Healthy Congregations Learning Community Meeting

February 11, 2020
Program Requirements

• Complete the sign up form
  • Only requirement for eligibility in accessing special grants
• At least 3 team members and lay lead
• Core Training completed within two years of sign up by at least 3 team members
• Annual renewal
Expanded Vision for Healthy Congregations
Existing Special Grant Opportunities

• Existing:
  ◦ Big Gardens (up to $2,700) one time grant
    • Deadlines quickly approaching
  ◦ Summer Food Service Program (up to $2,000) one time grant
    • May 1 deadline for submission to the state
    • May 31st deadline for UMHMF submission
  ◦ Strengthening Families 7-17 Facilitator Training
    • Offering will be made available at the retreat (April 23 and 25)
• Good Neighboring Experiment
  ◦ Cohort of up to 15 churches with 10 members working to develop specific practices to increase neighboring in their communities.
  ◦ Initial convening April 25th at retreat and 2 additional convenings over a year
  ◦ Lighter version of the Good Neighbor Experiment available for HC churches
Expanded Special Grant Opportunities

• Mental Health First Aid
  ◦ Anticipating promotion and possible regional trainings available later this year
  ◦ More detailed information available soon
Expanded Special Grant Opportunities

- Bike Share in a Box Program
  - Coordinated and supported by Thrive Allen County
  - 5 sites
  - up to 5 bikes/ site
  - Application available by request
Healthy Congregations Retreat

Theme: Strengthening Families, Congregations, and Communities
When: April 24 and 25 (Various trainings will be held on April 23rd)
Where: Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!
Other Updates

• Virtual Office Hours:
  ◦ Scheduled opportunities for one-on-one consultation with Judy
    • Ask questions & get help
    • Explore program ideas
    • Connect to resources
    • Share about your work

• Healthy Congregations Calendar
  ◦ Dates and information for all things HC
  ◦ Links to registration forms, webinar information, and more.
  ◦ From Healthfund.org, click Healthy Congregations, then HC Calendar
  ◦ Direct link: https://healthfund.org/hccalendar
Questions?

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Census 2020
Counting everyone once, only once and in the right place!
What is the Census?

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census occurred in 1790.

It is our right and our civic responsibility

Every household has to complete a survey.
Confidentiality: The law is clear-no personal information can be shared.

Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Answers can only be used for statistical purposes and it is kept completely confidential.
Census Data Provides a Basis For:

1. Determining the number of seats states have in the U.S. House of Representatives
2. Draw boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts
1. Distributing billions for dollars in federal funding for our community
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How does the census impact rural funding?

The Water and Waste Disposal program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and business in eligible rural areas.

Rural electrification loans and loan guarantees provide **$53,818,000** in Kansas FY2016. The loans and loan guarantees finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities in rural areas.

In addition to well-known federal programs like Medicare, school lunches, and student loans utilized in rural areas, there are also federal aid programs specifically for rural areas.

Rural communities in Kansas received nearly **$15 million** from the water & waste disposal program.

The Rural Rental Assistance Program spent **$13,273,592** to reduce the rent paid by low-income families who live in eligible housing units.


The University of Kansas

Source: GW University, Counting for Dollars. Water & Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities: $14,997,000


KU Institute for Policy & Social Research

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Kansas Counts
How does the census impact healthcare funding?

Medicaid provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults and people with disabilities. Medicaid is administered by states, according to federal requirements. The program is funded jointly by states and the federal government.

Over **480,000** Kansans were enrolled in Medicaid in 2016.

Health & Human Services allocated nearly **$2 billion** for Medicaid obligations in Kansas in FY2016.

Medicare Part B expenditures contributed over **half a billion dollars** to the Kansas economy in FY2016.

**MEDICARE**

Other federal programs based on census data: State Children’s Health Insurance Program - Over **$112 million** with 73,223 Kansas kids enrolled in 2016. Health Care Centers - **$39 million** in Kansas.


Source: GW University, Counting for Dollars. Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid): $1,942,405,000

Source: GW University, Counting for Dollars. Medicare Supplimental Medical Insurance (Part B): $596,190,002

Source: GW University, Counting for Dollars, SCHIP 5112,201,000 Health Care Centers $39,045,360 Kansas Department of Health and Environment
4 ways to respond

Mail, phone, online &

census enumerators visit
Timeline

• Starting March 12, invite will be mailed home
• Late March, there will be a reminder mailed
• April 1st is the official Census Day
• Late April, enumerators will start visiting homes
Our Census Strategy

- Generate Census awareness among community members
- Identify Census Ambassadors
- Identify Hard-to-Count (HTC) communities in our area
- Ensure Census materials are available in multiple languages
- Identify community partners and offer different options of completing the Census to our members and families
- Promote self-response
- Verify paper-based forms are available after April 8th
If 1% of the Kansas population is uncounted in the 2020 Census, the state of Kansas could miss receiving approximately $603,990,400 in federal funding over a 10-year period.
Faith leaders play a key role in this important effort.

Faith leaders are trusted voices in their communities. You know how to reach your congregation and members; hard-to-count families, individuals and children; other national and local leaders; and key stakeholders.

You can inspire your community to support a complete and accurate count.
What can you do?

You can make a difference in the places we live, work, and worship. By sharing with your community social media posts; handouts and posters; and e-mail, bulletin, and newsletter content about the 2020 Census.
Participate in Census Worship Weekend: This census-themed weekend is March 27–29, 2020—for your community, it could be Census Sunday, we encourage you to join the 2020 Census promotional weekend in any way that resonates with your practice or tradition.

Host a location where people can respond to the census online on service days too.