

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

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Billing Reminders

Please notify billing personnel that all bills and vouchers for services for farmworkers or TB patients from date of service prior to 12/1/10 must be submitted as soon as possible to assure payment. Bills with dates of service prior to 12/1/09 cannot be accepted. 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 ctreaster@kdheks.gov.

2011 Calendars



The 2011 Calendars are in! The calendar focus is occupational health including protecting your skin, drinking plenty of water, and resting in the shade. Calendar distribution to farmworker clients is in process. We use this distribution time to ask our families to fill out a new Family Registration Form each year. Access Point Agencies can also request that KSFHP patients fill out a Family Registration Form if they come in for an appointment.

If you would like calendars to be sent to your office or clinic for your staff, please contact Shelly Schroller, our Administrative Specialist, at (785) 296-6028 or sschroller@kdheks.gov. Please let her know how many calendars you would like to have.

KSFHP Going Green

KSFHP had three Provider Orientation Webinars in the beginning of December. Participants in the three webinars included 81 individuals from 45 unique locations. The purpose of the webinar content is to educate new staff and/or refresh information for experienced staff.

We are cognizant that resources for time and travel are limited. If you would be interested in scheduling a webinar for your staff or agency, contact Kendra Baldrige at kbaldrige@kdheks.gov or (785) 296-2671.

We will also be sending out our newsletter only electronically in order to save paper and postage. If you would like to add anyone to our email list, please contact Cyndi Treaster at ctreaster@kdheks.gov. And look for our Biannual Provider Survey on Survey Monkey that will be sent out via e-mail to all providers for whom we have an email address.

Case Management

In 2011, we will begin to do heightened case management with clients diagnosed with obesity and those who use tobacco, assuring they receive counseling and work towards implementation of self-management goals.

Health Promoter Position

KSFHP is in search of a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) part-time health promoter in either Southwest or Northwest Kansas. This person will work with our farmworker families and also in outreach for the program. If you or someone you know might be interested in the position, please contact Cyndi Treaster.

Farmworker Survey

KSFHP conducts a health survey of our farmworker families about every five years. This survey was completed via phone in 2009 and the results are compiled and analyzed. We surveyed a total of 584 adult farmworkers and adult dependents. Of those surveyed, there were 284 males and 300 females. Those same 584 surveyed adults included 284 Spanish speaking, 269 Low German speaking, and 33 English speaking clients.

Farmworker Conference

Four of our staff attended the Midwestern Stream Conference in Austin, TX this year. Some of the attended sessions were Occupational Health and Safety, A Community Outreach Weight Management Program, Recognizing Family Violence, Prenatal Education, and Increasing Access to Migrant Men's Health. A lot of great information was learned and passed on to our other staff members upon return to Kansas.

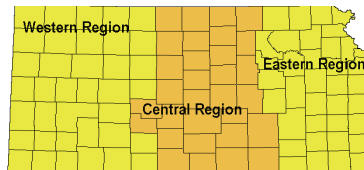
Cyndi Treaster presented at the conference sharing the impact of a new farmworker population in Kansas: the Low German Mennonite Farmworkers. She shared program new innovations utilized by KSFHP to assure this population is well served.

Some important data that was analyzed was our clients' responses to oral health care. Only 43% of our clients have had a dental visit within the past year. And 16% have not had a visit within the past 5 years while 8% have never been to the dentist. Given this data KSFHP has created an action plan to work towards improved oral health access in 2011.

The 2009 survey data was utilized in a strategic planning session with our Advisory Committee and staff. The entire survey results can be found on our website at http://kdheks.gov/olrh/download/2009_Health_Survey_Results_and_KSFINALPDF.pdf

**Have a Question?
Contact your
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