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Kansas Public Health Association Bestows Honors at Annual Meeting

by Bureau of Community Health Systems



Congratulations to the public health award winners at the 2012 Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Annual Meeting and Fall Conference. This year's KPHA awardees are:

Eldonna Chesnut, RN, BSN, MSN, Division Director of Adult and Child Care Facilities, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment was honored with the Samuel J. Crumbine Medal, the highest award given by KPHA 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. Eldonna and Shirley Orr, KPHA President are pictured on the left.

The Special Service Award was given to Melissa Armstrong, MAC, Assistant Director of the Master of Public Health and Master of Clinical Research, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of Kansas-Wichita, for her outstanding service in the interest of public health

and/or environmental improvement.

Neita Christopherson, RN, Reno County Health Department, received the Dorothy Wooden Award for excellence in public health nursing.

Stephanie Thompson, RN, BSN, MSN and Becky Tuttle, MA, BS were awarded the Virginia Lockhart Health Education Award for outstanding service in public promotion of health and/or environmental issues.

Virginia Elliott, Vice President for Programs accepted the Corporate Public Health Service Award on behalf of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. This award is presented to a company or organization whose public policy activities makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement in Kansas.

Shirley Orr, KPHA President honored Robert Moser, MD, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment with the President's Award to acknowledge his special accomplishments in improving the public's health in Kansas.

A prize of a conference registration and travel expenses to the American Public Health Association annual meeting was awarded to KPHA Conference poster winners in the following categories:

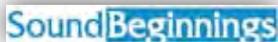
- Student: Gina Berg, "Current Knowledge and Attitudes of Physicians in Kansas Regarding Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking"
- Practice: Missty Lechner, "Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Evaluation"
- Research: Chelsea Raybern, "Assessment for a Statewide Rabies Vaccination Requirement for Dogs and Cats in Kansas"



In the Spotlight – SoundBeginnings Newborn Hearing Screening Program

by Kelly Barr, Data/Follow-up Manager

SoundBeginnings, Bureau of Family Health, KDHE



Hearing loss is the most frequently occurring congenital anomaly found in newborns. Approximately 70 babies born in the state of Kansas are diagnosed with some degree of hearing loss every year. SoundBeginnings Newborn Hearing Screening Program (SBNHS) provides tracking and follow-up of infants from the hospital screening to diagnostic evaluations and into early intervention services if needed.

The state and national goals are to complete the initial hearing screen by one month of age, confirm hearing loss by three months of age, and insure appropriate intervention by six months of age. Early hearing detection is highly effective in facilitating a child's development of speech and language when intervention and treatment begins before six months of age. The first three years of life are the most critical for speech and language development.

The biggest obstacle for SBNHS is the percentage of babies who do not complete the hearing screening process, also known as Loss to Follow-up (LFU). LFU is defined as any infant who did not complete the recommended birth screen, diagnostic evaluation or intervention process. In an effort to reduce LFU in Kansas, SoundBeginnings has begun to reach out to the local health departments. Studies have shown that 75-80 percent of babies that were LFU were being seen in their county health departments for WIC or immunizations. By collaborating with their state newborn screening program they were able to contact and educate families and in some cases, where the health department had OAE (Otoacoustic Emissions) equipment, they were even able to screen the babies and help reduce their state's LFU by 30 percent.

SBNHS's primary goal is to improve the quality of life with children with hearing loss and their families by reducing the number of infants who are lost to follow-up to newborn hearing screening, audiologic evaluations and early intervention services. We look forward in strengthening our state program by working with the local health departments throughout Kansas. Please direct SoundBeginnings questions to Kelly Barr at kbarr@kdheks.gov or to Elizabeth A. Abbey, Audiologist/State Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Coordinator, eabbey@kdheks.gov.

In the Spotlight - Marshall County Featured on Front Page of "Vote and Vax" Initiative

by Bureau of Community Health Systems



The founders of Vote & Vax recognized the opportunity to safely and conveniently provide flu vaccinations on Election Day. Initially a collaboration between The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and SPARC (Sickness Prevention Achieved through Regional Collaboration), Vote & Vax works with local public health providers to assist them in launching vaccination clinics at or near polling places across the country. Click the Vote & Vax logo to read more about Marshall County.

KanCare Launches Biweekly News Bulletin

*by Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services*



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services would like to share with you the first edition of the KanCare news bulletin, "KanCare Advisor." This news bulletin is scheduled to be updated on a biweekly basis and posted to the KanCare website's News section. The Oct. 24, edition contains a message from Dr. Susan Mosier, Director of Medicaid Services, KDHE.

You can find the "Advisor" online by clicking the KanCare logo.

New Child Care Director at KDHE

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) is pleased to announce Lori Steelman has been promoted to the Child Care Director position. Lori holds a degree in Psychology as well as a Child Development Associate Credential. She has been with Child Care Licensing since 2010; has a strong foundation in early care and education; and has demonstrated leadership, passion, and commitment to the program and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Lori recently presented health and safety regulation training at the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children (KAEYC) Professional Development Day in Manhattan. This annual event draws child care providers and other early childhood professionals from across the state.

Planning Ahead: Applications for KU-MPH program due March 1, 2013

*by Tonya Honderick, Assistant Director
Preventive Medicine, The University of Kansas*



Many people associate the fall with the start of a new academic year. And for those who have been thinking about continuing their public health training, it is also the perfect time to get started on an application to the University of Kansas Master of Public Health program.

The University of Kansas Master of Public Health (KU-MPH) degree program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and may be completed on campuses in Wichita or Kansas City (KC). This 42-credit hour program offers five concentrations, including Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Public Health Management, Social and Behavioral Health or Biostatistics (KC campus only). Courses are offered at times that are convenient for working professionals, and students may complete their degree on a part-time or full-time basis. KU-MPH faculty are diverse and highly successful in conducting research in tobacco cessation; health disparities among the rural, American Indian and Latino populations; workforce development; obesity and physical activity and cancer control, just to name a few.

Application deadline for the KU-MPH program is March 1, 2013. Applicants should prepare now by:

- writing a 250-word personal statement describing past experience in public health practice or a related health field, as well as future career goals in public health.
- preparing a current resume or curriculum vitae.
- taking the GRE exam if it has not been taken in the last five years (GRE scores are waived for domestic applicants who have already earned a terminal degree like an MD or PhD). An MCAT or other standardized test score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE.
- requesting and submitting one official copy of all post-secondary transcripts. Any international transcripts must be evaluated for U.S. equivalency (degree and GPA) through the World Education Service or Educational Credential Evaluators.
- requesting three letters of recommendation.
- International applicants must also submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Applications to the KU-MPH program are submitted through an online process, which can be accessed by clicking of the KU Jayhawk. There is a \$60 application fee.



For more information visit the KU-MPH Admissions website by clicking on the KU-MPH logo. Additional questions may be sent to Melissa Armstrong at 316-293-2693 or email at marmstro@kumc.edu or Tanya Honderick at 913-588-2720 or email at thonderick@kumc.edu.

KHEL Celebrates Completion of Phase I in LIMS Project

by the Office of Communication, KDHE



The Kansas Health and Environment Laboratories (KHEL) staff celebrated the completion of Phase I in the development and implementation of their new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). The LIMS will improve the customer interface with the laboratories and increase automation in processing samples. In addition to the work of the lab staff, certain customers/partners have been meeting with the lab to provide

feedback and workflow discussions for the customer side of LIMS. The next phase consists of continued training, detailed workflows and interfaces with other programs as well as parallel testing with the current system to make sure all components are working properly with a "Go Live" date scheduled for Oct, 2013.

BWM Staff Dig In and Sort Trash for Data

by Office of Communications, KDHE



Twelve Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) staff from the Bureau of Waste Management (BWM) put on Tyvek suits, steel toed boots, hard hats and gloves; then they visited one or more Kansas landfills to determine the types of materials that Kansans are throwing in their trash. The purpose of the waste sorting activity was primarily to see how much recyclable material is still in our trash after nearly 20 years of steadily increased recycling. The results of this waste sort are presently being compared to a study done more than ten years ago.

The landfills that were visited are the same as in 2001 and 2002. They include the Finney County landfill owned by Waste Connections, Inc., the Rooks

County Landfill, the Anderson County Transfer Station, the Wilson County Transfer Station and the Shawnee County landfill owned by Waste Management, Inc.

The KDHE participants worked under the general direction of Jack Chappelle, a consultant from Engineering Solutions and Design. This group volunteered for this dirty duty saving KDHE a considerable amount of money from using all consulting services, plus the group reported that the experience was both interesting and good from a team-building perspective. The results of this study will be used to help BWM in preparing a report on the adequacy of current waste reduction efforts.



40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

by the Office of Communications, KDHE

In 1974, the Kansas Board of Health (later renamed the Kansas Department of Health and Environment) was authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the Clean Water Act in Kansas. A generation ago, the American people faced health and environmental threats in their waters that are almost unimaginable by our standards today.

- Two-thirds of the waterways were unsafe for swimming or fishing.
- Almost 90 percent of public water systems had little or no information on what bacteria or chemicals might be in the water they delivered.



- By 1969 there were 13 documented fires on the Cuyahoga River in Ohio.
- Lake Erie had been declared dead.
- In Washington, DC, the Potomac River was so polluted it's was reported that you could smell it in the city on hot days.

"While the situation may not have been so dire in Kansas, there were still significant problems," said Mike Tate, Director of the Bureau of Water (BOW). "Forty years ago it was not unusual to see streams black from wastewater discharges, colored by industrial wastes or with dead fish from feedlot and industry runoff. The rarity of these harmful and unsightly problems today is a tribute to significant progress made in reducing pollutants in the lakes and streams of Kansas." For more information on the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act click the image above of the Cottonwood River.

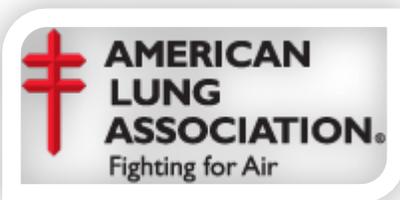
Cutting Tobacco's Rural Roots

by the American Lung Association

The American Lung Association recently released, "Cutting Tobacco's Rural Roots, Tobacco Use in Rural Communities," which describes the current status and some successful programs addressing tobacco use in rural America. America's rural population is one group that is more heavily impacted by tobacco use. People living in rural communities are more likely to use tobacco and they have especially high rates of smokeless tobacco use. Rural Americans are also more likely to be exposed to secondhand smoke and less likely to have access to programs that help

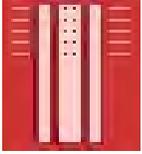
them quit smoking. The rural community clearly requires special attention if we hope to end the epidemic of tobacco use in this country. Click the American Lung Association logo to review this report.

In spite of the many challenges to reducing the tobacco epidemic in rural communities, there are places where people working together are making a difference. Additional information about state and local statistics on tobacco use can be found at the Kansas Health Matters (KHM) website. Click the KHM logo.



Helping Families Raise Kids Cavity Free – It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3

by Marcia Manter, Community Development Specialist
Oral Health Kansas



Oral Health Kansas (OHK) provides three easy steps to use for raising kids cavity free:

1. Drink tap water with fluoride. Giving children fluoridated water to drink strengthens their tooth enamel. Germs that cause decay have to work much harder to get through the enamel, reducing tooth decay.
2. Brush with fluoride toothpaste. Dentists and physicians recommend a tiny smear of fluoridated toothpaste for children under two years of age and a small pea size for children under six. Best to brush morning and night.
3. Say, "Yes," to fluoride varnish applications. When the doctor's office and your child's school ask you for permission to paint your child's teeth with fluoride varnish, say, "yes." It will add one more layer of protection to make the tooth enamel even stronger.

Click the OHK logo for a free pamphlet about fluoride for children.

Celebrate with Us!



November 15, 2012

(Events Planned November 11-17, 2012)

For More Information or Ideas on How to Celebrate go to:

<http://celebratepowerofrural.org/> OR

<http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/ruralhealthday.htm>

Accreditation Corner

KDHE Teams Apply QI Tools Addressing "Real Time" Challenges and Opportunities

by Brenda Nickel, Director

Center for Performance Management, KDHE



Four teams from across the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Divisions worked with Jack Moran, PhD and Harry Lenderman, EdD Oct. 16-17th at Washburn University to learn and apply quality improvement (QI) tools. The work session is a strategy for the agency to begin to integrate QI activities into individual and program activities. The initial two-day training was

used to define the challenges or opportunities the groups wanted to address, apply basic QI tools under the guidance of the Public Health Foundation QI experts, and receive feedback by colleagues also participating in the training. Participants will implement their QI projects over the next five weeks with a technical assistance

call with the Public Health Foundation Nov. 16, and a second two-day session Nov. 27-28 with Jack Moran and Harry Lenderman.

The four teams and their projects are as follows:

- KDHE Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention (BDPC): "Improve Cross-Training of Staff Through Protocol Development"
- KDHE Health and Environment Lab (KHEL): "Improve Mail Delivery System to KHEL"
- KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion (BHP): "Improve Utilization of a Data Collection System by All Bureau Staff for Collaborative and Integrative Processes"
- KDHE Bureau of Community Health Systems (BCHS): "Align Bureau Program Goals and Objectives with the Public Health Accreditation Board Standards and Measures"

Want information about how you can apply QI in your daily work? Click the image above to learn more.

County Health Services Directories Added to Kansas Health Matters Website

by Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



[County Health Services Directories](#) for most Kansas counties have recently been added to the website, Kansas Health Matters (KHM). They can be found on the website by following the link for "Community Plans and Strategies," on the left hand menu. Funding for this work was provided by the Kansas Health Foundation Professor in Community Health Endowment administered by K-State Research and Extension at Kansas State University. Click the KHM logo to go to this website.

Community Health Status Indicators Report a Tool for Community Advocates

by Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI) report provides a tool for community advocates to see, react, and act upon creating a healthy community. The report can serve as a starting point for community assessment of needs, quantification of vulnerable populations, and measurement of preventable diseases, disabilities and deaths. When interpreting data, it may be helpful to compare your county with another that is considered similar, a "peer" county. For a helpful resource to determine who in Kansas is your "peer," visit CHSI by clicking on their logo.

Quality Improvement in Kansas Public Health Workshop

*by Teri Caudle, Public Health Nurse Specialist
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Local Public Health Program, with support from the Kansas Health Foundation held a quality improvement (QI) training on Oct. 18 in Salina. The workshop, "Quality Improvement in Kansas Public Health," was presented to individuals representing local public health departments across the state.

Local public health staff, work under increased demands to operate and manage within many constraints, while they carry out daily direct service duties, implement community programs and collaborate with organizations to meet community needs. QI is a useful tool that enables a team of individuals working together to create a culture of change in the workplace and it can have a positive impact on the organization. This is done by being intentional – analyzing real time data, testing a hypothetical change and implementing the change.

Sonja Armbruster (image above), Community Health-Planning and Performance Improvement Division Director and Ty Kane (image on right), Community Health Analyst with the Sedgwick County Health Department facilitated the creative five hour seminar focused on QI and assisted participants with resources to design sustainable operational change. The agenda included active participation from attendees to:

- Explore Eight Areas of Transformational Change
- Discover Roadmap Elements of Agency QI Culture
- Listen to Stories from the Field



- Create a framework for building an agency QI plan

Attendee comments reflected a successful workshop. Future plans include follow-up webinars to provide technical assistance to participating agencies as they develop their QI plans as well as opportunities for sharing plans when they are completed.

Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Why School Gardens? – Deadline Nov. 15



School gardens are a vital educational tool. Every seed planted sprouts a new opportunity for kids to cultivate healthy eating habits. Teaching kids to garden helps them learn about complex topics like sustainability and conservation, food systems and community awareness. Not to mention an appreciation for food from seed to plate. Click the Whole Kids Foundation logo for more information.

Safety and Health for Older Women – Deadline Nov. 15



Funding is available for activities and events that enhance access to information and health care resources that promote the safety and health of older women (i.e., women over 50) in the United States and its affiliated territories. Community-based partnerships and collaborations are strongly encouraged. Activities that educate health professionals on issues related to older women are also strongly encouraged. Proposed activities should focus on one of the following three general topic areas: preventive and behavioral health, such as chronic disease self-management, cardiovascular disease and/or heart attack symptoms in women, and oral health in older women; abuse in older adults, including, but not limited to, interpersonal and domestic violence prevention, elder rights protection, and trauma; or caregiving, including older women's role as caregivers for spouses or parents, and/or as guardians for children/grandchildren. Projects will be funded up to a maximum amount of \$2,500. Click the image above for the request for proposals.

Champions for Healthy Kids – Deadline Dec. 5



Promoting healthy nutrition and fitness for America's youth, "Champions for Healthy Kids," has helped nearly one million kids since its inception in 2002. Launched in partnership with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, this has become a flagship program of the [General Mills Foundation](#), distributing more than \$5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations.

Through the Champions for Healthy Kids program, the General Mills Foundation will award 50 grants of \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations working to improve nutrition and physical fitness behaviors for youth. The application can be found by clicking the General Mills logo.

Get Ready for the 2013, "I'm Your Community Guide!" Contest – Deadline Jan. 31, 2013



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) is pleased to announce the 2013, "I'm Your Community Guide!" contest. In an effort to promote [The Community Guide](#), PHF is collecting stories from those who have used or are currently using "The Community Guide" to improve health in their community. The stories will help advance public health practice by exemplifying the value of implementing evidence-based strategies. Click the PHF logo for the application.

PHF encourages all state, tribal, local and territorial health departments; community health coalitions; and other organizations to enter that have used or are currently using, "The Community Guide's," findings and recommendations to improve health in their communities.

The submission period for this year's contest began in Oct. and entries will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2013. Find out more information on [PHF's efforts to promote "The Community Guide."](#)



IMMUNIZE KANSAS KIDS

Immunize Kansas Kids Grant Opportunities

Immunize Kansas Kids (IKK) coalition is requesting proposals on collaborative and sustainable methods to increase age-appropriate immunizations for young Kansas children, age zero to five years. Through the Community Coalition Grants, IKK seeks to support the creation of local coalitions that will work to increase immunization rates. The IKK quality improvement grants support the use of quality improvement tools to target immunization barriers. Grants will be awarded to selected communities or agencies in order to improve their immunization practices at the local level. The two grant opportunities are, "Community Coalition Grants," and "Quality Improvement Grant." To learn more and apply, click the IKK logo above.

Training Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Engaging Community Partners to Evidence-based Interventions – Nov. 13



The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Research to Reality (R2R) November cyber-seminar, "The Adaptation Effect: Engaging Community Partners to Adapt and Implement Evidence-based Interventions," on Nov. 13 from 1-2 P.M. This seminar will explore practice-based evidence and how it can inform your own community's efforts to engage partners in the adaptation of evidence-based interventions. To learn more, and register, click the NCI logo above.

Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Summit – Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2013

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Health Promotion will hold the annual Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Summit Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2013 in Wichita. Don't miss your chance to be part of the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction program. Summit attendees will learn about the State Fiscal Year 2014 Chronic Disease Risk Reduction funding opportunity as well as strategies that support tobacco use prevention, physical activity and nutrition initiatives. Registration and hotel accommodation information will be available Nov. 2012.

Community Health Assessment On-line Trainings Available

Office of Rural Health

*by Sara Roberts, Director of Rural Health
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

KS-TRAIN has several Community Health Assessment trainings available.

These short online trainings provide practical guidance for conducting community health assessments. It is intended for staff from state and local health departments, including those seeking accreditation, hospital staff who are considering new federal requirements for non-profit hospitals and those in community benefit programs, non-profit organizations and community leaders/members.

You can complete each module at one seating, and to pick and choose what you would like to complete from the course library that are posted to TRAIN, click the Office of Rural Health logo.

- [Community Facilitator 101 Training \(1030875\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 1: Assuring Engagement in Community Health Improvement Efforts \(1033673\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 2: Identifying Community Health Needs and Assets \(1033674\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 3: Conducting Community Health Assessments \(1033675\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 4: Setting Community Priorities Based on Identified Issues \(1034102\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 5: Developing a Logic Model for Community Health Improvement \(1034103\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 6: Developing a Strategic Plan for Community Health Improvement \(1034104\)](#)

What's New on the CDC Learning Connection Website

by Mary Bryant-Mason, Health Education Specialist
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October Spotlight: Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs)

This Spotlight features learning products and resources designed to help the public health community and healthcare providers better understand ASDs and developmental disabilities. Below are a few of the many learning products provided this month. Also be sure to check out ASDs [Resources](#) and [Social Media](#).

- [Autism as a Multisystem, Whole Body Disorder](#) [CE] Provides an overview of environmental factors and autism.
- Autism Case Training: [Part 1](#) [CE], [Part 2](#) [CE], and [Part 3](#) [CE] Provides an overview of identifying, diagnosing and managing children with ASDs.
- [Best Practices in Autism Treatment On-Demand](#) Includes videos on Joint Attention and Autism: Implications for Assessment and Treatment, Sound Based Therapy for Speech and Language Problems in Children, and Planning for Transition to Adulthood with Person-Centered Planning: Using Evidence Based Methods to Prepare for PATH.
- [Learn the Signs. Act Early](#) Provides an educational foundation to help increase child care providers' awareness and knowledge of children's developmental milestones, milestone relationships, and missed milestones that can indicate developmental problems and ASDs.
- [View more on Autism Spectrum Disorders \(ASDs\)](#).

Other Learning Connection News

The CDC Learning Connection provides easy access to the most comprehensive catalogue of public health learning products --- CDC TRAIN, an affiliate to KS-TRAIN. As of Oct. 1, there were over 36,800 learners on CDC TRAIN with access to over 4,900 courses. Below are a few of the courses recently added by CDC programs.

- [2012 National STD Prevention Conference: STD Prevention Innovation: Solutions in an Era of Change](#) (webcast)(Course ID 1035089) [CE]
- [ATSDR Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\) Registry Online Training Module](#) (web-based)(Course ID 1035388)
- [Core Microbiology Skills](#) (web-based)(Course ID 1035232)
- [Emerging Issues in Sexually Transmitted Diseases: 2010 STD Treatment Guidelines Webinar - Managing STDs in Correctional Settings: Behind the Walls](#) (webcast)(Course ID 1034070) [CE]
- [Rabies Postexposure Prophylaxis \(PEP\) Basics: Risk Assessment and Prevention](#) (web-based)(Course ID 1035072) [CE]
- [STD Module for Clinicians - Chlamydia \(Self-study\)](#) (web-based)(Course ID 1035321) [CE]
- [STD Module for Clinicians - Gonorrhea \(Self-Study\)](#) (web-based)(Course ID 1033563) [CE]

Free CE

Many CDC webcasts, journal articles, conferences, and other learning activities offer free continuing education (CE). For example, did you know that the *MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report)* offers free CE for selected articles?

News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

CDC Children's Environmental Health

The environment affects children differently than adults. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides data and information about children's environmental health issues including asthma, lead poisoning, cancer, developmental disabilities and socioeconomic conditions. Click the CDC logo to learn more about children's environmental health.



Health Communication Materials Database



Media/Material Clearinghouse (M/MC) is a leading international resource for health communications material with a database of health communication materials. The materials included pamphlets, posters, audiotapes, videos, training materials, job aids, electronic media, and other media/materials designed to promote public health. Click the M/MC logo to learn more about this database.

New Infographic Illustrates Public Health Impact - Wow



The American Public Health Association (APHA) recently published an infographic that illustrates how investments in public health and prevention funding can provide a major return on investment measured in both lives and money saved. To view this infographic click the APHA logo.

CDC Surveillance Resource Center



The CDC Surveillance Resource Center provides members of the public health surveillance community organized, easy access to guidance developed by CDC and its partners for improving the practice of surveillance. Public health surveillance refers to the collection, analysis, and use of data to target public health prevention. It is the foundation of public health practice. To view surveillance guidance documents click the image on the left.

Clear Communication: A NIH Health Literacy Initiative



The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clear Communication initiative that focuses on achieving two key objectives of health literacy: 1) Providing information in the form and with the content that is accessible to specific audiences based on cultural competence; and 2) Incorporating plain language approaches and new technologies. To learn more about this initiative click the NIH logo.

ITU and WHO launch mHealth Initiative to Combat Noncommunicable Diseases



The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have launched a new partnership called the 'mHealth' Initiative to use mobile technology, in particular text messaging and apps, to help combat noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular diseases and chronic respiratory diseases. To learn more, click the WHO logo.

Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans



The United States Department of Health and Human services (HHS) has issued, "Physical Activity Guideline for Americans." The guidelines provide information on the types and amounts of physical activity that offer substantial health benefits to Americans. Click the HHS logo to learn more.

Job Openings

Finney County

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

- [APRN Employee Clinic](#)
- [Office Clerk-WIC](#)



Johnson County Health Department

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

- [Immunization/Disease Containment Nurse](#)



Lyon County Health Department

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

- [Registered Nurse](#)



Reno County Health Department

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

- [Home Health Aide](#)
- [Public Health Nurse I](#)



Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [Registered Dietician - WIC](#)



Shawnee County Health Department

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

- [Licensed Practical Nurse](#)



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