

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health

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New Health Promoters: Ray Schroeder, Lotti Boschmann, Maggie Galindo & Juan Coy

KSFHP Health Promoters

Survey Farmworkers

Through the support of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds KSFHP has hired three new health promoters: Ray Schroeder, Maggie Galindo and Juan Coy. Ray is retired with a small farming operation and is bilingual in English and Low German. Maggie has worked the past 15 years helping clients access benefits and referring to community services. Juan is an attorney in his country of origin and a mediation specialist. He is also a stay-at-home father. Maggie and Juan are bilingual in English and Spanish. Along with Lotti Boschmann they will be surveying farmworkers regarding their health status and health needs.

Farmworkers will be contacted, primarily by telephone by a bilingual health promoter to answer over 50 questions relating to oral health, mental health, health care access, diabetes, well-woman and well-man services, etc.

We anticipate the surveying will be complete sometime next spring. The results will be shared with our partners who provide health services to our clients. It will also be utilized to evaluate the KSFHP program to assure it is addressing the health needs of the people it serves. These results will inform the health and business plans that KSFHP staff develop each year to guide their work.

Billing Deadline

Please notify billing personnel that all bills and vouchers for services from 12/1/08 to 6/30/09 must be submitted to us no later than August 16, 2009 to assure payment. If you have questions, please contact your regional case manager listed at the end of the newsletter or Cyndi Treaster, at (785) 296-8113 or email to ctreaster@kdheks.gov.



Kansas Farmworkers

Through our partnerships with health providers throughout the state, KSFHP served 3,865 individuals consisting of farmworkers and their dependents in 2008. Approximately 50 percent of farmworkers work in our western region with fewer in central Kansas, and approximately 20 percent in Eastern Kansas. Of those served, forty-nine percent are 20 years and older and fifty-one percent are 19 years and older; thirty-one percent are migrant and sixty-nine percent are seasonal farmworkers; sixty-four percent are under 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and ninety percent are under 150 percent of poverty. Ninety-five percent of KSFHP clients are limited English speaking; fifty-five percent are Hispanic and forty-three percent are Low German speaking.

KSFHP clients received 7,645 medical services and 804 dental services in 2008. Two hundred and four women received assistance with prenatal services.



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KS Optimizing Health



KSFHP Staff just completed their first chronic care self management course at Riverview Health Services in Kansas City the first week in May. Participants found it to be a very positive experience.

KSFHP Providers Survey

Kendra Baldrige, KSFHP Eastern Kansas Regional case manager will be heading up the provider survey process this year. You should find a survey attached to this newsletter. We ask that you complete and return this survey to us by July 1st. If you have questions about the survey, please contact her at (785) 296-2671 or email her at kbaldrige@kdheks.gov. Return completed surveys by email or to 1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 340, Topeka, KS 66612.