



Northeast Corner Regionalization Initiative

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Multi-State Learning Collaborative 3 Community Engagement

Invitation:

Please join the Northeast Corner Regionalization Initiative on Thursday, September 23 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at the Evangel United Methodist Church-Gymnasium, 227 Pennsylvania in Holton, Kansas.

Purpose of Meeting:

Review the public health issues statement and further explore "Why" there is problem and identify possible health improvement activities that can take place both regionally and locally.

Public Health Issue Statement:

The prevalence of overweight/obesity in NCRI is influenced by choices relative to physical activity and nutrition.

Background:

The Northeast Corner Regionalization Initiative (NCRI) is one of 11 teams from across Kansas participating in the MLC-3 initiative to learn and test processes to develop community health assessments and action plans and to collectively share learning experiences.

At the end of the collaborative, teams will have acquired expertise on how to plan for and conduct a community health assessment and how to develop a community health improvement plan. A goal of the learning collaborative is that from this experience, participants will be able to integrate quality improvement tools into their day-to-day public health activities.

Steps in completing a community health assessment include:

1. Describing the community
2. Collect and analyze data and community perspectives (community engagement)
3. Create community health issues statements
4. Select local public health priorities
5. Summarize who will address the issues

As part of this process the NCRI has completed steps 1-4 and have begun to identify local priorities.

Interviews were conducted in July 2010 and data have been reviewed to identify common themes/issues within the region.

You are invited:

The MLC3 regional team requests your assistance at a half day meeting to review a proposed public health issue statement and to provide feedback on the issue statement and on the direction that a regional health assessment strategy might take. You have been requested to participate in this task not only because of your knowledge of health issues but also your knowledge and involvement in the community you serve. Attached are documents that will guide the discussion.