

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

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Dental Access for Farmworker Clients Continues to Improve

Last month, eight-year-old Jorge woke up with severe pain due to a mouth full of untreated cavities and resulting infection. After referral to the clinic to treat the infection, Jorge was sent to one of the 100 dental provider partners across the state that works with the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program. KSFHP is grateful for the many ways that these private and not-for profit dental providers help to meet the needs of farmworkers and other uninsured and underserved individuals in their communities.

In July of this year, the We Care Clinic in Great Bend fulfilled its longstanding goal of hiring a dentist to work at the clinic. Adam Winter, DDS is the new full-time dentist. KSFHP is excited to be able to pay for services directly to this federally qualified health center. With limited funds available through the program for dental care, uninsured farmworker clients are able to receive much more care at a reasonable cost. We Care also serves as a dental home for farmworker clients with HealthWave, for whom it is often difficult to find dentists.

We Care Clinic is just one of the primary care and community health clinics for the medically underserved that have been expanding to include oral health in their scope of services. As a result, statewide, twelve access point clinics currently provide dental care. These are: *Douglas County Dental Clinic in Lawrence, Community Health Ministry Clinic in Wamego, Salina Family Healthcare Center in Salina, We Care Clinic in Great Bend, Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas in Pittsburg, Flint Hills Community Health Center in Emporia, Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County in Overland Park, Hunter Health Clinic and GraceMed Health Center in Wichita, Swope Health Services in Kansas City, Kansas, and Health Ministries Clinic in Newton.*

PrairieStar Health Center does not currently provide dental services, but plans to have a dentist on staff early in 2007.



Another option for uninsured individuals or others with difficulty accessing care are the Kansas Mission of Mercy events. Individuals in need of dental care are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The next event will be held on February 2-3, 2007 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kansas. More information about the next Mission of Mercy event can be found at <http://www.ksdentalfoundation.org/kmom/kmom.htm>.

Cultural Awareness Training Available

The KSFHP staff recognizes that providing services to Kansas's farmworkers can often be challenging and frustrating as many Farmworkers have limited English skills and different cultural beliefs and patterns from the

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norm. To support you in your work we want to let you know of a new cultural awareness initiative offered through the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc, (KFMC) the quality improvement organization for Kansas under contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). KFMC will train your staff to work respectfully and effectively with all patients through the development of a skill set of attitudes, behaviors and knowledge about cultural diversity.

This initiative utilizes a program by the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health titled "A Family Physician's Practical Guide to Culturally Competent Care" which can be accessed on the web at <http://www.thinkculturalhealth.org> or through an interactive DVD. The program will help you to:

- Identify strategies to promote self-awareness about attitudes, beliefs, biases and behaviors that may influence the clinical care you provide and
- Devise strategies to enhance skills toward the provision of care in a culturally competent clinical practice.

This program offers 9 category 1 CME's for physicians and PAs and 10.8 CEUS for ARNPS and nurses. Please contact Nancy Copeland Lee, KFMC Project Manager, at 1-800-432-0770 for more information.

Newest KSFHP Access Point

KSFHP would like to welcome the Clay County Health Department as its newest access point. After working with the TB Reimbursement portion of KSFHP CCHD found that the KSFHP farmworker coverage would help them provide a wider range of services to farmworker families in their own and neighboring counties.



Pictured (from left to right): Nancy Winter, RN, BSN; Dana Rickley, RN, BSN, Administrator; and Judy Lewis, RN, BSN of the Clay County Health Department

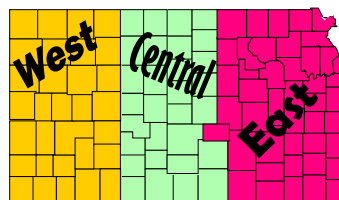
Clay County Health Department is located at 820 Spellman Circle in Clay Center. Dana Rickley is their Administrator.

ATTENTION! TIME TO SEND IN YOUR VOUCHERS AND BILLS!

The KSFHP Federal Fiscal Year ends November 30, 2006. To assure payment of services you have provided between December 1, 2005 and November 30, 2006, please do the following:

- **CONTACT YOUR BILLING OFFICE IMMEDIATELY,**
- **Submit all vouchers with outstanding billing claims to us,**
- **Deadline for receipt of KSFHP vouchers/bills is January 15, 2007.**

Please continue to send in bills and vouchers within two months of the date of service and remember to send all correspondence to "KS Statewide Farmworker Health Program".



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