KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER COALITION

spotlight

2021 Community of Practice

Have you attended the Kansas CHW Community of Practice/Forum? Join us on the 2nd Monday of every month to learn together and share experiences. This collaborative framework for Community Health Workers to identify and leverage best practices and standards. You will have an opportunity to share your lessons learned in making your communities healthier. Periodically, public health experts are invited to present specific resources on subjects that CHWs decide are timely and important to their work. Meetings are participant-driven, creating a space where CHWs can connect with others who do similar work.

The next meeting is Monday, October 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Join us to learn from Lainey Faulkner of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She will be presenting on H.A.L.T. Diabetes Kansas.

Fall Learning Session

The Kansas CHW Symposium Committee has coordinated a series of educational sessions to be offered throughout the fall. Save these dates & times and stay tuned for registration information.

September 30, 2021, at 1 pm-3 pm - Kansas Tribal Food Systems & KCHWC Quarterly meeting (recorded & will be available soon)
October 18, 2021, at 10 am-11 am - RADxUP, Local Health Equity Action Teams, and next steps (Speaker TBD)
November 10, 2021, at 10 am-11 am - Trans Health (Speaker TBD)
December 7, 2021, at 1 pm-3 pm - SNAP-Education

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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We’d love to hear your Community Health Worker success stories! Please click here and take a moment to share so that we can raise awareness of CHWs in Kansas.

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The “Increase the Reach” Initiative launched Monday, September 27th through a partnership between the Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

This initiative provides an additional opportunity for community-based organizations to receive funding to continue their vital work in promoting health equity through vaccinations. The program specifically aims to reach socially vulnerable populations and those experiencing low vaccination rates, including both racial and ethnic minority populations as well as rural communities.

Increase the Reach aims to empower community organizations promoting equitable access to the free, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccine for all Kansans. The grants will enable these organizations to expand access to vaccines and increase vaccine acceptance among those who are unvaccinated. While the primary focus is on COVID-19 vaccines, applicants may also address routine lifespan vaccines as well as part of a larger push for health equity across the State.

Grants will be awarded to applicants with documented success in reaching vulnerable populations, with grants expected to range from $50,000 to $250,000. Eligible organizations include but are not limited to Federally Qualified Health Centers, safety net clinics, state-funded community clinics, community-based organizations, and other nonprofits.

First-round applications should be submitted for consideration by 5 p.m. CT on October 15, 2021.

Additional application rounds will run thereafter.

For more information and to apply visit: https://www.increasethereach.com

Questions or feedback? Contact itrsupport@wichita.edu

Sign up for the latest news about Increase the Reach here.

You can also engage with Increase the Reach on Social Media:
Facebook: @IncreaseTheReachKS
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Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP)

**Collaborating Across Kansas**

Many communities across Kansas are already doing amazing work to increase COVID-19 testing and communication with underserved populations! RADx-UP Kansas will utilize the existing coalition infrastructure to establish collaborative relationships across Kansas. By working together and sharing strategies, the members of our Learning Collaborative will support each other, address the unique needs of each community, and work to meet the goal of strengthening the health of all our communities through increasing COVID-19 testing.

Participating counties in Kansas are Crawford, Douglas, Finney, Johnson, Lyon, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Seward, and Wyandotte.

Learn more about the Learning Collaborative Community

https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/population-health/radxup/about-the-project.html
COMMITTEE UPDATES

KSCHW Quarterly Meeting & Guest Presentation
- Tuesday, December 7th 1:00-2:00p
Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 6th 1:00p-3:00p
Advocacy/Sustainability Meeting Tuesday, October 12th 1:30p-2:30p
Education Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 19th 3:00p-4:00p
Symposium Committee Meeting Monday, October 18th 10:00a-11:00a

For more information about Kansas CHW Coalition contact janeshia.wilson@wichita.edu.

JOB POSTINGS

Click here to read more about the Kansas Department of Health and Environment CHW Program Manager position.

Additional postings can be found on the Kansas CHW Coalition announcement page. Click here https://kschw.org/announcements/

KC REGIONAL CHW COLLABORATIVE

Have you participated in the Kansas City Regional CHW Collaborative meetings? The mission of this collaborative is to integrate CHWs into the health and human services systems through capacity building, advocacy, and sustainability. You find more information here or contact Hannayd Ruiz at hruiz@marc.org.

CAPACITY BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE

KC REGIONAL CHW FORUM
- Friday, Oct. 29, 9:00 am -10:30 am

*Special meeting presenting the “Value of Vaccinations and Prevention Measures in the Era of COVID-19” where 1 CEU may be applied for towards credits required by the Missouri Credentialing Board

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