



KOIN Connection

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KOIN/KYFNC ITV Workshop Recap—Oct. 29, 2013

The 2013 annual Kentucky Outreach and Information Network/Functional Needs Collaborative (KOIN/KYFNC) Interactive Television (ITV) workshop was held on Oct. 29, 2013. It was broadcasted to 37 local health department ITV sites that signed up to participate. The ITV format allowed KOIN/KYFNC members located throughout the state to meet regionally at their local health departments to utilize the ITV technology and reduce the need to travel long distances for the annual meeting. It also allowed them to become better acquainted and

form working relationships in the event they need to work together when disasters strike.

The workshop featured presentations on responding to the needs of the blind populations during emergencies; pediatric preparedness; the needs of mental health patients during emergencies; and an update on the KOIN and KYFNC.

Workshop participants received a packet of KOIN/KYFNC materials.

Planning for this year's work-

shop will begin shortly. If there are any areas in emergency preparedness that you would like to see addressed for the 2014 workshop, please contact Barbara Fox at BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov, (502) 564-6786, ext. 3102 or Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.gov, (502) 564-7243, ext. 4049.

Thanks to all that participated in the 2013 KOIN/KYFNC workshop!

Pediatric Preparedness Checklist Now Available

In order to promote and encourage local health departments to engage local organizations and health agencies/services in children's health preparedness planning and response, the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) recently shared the Preparedness Checklist for Pediatric Practices by the American Academy of Pediatrics in their monthly Preparedness newsletter.

Physicians developed this checklist to help practitioners and others prepare to provide healthcare to children during disasters.

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The checklist can be found at: <http://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Children-and-Disasters/Documents/PedPreparednessChecklist1b.pdf>.

Please share this with your preparedness contacts, committees,

partners and anyone who may provide health services to children.

Contact Kenyetta Pinkston at Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.gov, (502) 564-7243, ext. 4049 for more information

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Functional and Access Needs (FAN) Module Available on TRAIN

The Kentucky Department for Public Health is pleased to announce that the Functional and Access Needs (FAN) TRAIN Module titled “Public Health Preparedness for At-Risk Populations with Functional and Access Needs” is now available. The TRAIN course ID number is **1047529**.

Some of the objectives for this training include:

- Review legal mandates guiding FAN support services
- Define at-risk populations and identify why planning for their needs is a focus
- Identify at-risk populations
- Learn about things to consider when planning for FAN populations

The TrainingFinder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network (TRAIN) is an online learning resource for public health officials and is available free of charge to those interested in taking online courses.

Go to <https://ky.train.org> to sign up today or contact Kenyetta Pinkston at Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.gov, (502) 564-7243, ext. 4049 for more information.

Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST)

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) has partnered with the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) to develop the FAST Concept for Kentucky. FAST members are trained individuals who are able to assess and identify residents in disaster area shelters who may have functional needs. The assessment evaluates the needs and determines whether or not these individuals can be supported within the general population shelter. If residents can be supported to stay within the shelter the FAST member(s) will facilitate the process of obtaining essential resources for the resident.

In the near future KDPH plans to expand the FAST by training Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members and other state department workers to be a part of the FAST.

Please contact Kenyetta Pinkston at Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.gov, (502) 564-7243, ext. 4049 for more information.

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.

KENTUCKY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 8 FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

MARCH 3-5, 2014

LOUISVILLE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

Registration for the conference is free of charge. Sign-up will be on TRAIN (<https://ky.train.org>) beginning Feb. 1, 2014.

Some of the sessions that will be available at the conference include: Identifying and Responding to Health-Related Outbreaks, Dementia Care and Emergencies in Long Term Care, Components of a Meth Lab, Pharmacy's Role in Emergency Preparedness, Animal Preparedness and Awareness and Pet CPR.

**Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY**

Hotel Reservations: Rooms are \$103/night plus 15.01% taxes (sales tax and local hotel room taxes). Reservations will only be available at the given rate until February 21, 2014. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-233-9527 or by visiting <https://aws.passkey.com/event/10845271/owner/2812/home>. Please use code ESF8 Conference to receive the discounted room rate.

Please contact Kim Yazell for any questions related to the upcoming conference at (502) 564-7243, ext. 4045 or KimD.Yazell@ky.gov.

For questions about the hotel reservations, please contact Dick Bartlett at (502) 426-6220 or rbartlett@kyha.com.

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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