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UPCOMING DATES:

- **September 9** Community Learning Webinar with guests Steve Radley and Imagene Harris from Network Kansas discussing the Kansas Community Investment Fund
- **October 10-11** HCI:HE Community Gathering in Wichita

Featured Resource Links

- An integral part of understanding equity issues in our communities involves understanding racial issues. For a beginning look at one initiative, check out these resources on Black Lives Matter:
 - This video offers an overview of the message of Black Lives Matter. The video is offered by FreeHugsProject.com - <https://bit.ly/2G4pEPS>
 - Explore the depth and clarity of this important movement [here](#).
 - [This video](#) celebrates the 5th year of Black Lives Matter.
- Curious about what other HCI:HE Communities are working on in Year 3? A summary of all Year 3 Community SMART Objectives is now available on the [HCI:HE website](#) (available to registered site users only).
- The Kansas Health Foundation's monthly electronic newsletter, Health Happenings, features a story about a focus area, grant, partnership or program involving the Foundation. Sign up for Health Happenings [here](#).
- The Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity works to create a just and inclusive society where all people and communities have opportunity to succeed. Check out their Implicit Bias Review [here](#).

September 4-6 *Your Leadership Edge Program in Wichita*



All *Healthy Communities Initiative* communities are encouraged to consider inviting residents and other HCI-related partners to the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge Program on September 4-6, 2019, in Wichita. All registration fees will be covered by the Kansas Health Foundation. Contact Joyce.McEwenCrane to access the promo code.

Webinar & Resources from *Build Healthy Places Network*



Jacob Kraybill, National Initiatives Outreach Manager at Build Healthy Places Network, was the featured speaker for the July HCI:HE Community Learning Webinar. Jacob shared information about the Network's *Principles for Building Healthy and Prosperous Communities*. July's recorded webinar is available at [this link](#). Additional resources can be found at buildhealthyplaces.org.

Community Spotlight on Wyandotte County

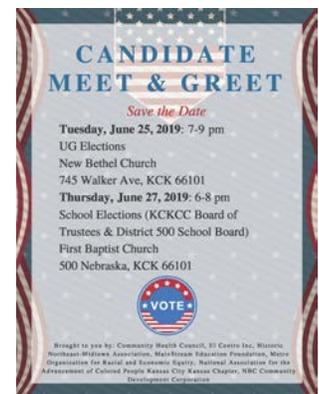
One definition of authentic engagement is mobilizing residents around civic issues affecting their community and to be more actively involved in choosing those who lead them. In Wyandotte County, that's exactly what's happening.

Since the Health Equity Action Transformation Community Action Board (HEAT CAB - begun in 2017), started the Servicing Legislative Interactions Producing Positive Solutions (Servicing L.I.P.P.S.) initiative, residents' efforts to get others actively engaged has been very successful. Through efforts such as "Souls to the Poles" (partnering with churches to promote advanced voting and to learn about local candidates), creating resident-led "Meet and Greets" (where political candidates speak about what's most important to them and answer resident questions), more residents are informed and are voting. In the first two nights of Meets and Greets alone, over 150 residents showed up to learn. In fact, in the November 2018 general election, a whopping 51% of registered Wyandotte voters showed up at the polls, compared to 25% just 3 months before in the primary.

According to Donna Young, Project Manager at Community Health Council of Wyandotte County and the Community Liaison in Wyandotte County for the Kansas Health Foundation's Healthy Communities Initiative: Health Equity initiative, the Servicing L.I.P.P.S. initiative is a non-partisan approach to increase local voting and to encourage participation. Defining moments for her have been watching residents themselves organize the events, create the agendas and moderate candidate forums or Meet and Greet events. And she's seen them boldly ask questions they never would have asked of candidates before.

Amber Adams, a volunteer with both the CAB and L.I.P.P.S., enthusiastically noted, "I'm really happy with all the work we've done because voter turnout has been a problem in this community. At least in the last couple of years, we've had the highest voter turnout and I think it's because of the work we've done." As Roy Robinson describes this effort, "We're doing our darndest to get people to trust the system so they vote every time there's an opportunity." Robinson, Chair of the Servicing L.I.P.P.S. as well as the Chair of the NAACP Political Action Committee, puts it like this: "What is important is we have a groundswell of people with good hearts trying to make our community better."

When asked about advice for residents of other communities who might be interested in emulating their work, Adams offered this. "Understand who lives and works in your community. There are so many assets people have. The first way to start is getting to know your neighbor."



ACEs Connection - Support and Resources for Local, State and National ACEs, Trauma and Resilience Initiatives

ACEs Connection unites the people, organizations, systems and communities in the worldwide ACEs movement around information and resources. ACEs Connection is a support for hundreds of local, state and national ACEs initiatives. One site feature includes up to date information about [current trauma legislation](#). Learn more at acesconnectioninfo.com