

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

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Bills/Vouchers Due by Feb 1

Please notify billing personnel to submit all bills and vouchers with a date of service prior 12/1/09 as soon as possible to insure timely payment. Bills must be received no later than February 1 to assure payment. If you have any questions, please contact your regional case manager listed at the end of the newsletter or contact Cyndi Treaster at (785) 296-8113 or e-mail to ctreaster@kdheks.gov.

They also discussed the “talk back method” which is when you ask the patient to tell you what you just told them. For example: when to take their prescribed medication, what to do when they arrive home, or when to come back for a follow-up appointment. For more information on these techniques and for other helpful resources, check out these links:

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/priorities/literacy/index.html>

<http://www.ncfh.org/?pid=38>

<http://www.chcs.org/>

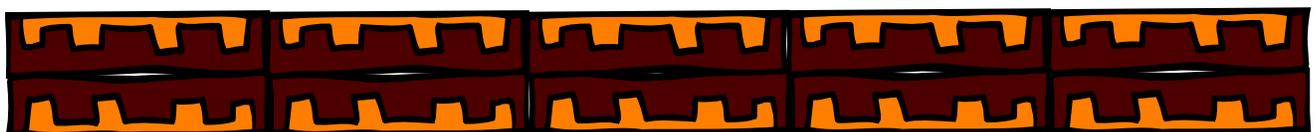
Award for Innovative Practices



NCFH Conference

KSFHP Staff attended the National Center for Farmworker Health Midwest Stream Conference. There are many benefits in attending this conference that include networking with other organizations that work with Farmworkers as well as getting great up-to-date information that assists us to serve our clients and our providers better. One of the sessions that some staff attended was titled, “Exploring the Impact of Health Literacy: An Opportunity to Improve Clear Health Communication.” In this session, they discussed the importance of having health information in a patient’s native tongue and to aim for a 4th to 6th grade literacy rate.

The Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program (KSFHP) received the Sister Cecilia Abhold Award from Health Outreach Partners for innovative practices including our work with the Low German Mennonite population. This award is presented annually to different programs demonstrating innovative practices and is a great recognition for our program. The award included a \$200 check for outreach materials.



With these funds, KSFHP purchased SleepSack wearable blankets that have the public health message against Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and encourage parents to have their babies sleep on their backs.

Kendra's capstone project was the KSFHP Provider Survey that many of you completed for our program.

New Western Kansas Case Worker

Core Public Health Program



Kendra Baldrige recently completed the Core Public Health Program. This is a year-long introduction to public health including information about the ten essential public health services, history, epidemiology, environmental health, and many other topics. The class had many great presenters from the public health field and Kendra learned a lot from her fellow classmates as well. It was very helpful for her to discover how broad the field of public health is. The Community Toolbox (<http://ctb.ku.edu/en/>) is a resource she learned about and used in class that will be very helpful in her work, and may be helpful to you too! This is an online resource for free information on essential skills for building healthy communities.

Tina Guenther has been a part-time health promoter with KSFHP since 2003. This year, as a result of a new award from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Primary Health Care, KSFHP was able to move Tina to a newly created full-time Regional Case Worker position. She will continue working with the Low German Mennonite population in Western Kansas along with the providers in that area.

Primary Care Visit Co-Pays

KSFHP staff feels strongly that farmworkers comprehend that the cost of health care services must be a shared responsibility between KSFHP, voucher providers (who accept reduced payments) and farmworkers themselves. As a result, beginning December 1, 2009 KSFHP clients will be asked to make a small co-pay for all primary care and pre-natal visits.



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