

Kentucky Delta Access Project Community Encourager 202

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XP BUILD

Introduction

- Overview of KY project
 - Community Encouragers
 - Technical Assistance
 - Kentucky Delta Access Website
 - www.kydap.net
- Angie Courtney, Community Health Specialist, KY

Topics of Discussion

- Health councils
- CIDM training
- Grant writing workshops
- Community Leadership training
- CE luncheons with speaker addressing rural issues
- Kentucky Delta Access Website

- Health Councils

- Includes people from all sectors of the community
- Hires Community Encourager
- Works with the CE to gather information, surveys, deal with conflicts, networking

- CIDM training

- Modified the process due to lack of manpower and decreased funding
- Simple surveys
- Less technical assessment

- Grant Writing Workshop
 - Introduction of basic skills
 - How to be successful in finding additional resources for funding plan
 - Adds to continuation of project within each county
 - Adds valuable human resource for counties

- Community Leadership Trainings
 - Workshop to build leadership skills in the community
- CE luncheons
 - Speaker presents a variety of information about small town and rural issues
 - Medicaid, physician recruiting for rural areas, Community Health Centers
- Kentucky Delta Access Website
 - Provides a variety of helpful resources for the communities

Program Impact

- CE's have potential to impact the community almost immediately
 - Basic education of programs/services that currently exist in county
 - Awareness of issues/problems facing the county
 - Identifying problems or potential problems in the service area of healthcare
 - Identify resources needed
- Networking of community leaders, providers and educators to bring about positive changes

Conclusion

- Rural communities need to realize importance of networking and educational support in addition to monetary aid
- Education and awareness are key for positive growth and progress of a community
- Central resource center needed for many communities