



KOIN Connection

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KOIN/KYFNC ITV Workshop Scheduled for Oct. 22, 2014

The 2014 annual Kentucky Outreach and Information Network/ Kentucky Functional Needs Collaborative (KOIN/KFNC) Interactive Television (ITV) workshop is scheduled for **Oct. 22, 2014, 10 a.m.-noon ET** with KOIN/KFNC members and local health departments participating.

Guest speakers will be presenting a variety of topics related to emergency preparedness measures specifically focused on access and functional needs populations in Kentucky. Many local health departments across

the state will have their ITV sites available for regional KOIN/KFNC members to participate. This format will reduce the need to travel long distances for the annual meeting. It also allow members to become better acquainted with local health department staff and first responders to form working relationships in the event they need to work together when disasters strike.

An email notification will be sent shortly. **If you are interested in participating, please contact Barbara Fox**

(BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov), KOIN Coordinator, and provide the name of the health department where you would like to attend. If you require a sign language interpreter, please notify Barbara Fox by Sept. 15.

For more information, please contact Barbara Fox at BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov, (502) 564-6786, ext. 3102 or Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.gov, (502) 564-7243, ext. 4049.

We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 22!

New U.S. Census Bureau Data-Americans With Disabilities

July 26, 2014 marked the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, commercial facilities, telecommunications and state/local government services.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released updated U.S. population data for individuals with disabilities residing in the U.S. from their 2010 Census. Among the highlights included:

- 56.7 million people in the U.S. have a disability.
- 20% of those are female and 17% are male.

- West Virginia ranks the highest state in the U.S. for those with a disability at 19%. **Kentucky ranks second at 17%.**
- **Pike County, Kentucky ranks highest (30%) for the #1 U.S. county for residents with a disability.**
- 7.6 million aged 15 and older have hearing impairments.
- 8.1 million aged 15 and older have a vision impairment.
- 30.6 million aged 15 and older have a movement impairment.
- 3.6 million aged 15 and older use a wheelchair.
- 23% of people with a disability were living in poverty.
- 10% of people with a disability lacked health insurance.

For more information go to https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/pdf/cb14ff-15_ada.pdf.

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Free KOIN Materials Available

There are plenty of free KOIN materials available to members by simply requesting them. If you are interested in obtaining KOIN materials, please contact Barbara Fox, KOIN Coordinator, at BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov or call (502) 564-6786, ext. 3102. When requesting materials, please provide the name of the material(s), the quantity requested and a mailing address.

Free Materials Available:

- Folding Pandemic Flu Brochure (English and Spanish versions available)
- Be Safe. Be Prepared. Children's Emergency Preparedness Coloring Book
- Emergency Preparedness Refrigerator Magnet (English, Spanish and Braille versions available)
- Updated KOIN Training Video DVD with Accompanying User's Manual
- KOIN ID Badges
- Kentucky Emergency Guide Folding Pocket Card
- Updated Kentucky Department for Public Health Brochure with Pictograms (English and Spanish versions available)

All requests for materials are promptly mailed out so please request your KOIN materials today. If you have any suggestions for future KOIN materials related to public health preparedness, please contact Barbara Fox.

HELPFUL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

How to Get Help/Medical Emergency - Dial 911

Poison Control Hotline - 800-222-1222

Disease Reporting Hotline - 800-973-7678

**Division of Emergency Management -
800-255-2587 or 502-607-1611**

KY Dept. for Public Health - 502-564-3970

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My Visit to the American Printing House for the Blind

By: Logan Fox

This summer I accompanied my mother on a visit to the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky. She is the coordinator for the Kentucky Outreach and Information Network (KOIN). Her network is very important during public health emergencies and she spends a lot of time with it.

We were given an extensive tour of the facilities here and it was very interesting. There are a lot of programs and services for the blind and visually impaired that I learned about such as the Talking Book program. We observed how these tapes are made, from staff reading the books and being recorded to the production and mailing of the tapes. We also saw how the braille print machines worked and saw different publications being printed in braille such as the Reader's Digest.

One of the most interesting things I saw was Helen Keller's braille Bible. It was in phenomenal shape and while we couldn't touch it or open it, it was still amazing to think that Helen Keller used that same Bible over 100 years ago. Another interesting thing I saw was the braille encyclopedia set. It was cool to touch the braille and at that moment I realized how smart visually impaired people are for being able to tell what words mean off of braille alone. I have found a new respect for blind individuals after my visit and for the work my mother is doing with the KOIN.



Logan standing outside of the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky.

The braille encyclopedia set was amazing to view!

