

Kansas Agriculture & Health Summit

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Space is limited!

Friday, November 16, 2012

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Washburn University

Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center

Topeka, Kansas

\$35 per person to attend

Includes beverages, snacks, and a locally sourced lunch.

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Keynote Speakers:

Bob Martin

Senior Policy Advisor for John Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland

"The Case for a Public Health Perspective on Agriculture"

Elizabeth Ablah, PhD, MPH,

Associate Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

"Community Leadership's Role in Cultivating Improved Health Outcomes"

The influence of agriculture on Kansans' health will be the topic of an all-day "Healthy Farms, Healthy People: Agriculture and Health Care Summit" in Topeka on November 16, at Washburn University's Bradbury Alumni Center. The daylong event will explore Kansas perspectives on the connections between farms, food systems, and health, with a goal of learning more about the challenges and opportunities on these topics that are specific to Kansas communities.

Sessions: Morning sessions and presentations will explore healthy eating behaviors and influences, farming and food systems in Kansas, the role of food and farm policy, and the challenges in producing healthy food. Speakers will include Barb LaClair, M.H.A., of the Kansas Health Institute; Anthony Randles MPH, Ph.D, of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Rhonda Janke, Ph.D, of Kansas State University; Paul Johnson, public policy contributor to the Kansas Rural Center, and Donn Teske, president of the Kansas Farmers Union.

Afternoon roundtables will provide participants with an interactive opportunity to

generate potential solutions of interest to their own communities and work. Roundtable topics may include beginning farmer programs, farm to school, farm-raised food distribution infrastructure problems, access to healthy food, incentive programs such as SNAP, and workplace wellness.

Registration: Registration for the summit is open to those interested in learning more about the intersection of the Kansas health, agriculture and food environments. The organizers seek to bring together stakeholders from health and agriculture to create the dialogue that is needed to create an understanding of challenges, opportunities, and actions for change around identified food, farming and health issues in Kansas.

Cost to attend is \$35 per person and covers beverages, snacks, and a locally sourced lunch.

To register for this event visit www.kansasruralcenter.org or click the link below. Space is limited so register now to reserve your spot!

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The event is coordinated by the Kansas Rural Center, in partnership with the Kansas Health Institute, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Health Consumer Coalition, and Bon Appetite Management Company with funding support from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) through its National Network of Public Health Institutes.

For more information about this event visit www.kansasruralcenter.org or contact Natalie Fullerton at 402-310-1077 or southcentral@ourlocalfoodks.org.

See you in November!