

Save the date!

La Leche League of Kansas presents Breastfeeding 2012: Evidence-Based Lactation Support, A Continuing Education Program for Health Care Professionals. The event will be held on March 9 in Wichita at the Wesley Medical Center. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.kansaslll.org/breastfeeding2012.htm.

Save the Date for the “Calling the Shots: Building a Voice for a Healthier Future” Health Conference on March 31, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott in Salina. Hosted by the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program at KDHE, Families Together, Inc. and the Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy, will bring together voices of youth, parents, schools and service providers to promote healthy living and successful transition for youth with special health care needs and disabilities.

Breakout sessions will be customized for families, professionals and youth with special health care needs. FREE CNE HOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NURSES. Registration is \$20 and is available online at www.familiestogetherinc.org. For additional questions, contact Heather Smith at 1-800-332-6262 or hsmith@kdheks.gov.

The Seventh Annual Governor’s Public Health Conference will be held April 23-25, at the Wichita Marriott in Wichita. April 23 will be Orientation for all new MCH staff. Save the date and more information will be forthcoming. The conference theme will be “Challenge of Change: Developing an Equitable Public Health System.”



If people did not do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.

~ Ludwig Wittgenstein



Resources

Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Toolkit This toolkit contains downloadable resources highlighting programs and practices to help local health departments with their work related to Maternal and Child Health as well as Adolescent Health. Go to: www.naccho.org/toolbox/program.cfm?id=21

New MCH Navigator Learning Portal links individuals to existing open-access training, organized in areas consistent with nationally endorsed public health and maternal and child health (MCH) leadership competencies. The portal was developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau in collaboration with academic and practice partners to provide a resource for MCH professionals working in state agencies and at the community level who seek to advance their learning and skills mastery.

Contents include online training resources such as webcasts and webinars, instructional modules and self-guided short courses that have undergone academic review and have been handpicked for and vetted by MCH audiences. The portal is available at <http://navigator.mchtraining.net>.

Drive to arrive alive If you are traveling, plan ahead by checking out up-to-date driving conditions, construction areas and closed roads across Kansas. For a detailed look, visit www.kandrive.org/ prior to your trip. Allow extra time for detours or bad weather conditions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) promotes the health and well-being of children and adolescents to enable them to become healthy and productive adults. Some of the information contained on the CDC-DASH website includes: information on asthma, health disparities, mental health, proven effective sexuality programs, lice, data, strengthening practice, emergency preparedness, wellness policy and obesity. The website has about every tool on policy and policy development and information on numerous diseases that includes source, description, identification techniques, treatment and transmission. Visit www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/index.htm to learn more.

You are cordially invited to attend...



Sponsored by: Kaw Area Breastfeeding Coalition, Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Shawnee County Health Agency, Stormont-Vail HealthCare



Background: This training program is part of a major national initiative of the U.S. Department Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau to increase breastfeeding duration and exclusivity rates among employed breastfeeding women.

The project goal is to increase workplace lactation support for employed breastfeeding women by equipping breastfeeding advocates to conduct effective outreach and education activities with employers.

The training includes: Ways to communicate effectively with businesses; Evidence-based ways to support breastfeeding women; Techniques for community-based strategic planning.

Date	Location	Time	Capacity
Monday, February 20, 2012	Stormont-Vail HealthCare Pozez Education Center Centennial A, 1 st Floor 1505 SW 8 th Ave. Topeka, KS 66606	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Maximum of 40 participants
Parking Parking is available for Pozez Education Center events in the parking garage located at 9th and Garfield. There is no fee to park in the Stormont-Vail parking garage.			

Please Note: Space is limited and the cost of this training is being underwritten by public funds allowing the conference to be offered with no registration fee. Priority will be given to applicants who commit to contacting at least one worksite (your own or an employer in your region) within the next 6 months, working with them to create a breastfeeding friendly worksite, and provide evaluation information to the KBC. **Lunch on your own. Available lunch locations: Stormont-Vail cafeteria or nearby restaurants.**

What to expect: A dynamic training, your copy of HRSA's *The Business Case for Breastfeeding* Resource Kit, CEU's (for RN's, RD's) Participants will engage in interactive activities that foster collaboration and continued involvement in implementing this project in your community.

Who should attend:

- Members of state & local breastfeeding Coalitions
- Community based Doula programs
- Breastfeeding counselors and educators
- AAP Breastfeeding Coordinators
- State Chronic Disease programs
- Childbirth educators
- La Leche League Leaders
- Minority health programs
- Faith based organizations
- Healthy Start Agencies
- Lactation consultants
- WIC nutritionists and breastfeeding coordinators
- Worksite wellness councils
- Hospital and clinic nurses
- Early Head Start
- Public Health Staff
- Teen parenting programs
- Breastfeeding advocates

Registration

Complete and fax the attached registration to 785.368.2020, attention Sharon Nelson, before February 9th, 2012. Registrations accepted on a first come, first served basis. **If you need to cancel your registration, please contact Sharon Nelson** (see below contact information). It is important to cancel as soon as possible, because a waiting list participant may be able to fill your place.

For questions or problems with registration, please contact:

Sharon Nelson
785.806.3258
sharon.nelson@snco.us

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR BREASTFEEDING

Registration Form

Fax to 785.368.2020, Attn. Sharon Nelson

Registrant's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Employer or Organization: _____

CEUs needed? RN RD License No.: _____

___ Yes, I agree to approach at least one worksite within the next 6 months about creating a breastfeeding friendly worksite.

___ Yes, I agree to provide evaluation information to the Kaw Area Breastfeeding Coalition and KBC.

Any special dietary needs: _____

Signature