

# Understanding the Affordable Care Act & Extension Role

A workshop for the Extension Agents with K-State Research and Extension and invited community partners.

Presented by:

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**When: Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration/Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: Franklin County Kansas Annex Building Meeting Room  
1418 S. Main Street, Ottawa, KS 66767**

The **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**, or **Obamacare**, is set to transform the health care delivery landscape. It is the public policy education issue of this century and provides an exceptional opportunity for Extension. We are poised to provide a bridge for cross programming and to further a systems approach to creating health within communities. This is economic development, improving quality of life, and a way to build strong families and communities' capacity for health.

This workshop will detail what ACA means for consumers and communities and flesh out specific roles for educators across program areas. This is an opportunity for **Community and Economic Development** to work with businesses, farms, and health care providers to help them understand their roles and responsibilities. This is relevant for **Agriculture** as farm owners and workers question what ACA will mean for them. ACA may impact **youth related programming**, especially those involved in programming for at-risk youth and families. Financial planning taught by **Family and Consumer Sciences** can include the more affordable insurance options to help families make informed choices, and ACA makes prevention a priority in a holistic focus on promoting and encouraging health.

Those participating in this workshop will better **understand** the basics of the Affordable Care Act and why it matters for communities. They will **identify** the roles of community partners and Extension in implementation, and **learn** what materials are available to use and provide to community partners. Participants will also **share** perspectives on what is being said in communities about ACA's impact. Resources currently available and in development will be highlighted.

Agents are encouraged to invite local community partners to participate in this workshop as part of a local health education training team.

**Registration is requested before August 6.**

**The cost is \$10 and includes snacks, lunch and beverages.**

Please make checks payable to Kansas State University and return to the Southeast Area Extension Office, 308 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Chanute, KS 66720. You may also register by contacting Karen Walters, 620-431-1530, and bring payment to the training.

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Franklin County Annex is located at 1418 S. Main Street ½ block north of 15th street on the west side.

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