

Announcement

Don't Miss This NEW and FREE Continuing Education Course Preparedness for Public Health Threats and People with Disabilities

The University of Kansas and the Department of Health and Environment are offering a unique and hot off the press 2-hour course, "**All Hazards Preparedness for People with Disabilities in Seasonal and Pandemic Flu.**" Please help us get the word out to fill the classroom.

No matter what level of preparedness a person is operating from, this course has interesting and useful information on public health threats, prevention and preparedness. The 12-page companion booklet, **The Prepared Lifestyle**, is part of the course materials and is a great resource for public preparedness for people with disabilities and the general public.

The course is designed for people with disabilities and personnel who are responsible for emergency management for vulnerable populations. This can include staff of hospitals, public health departments, centers for independent living or other first responder agencies, and other community based organizations serving vulnerable populations.

If you or members of your staff are interested in attending at one of the following sites, contact the representative listed below

City and State	Contact	Phone	Date	Time
Junction City, KS	Melody Saxton	785-762-5788	Oct. 7, 2009	10:00- noon
Kinsley, KS	Diana Rice	620-659-3102	Oct. 14, 2009	10:30-12:30
Pratt, KS	Debra McGraw	620-672-4135	Oct. 21, 2009	10:30-12:30
Lawrence< KS	Teri Smith	785-838-2460	Nov. 18, 2009	1:00-3:00
Hutchinson (site) & Wichita, KS	Bill Guy Ricky Shellenbarger	620-694-2974 316-660-5971	Oct. 28, 2009	To Be Announced (TBA)
Iola, KS	Pam Beasley	620-365-1400	Nov. 4, 2009	10:30-12:30

At the conclusion of this course the attendee will be able to:

1. Discuss the steps necessary for all hazard preparedness.
2. List the factors that impact the health, safety and well-being of people with disabilities during public health emergencies.
3. Develop an individual preparedness plan.
4. Explain low cost prevention and preparedness steps.
5. Describe ways to build preparedness into your life.
6. Define the terms associated with public health situations.
7. Discuss public health threats and their prevalence.
8. List the factors behind public health threats.
9. State the actions to be taken in prevention and preparedness for seasonal flu.
10. Identify the three components of a pandemic preparedness plan.

11. Describe the waves seen in a pandemic.
12. Name the entities asked to be prepared for a pandemic.
13. Identify the steps needed to maintain a healthy workforce.
14. Explain the WHO stages of alert.

Course is being offered by Research and Training Center on Independent Living, University of Kansas developed the course in partnership with Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Health Promotion and a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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