

HEALTH AND RESEARCH FAIR EXHIBITORS

Kentucky Office of Rural Health

KORH connects communities and health care organizations to local, state, and federal resources to improve accessibility of health care services for--and ultimately the health of--rural Kentuckians. KORH collects and disseminates rural-relevant information, coordinates efforts for rural health activities, provides technical assistance to rural health organizations, and assists in workforce development to help recruit and retain medical professionals in rural communities. To meet those goals, KORH administers four key programs: the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program, the Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program and the National Health Service Corps Promotion Project.

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Project CARAT (Coordinating and Assisting the Reuse of Assistive Technology)

A community outreach and service-learning program that aims to make assistive technology and durable medical equipment more accessible to those who need it in underserved areas of Kentucky. Project CARAT has several locations across Kentucky and ACAT oversees the site at the University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health.

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University of Kentucky Appalachian Center

The Appalachian Center contributes to the land grant mission of the University of Kentucky by fostering community-university partnerships in research, learning and engagement in Appalachia. The Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies program are working in collaboration with other units across the University of Kentucky to organize the inaugural Symposium on Dis/Ability and Debility in Appalachia, which will be held hybridly (online and in person at the Healthy Kentucky Research Building) on Saturday, September 28th, 2024. This symposium seeks to foster an interdisciplinary and intersectional conversation on dis/ability and debility in the region, bringing together Disabled and Appalachian people, theorists, practitioners, advocates, and attendees at the many intersections of these identities to share ideas and resources. For more information, visit <https://AppalachianCenter.as.uky.edu/symposium-disability-debility-appalachia>.

University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES)

A National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences Core Center committed to improving air and water quality and reducing emerging health threats such as climate-related health events in rural Appalachia through novel environmental health research. UK-CARES provides advanced infrastructure, expertise, career development and mentorship, and community engagement to facilitate innovative discovery and new understandings of environmental factors and exposure pathways in disease initiation, progression, and outcomes and their community impacts.

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UK Markey Cancer Center's Appalachian Career Training in Oncology (ACTION) Program

Offering Appalachian Kentucky high school and undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Kentucky the opportunity to gain cancer research, clinical, outreach and education experiences that will enrich their interest in pursuing a biomedical career with a focus on cancer-related careers. ACTION was created in 2016 through a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) supplement and has been funded as an NCI Youth Enjoy Science program since 2018.

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University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Empowering local solutions for health, the CCTS Community Engagement and Research Core connects community, clinical, and academic partners in community-engaged research to address priority health needs and improve health outcomes in Kentucky and Appalachia.

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AGENDA



Thanks for sitting on the porch with us
today to focus on improving rural health
in Appalachia Kentucky!

- RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS
- RESEARCH POSTER SESSION
- AWARDS LUNCHEON
- GROUP DISCUSSIONS
- HEALTH & RESEARCH FAIR

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PROGRAM

8:00-9:00 Atrium/Gazebo	Registration/Networking Breakfast Poster Session/Poster Judging Health and Research Fair Exhibits
9:00-9:15 Argand Room	Welcome and Announcements Dr. Fran Feltner University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health
9:15-10:00 Argand Room	The Appalachian Career Training in Oncology (ACTION) Program: Training up Future Medical Professionals for Appalachia Holly Burke University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center
10:00-11:15 Argand Room	Healthy WAY Student Research Projects Fentanyl Awareness and Naloxone Training , Johnson Central High School The Sunshine After the Storm , Knott County ATC Organ Donation Awareness , Martin County High School Panther Community , Pikeville High School Mental Health Awareness , Rowan County High School Your Best Life Begins with a Smile , Breckinridge County ATC
11:15-11:45 Atrium/Gazebo	Poster Session Health and Research Fair Exhibits
11:45 – 1:15 Atrium	Awards Lunch Poster Awards Rural Art Contest Awards UK-CARES/UK CERH Environmental Health Community Engagement Award
1:15-2:00 Argand Room	Beyond Basketball: Why We Need Team-based Research to Improve Healthcare in Appalachia Jamie Sturgill, PhD University of Kentucky College of Medicine
2:00-3:00	BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Round Table Discussions <i>East Room</i>	Rural Health Workforce <i>Argand Room</i>	Resiliency and Coping after Natural Disasters <i>Alka Room</i>	Diabetes and Cardiovascular Health <i>Sip-Bays Room</i>
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<p>2:00-2:30 Round 1 Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maternal and Child Health in Rural Kentucky 2. Veteran Health 3. Disaster Preparedness <p>2:30-3:00 Round 2 Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaging People of All Abilities 2. Embracing Families in the SUD Recovery Journey 3. Environmental Health in Appalachia 	<p>2:00-2:30 Community Health Worker Apprenticeship & Training Opportunities in Kentucky Kyle Burnett and Michael Nix UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health</p> <p>2:30-3:00 Advancing the Emergency Medical Service Workforce in Rural Kentucky Fran Feltner, UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health Matthew Coleman, Kentucky Office of Rural Health</p>	<p>2:00-2:30 Community-Level Predictors of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Resilience, and Posttraumatic Growth in Rural Appalachian Kentuckians Grace Seymour University of Kentucky</p> <p>2:30-3:00 Engaging Kentucky Communities to Support Mental Health During Disaster Recovery Christal L. Badour, PhD University of Kentucky</p>	<p>2:00-2:30 Effective Diabetes Management Through Culinary Medicine and Support in the Big Sandy Region Ashley Webb Appalachian Regional Healthcare</p> <p>2:30-3:00 Cardiovascular disease risk reduction self-care intervention on diet quality among informal rural caregivers of people with chronic illnesses: The role of health literacy JungHee Kang, PhD University of Kentucky</p>
3:05-4:00 Argand Room	Panel: Research Opportunities at the Community Level Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky Caleb Williams, MHA, MSW, CSW University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health University of Kentucky CCTS Community Engagement and Research Program		
	Instituting a Clinical Research Program in a Rural Hospital Mike Brunet, PhD St. Claire Medical Center		
	Community Engagement for Environmental Health Science Stacy Stanifer, PhD University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Health Science		
4:00-4:15	Community Group Discussion Report Back		
4:15-4:30	Door Prize Drawings Closing Remarks Evaluation Adjourn		

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Appalachian Center for Assistive Technology (ACAT)

ACAT provides assistive technology (AT) demonstrations and consultation, a short-term AT loan locker, maker space, workforce training, and refurbishing. ACAT serves eastern Kentucky and is a part of Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network.

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CARAT-TOP (Coordinating and Assisting the Reuse of Assistive Technology: Together One Priority)

CARAT-TOP is a service-learning program that brings together students of all abilities from local high schools and the community to develop new skills like assessing community accessibility, refurbishing used medical equipment, adapting toys and more to help individuals and communities impacted by disability.

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Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky (CLIK)

A leadership development training program offered by the UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health and the UK CCTS Community Engagement and Research Program, CLIK is designed to enhance community research and capacity-building competencies in community leaders, directors, and administrators. This training is for community leaders working to reduce health disparities and who want to learn how to use data and leverage funding to improve services and programs.

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ELEVATE Community Health Workers

ELEVATE (Educate, Lead, Empower, Value, Access, Train and Equity) Community Health Workers (CHWs) will address health disparities and workforce shortages by expanding the CHW workforce. ELEVATE recruits, trains and places CHWs across the state. Apprenticeship opportunities for CHWs and organizations are also utilized to strengthen the CHW workforce. Upskilled training is also being developed for current CHWs across the state.

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Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth (HWLRPC)The HWLRPC, administered by the UK CERH in Hazard, is a new opportunity designed to increase the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals to practice in underserved areas of Kentucky. It was established in 2022 with rolling application windows.

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Kentucky Ambulatory Network (KAN)

KAN is a primary care practice-based research network (PBRN) devoted to patient-centered and population medicine research, and specializes in implementation science to promote the use of evidence-based practices and guidelines. KAN emphasizes the prevention and management of common health problems in Kentucky, and their broader implications. Administered through UK's Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Division of Population Medicine, KAN is registered with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Membership to KAN is offered at no cost to clinicians and currently includes primary care physicians, health care providers, scientists and public health experts throughout Kentucky.

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Kentucky Homeplace

Kentucky Homeplace is recognized at the national, state, and local levels as a community health worker (CHW) model that works. Established in 1994, Kentucky Homeplace CHWs have linked hundreds of thousands of rural Kentuckians with medical, social, and environmental services they otherwise might have gone without. Come learn about our services available in eastern Kentucky.

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