarding the validity of either the science behind expressed exposure concerns and/or recommendations regarding prevention or reducing exposure. These results suggest that, although a vast majority of practitioners consider environmental exposures important, fewer than half incorporate questions regarding such exposures into their practice. CNE, CHES and CME is credit available.

[Public Health Grand Rounds - Tracking Environmental Health Data for Public Health Decision Making](#), June 21, Course ID #1064917, describes expanding the knowledge base and increasing awareness on key public health issues for professionals on varying technical specialties and professional backgrounds. This Public Health Grand Rounds will provide evidence-based and policy framework for important areas of public health. CNE, CHES and CME credit is available.

News and Resources

Birth Control's Troubling Myths



Nearly a [third of women](#) are misinformed about the most effective forms of contraceptives, a new report finds. After years of slow uptake, IUDs and implants are finally catching on among American women. In 2013, about 12 percent of women were using these long-acting, reversible contraceptives, or LARCs, compared with just 2.4 percent in 2002. Some studies credit these contraceptives with playing a major role in the reduction of the teen-pregnancy rate. But a [new report](#) from the Urban Institute think-tank suggests that nearly a third of women are significantly misinformed about LARCs. Using a 2016 survey of 798 women of reproductive age, the authors found that fewer women thought that implants, which have a failure rate of about one in 2,000 women, are "very effective" than think that about the pill, which has a [failure rate](#) of about nine in 100 women.

The Not-So-Hidden Dangers of the Salt Shaker



Excessive sodium has been recognized for many years as a danger to health due to its link to high blood pressure. Legal regulation of sodium levels could reduce sodium intake from foods bought at restaurants and stores. When the New York City Board of Health approved a requirement for chain restaurants to post warning labels next to menu items containing high levels of sodium, it was challenged in court. The Network for Public Health Law offers a public health law and policy perspective on [their blog](#).

A Flu Shot Is The Best Defense This Year



Health officials are warning that a [popular nasal-spray vaccine](#) isn't sufficiently effective to prevent the flu, and pediatricians worry many parents won't get their children vaccinated this year. The result could be that more people fall sick this flu season, which can begin as early as October. A flu shot is the only recommended option to get vaccinated, but some parents may skip the painful procedure for their children. A [CDC review found the spray vaccine provided insufficient protection](#) against the flu in recent years.

Toxic Chemicals are Hiding in Your House Dust



When was the last time you dusted your house? Your answer could reveal a lot about your home habits, but the findings of a [new study](#) might have everyone upping their game - and potentially keeping wet wipes and hand sanitizer nearby at all times. Researchers at George Washington University say 45 toxic chemicals are found commonly in your house dust, with 10 of them lurking in 90 percent of homes across the country.

Breastfeeding Report Card 2016



Breastfeeding rates [continue to rise](#) in the United States. Among infants born in 2013, four out of five (81.1 percent) started to breastfeed, over half (51.8 percent) were breastfeeding at six months, and almost one third (30.7 percent) were breastfeeding at 12 months. More than half of states, 29 states, including D.C. and Puerto Rico, have already met the HP2020 objective of 81.9 percent ever breastfeeding. Despite high breastfeeding initiation rates and continued improvement in breastfeeding duration, most states are not yet meeting HP2020 breastfeeding duration and exclusivity targets. For infants born in 2013, 12 states met the HP2020 breastfeeding objective for six months duration (60.6 percent).

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each year in Kansas about 370 women die of breast cancer and approximately 30 die from cervical cancer. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Kansas women. Regular mammograms among women ages 50-69 can reduce deaths by 30 percent. Early Detection Works is a program that aims to reduce death from breast and cervical cancer among the women of Kansas through education, screening, diagnosis, case management, and referrals for cancer treatment. If you are interested in learning more about this program visit the [website](#) or contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Early Detections Works Program Staff at 786-296-1207.

Study: Smoking permanently scars your DNA



Smoking scars DNA in clear patterns, [researchers reported](#) recently. Most of the damage fades over time, they found - but not all of it. Their study of 16,000 people found that while most of the disease-causing genetic footprints left by smoking fade after five years if people quit, some appear to stay there forever. The marks are made in a process called methylation, which is an alteration of DNA that can inactivate a gene or change how it functions - often causing cancer and other diseases.

Antibiotic Resistance: New Warning Signs that Gonorrhea Treatment May Be Losing Effectiveness



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently published a [study](#) in JAMA Internal Medicine estimating that U.S. hospitals are increasingly using broad-spectrum drugs that fight a range of disease-causing bacteria, which may signal increasing concern about infections caused by drug-resistant bacteria. CDC found that overall antibiotic use in hospitals changed little between 2006 and 2012. In addition, CDC issued a press release [New Warning Signs that Gonorrhea Treatment May be Losing Effectiveness](#).

How the Sugar Industry Shifted Blame to Fat

The New York Times The [sugar industry](#) paid scientists in the 1960s to play down the link between sugar and heart disease and promote saturated fat as the culprit instead, newly released historical documents show. The internal sugar industry documents, recently discovered by a researcher at the University of California, San Francisco, and [published recently in JAMA Internal Medicine](#), suggest that five decades of research into the role of nutrition and heart disease, including many of today's dietary recommendations, may have been largely shaped by the sugar industry.

FDA Issues Final Rule on Safety and Effectiveness of Antibacterial Soaps



The United States Food and Drug Administration issued a final rule establishing that over-the-counter (OTC) consumer antiseptic wash products containing certain active ingredients [can no longer be marketed](#). This [final rule](#) applies to consumer antiseptic wash products containing one or more of 19 specific active ingredients, including the most commonly used ingredients, triclosan and triclocarban. These products are intended for use with water, and are rinsed off after use. This rule does not affect consumer hand sanitizers or wipes, or antibacterial products used in health care settings.

Depression in Early Pregnancy Linked to Gestational Diabetes



Researchers at the National Institutes of Health have [discovered a two-way link](#) between depression and gestational diabetes. Women who reported feeling depressed during the first two trimesters of pregnancy were nearly twice as likely to develop gestational diabetes, according to an analysis of pregnancy records. Conversely, a separate analysis found that women who developed gestational diabetes were more likely to report postpartum depression six weeks after giving birth, compared to a similar group of women who did not develop gestational diabetes.

Job Postings

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- [Dental Interpreter](#)
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