



# KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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## Governor's State of the State Address Highlights

The 2006 Kansas Legislative Session got off to a pretty slow start this week. Some of the highlights of the Governor's State of the State address that you might be interested in: 2.5% raises for all state employees and \$3.5 million for health care for all children under age 5 without insurance. Governor Sebelius also added \$3 million for day care for children of the poor, \$5 million for the KU Cancer Center and increased home- and community-based service programs for the frail elderly by \$5.4 million from SGF or \$13.7 million in all funds.

Among other key proposals, she suggested \$35.9 million in new funding for the state's higher education system with \$20 million to be in the form of operating grants universities could use for pay raises.

Where does the state budget go?

The \$5.3 billion funding plan for the 2007 fiscal year, which begins July 1 has the following breakdown:

- Elementary and secondary education 50.6 percent
- Higher education 14.5 percent
- Other education agencies 0.2 percent
- Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice Authority 5.8 percent
- Other public safety agencies 1.3 percent
- Natural resources agencies 0.6 percent
- Transportation 0.1 percent
- General government 4.1 percent
- Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, state hospitals 10.9 percent
- Department on Aging 3.3 percent

- Health agencies 8.3 percent
- Other human services 0.2 percent

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## Two National Surveys Rate Kansas Fairly Low in Health Care

Taken from the Topeka Capital Journal--Kansas scored a C- on the National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine and ranked 39th overall in the country for demonstrating "below-average support for an emergency care system."

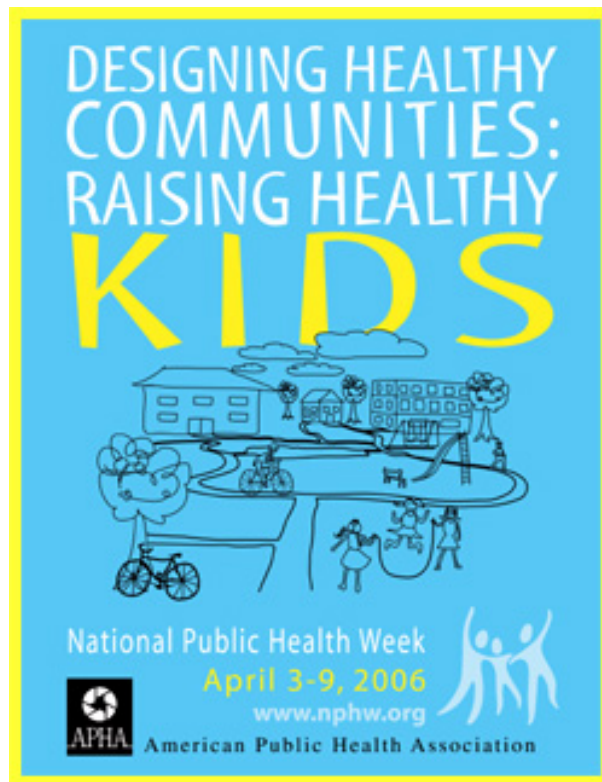
The report, which was compiled by the American College of Emergency Physicians, was released Tuesday. Each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia received an overall grade on a scale of A to F, plus separate grades in four categories: access to emergency care, quality and patient safety, public health and injury prevention, and medical liability environment.

Kansas received its highest grade of a B- in access to emergency care. The state ranked fifth in the nation for having a good number of emergency departments, 11th for its better-than-average supply of staffed hospital beds and 14th in the number of registered nurses per 1,000 people.

The second report is from member Sonja Armbruster, Sedgwick County Health Department. It's about Kansas receiving a "D" in Injury Prevention. Click [here](#) for the report. Looks like we have some work to do to bring up our grades in both emergency preparedness and injury prevention! [Back to top](#)

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## National Public Health Week Theme and Information



In 1995, former President William Jefferson Clinton proclaimed the first full week of April as National Public Health Week (NPHW). Each year since then the public health community has focused on issues that are important to improving the public's health.

Each year, APHA serves as the organizer of NPHW and develops a national campaign to educate the public, policymakers and practitioners during the week about issues related to the theme. APHA creates comprehensive planning, organizing and outreach materials that can be used during and after the week to advance the issue. In our 11th year, NPHW is being celebrated in every state in the nation. This year, the focus of NPHW is children and the built environment and the tagline is "Designing Healthy Communities: Raising Healthy Kids." APHA and its partners will highlight the week by inspiring Americans to build healthier communities and healthier kids.

**For more information** [http://www.apha.org/nphw/2006/sample\\_link.html](http://www.apha.org/nphw/2006/sample_link.html)

NPHW Logos and Posters are Now Available Online!

**Mark your calendars for the Health Day at the Capital, April 6, 2006. Check out our [website](#) for more information!**

### **Upcoming Events**

Each day during National Public Health Week will focus on an aspect of children's health and the built environment.

- Monday: Designing Healthy Communities: Raising Healthy Kids
- Tuesday: Surrounding Our Kids with Equal Opportunities
- Wednesday: Surrounding Our Kids with Physical Activity
- Thursday: Surrounding Our Kids with Safety

- Friday: Surrounding Our Kids with Clean Air

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## Upcoming Conferences of Interest

PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES WILL PROVIDE BASELINE TRAINING, MARCH 13 - 14, 2006 FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY AND 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY AT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES, 2209 SW 29TH. THE COST OF THIS WORKSHOP IS \$25.00. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, CALL 266-8666.

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A collaborative effort between Safe Streets, the Topeka Police Department, Battered Women's Task Force and Shawnee Regional Prevention & Recovery Services. This is a free workshop held February 4, 2006 from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Topeka Police Department located at 320 South Kansas Ave.

Learn about drugs used to "lace" drinks, effects of certain drugs used in sexual assaults, resources to contact if you are a victim and what your legal rights are if you are physically attacked. Increase your odds of survival by learning "hands-on self-defense," taught by certified self-defense instructors.

Please RSVP to Joe at Safe Streets at (785) 266-4606 before January 27th. Class size is limited to the first twenty (20) who register.

Click [here](#) to download a brochure.

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THIS PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS (ATOD) ON THE INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. THE TRAINING INCLUDES VIDEOS, LECTURES, GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND GUEST SPEAKERS. A MANUAL OF WORKSHOP CONCEPTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

INDIVIDUAL MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS CONSECUTIVELY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS WORKSHOP, CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. PROFESSIONS WHO MAY FIND THIS WORKSHOP USEFUL INCLUDE: LICENSED COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, TEACHERS, RN'S, LPN'S LMHT'S. TEACHERS WILL RECEIVE 12 WORKSHOP UNITS FOR CERTIFICATION. SOCIAL WORKERS WILL RECEIVE 12.5 CREDIT HOURS TOWARD RELICENSURE. KAAP MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE 12.75 CEU'S.

PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES IS A UNITED WAY AGENCY.

FOR REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 266-8666.

Click [here](#) to download more information.

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### **Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: The Bamboo Dragon**

The New York-New Jersey Public Health Training Center is pleased to announce a new module in its on-line, "Communicate to Make a Difference" training series. This interactive case study, "Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: The Bamboo Dragon," illustrates the impact that cultural differences and communication problems can have when a newly hired sanitarian conducts a health inspection of a Chinese restaurant. This, the third module in the series, follows "Hepatitis A Outbreak," which focused on the communication skills needed to address a disease outbreak in a Mexican-American community. Both modules build on the competencies introduced in the initial module, "Exploring Cultural Communication." All three modules, developed by the University at Albany (SUNY) School of Public Health are available, free-of-charge, at [www.nynj-phtc.org](http://www.nynj-phtc.org).

In the past year, more than 900 public health professionals have successfully completed the three-hour, introductory module. Nearly all (92%) have said that the course was of high quality (45% strongly agree, 47% agree), and 88% have said that it would help them perform their jobs more efficiently (39% strongly agree, 49% agree).

The New York-New Jersey Public Health Training Center is a partnership comprised of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health, and the University at Albany School of Public Health. The Center is funded by grant #5 D20 00016 from the Health Resources and Services Administration, DHHS, Public Health Training Centers Program. [Back to top](#)



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