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Vibrant communities with a positive future.

Community of Excellence Applications



Is your community currently designated as a Community of Action? Are you in good standing with Kansas PRIDE? Then YOUR community should consider applying to become a Community of Excellence! The application can be found on our website, and will be emailed out later this month.

Also, to serve as a reminder, if your community is designated a **2013-2015 Community of Excellence** it is time to resubmit an application to keep your status as Community of Excellence.

Community of Excellence are eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE grants.

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Kansas PRIDE Website Update

As you may know, we have recently experienced some difficulties with our Reporting and Enrollment pages on the website. These issues have since been resolved, and we want to thank you all for your patience during this process. Please let us know if you are unable to access any of our website materials. We value your input and want make the website an even more valuable tool for you. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the office at PRIDE@ksu.edu

Please Complete the Community Survey - Help Us Serve You!

We are practicing what we ask of you as Kansas PRIDE communities: a community survey! Every three years we have a survey for communities to help us better serve your needs. The following is a short survey (12 questions, no more than 15 minutes to submit).

[CLICK HERE to start the survey.](#)

The link has also been emailed out to everyone. Your response is very much appreciated! Thank you for all that you do for Kansas!!! –**Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager**
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The Entrepreneurial Mindset

There is a growing conversation in Kansas about the Entrepreneurial Mindset. Why?

According to a Gallup poll, 87% of all employees are not engaged in their work. Of those, 24% are actively disengaged (working against their employer), while 63% are passively disengaged. What a waste of human potential! How discouraging for the business owner or manager who is pouring his heart and soul into the organization. Imagine how productive the U.S. would be if we were moving forward with motivated employees? Imagine if 10 employees are in a canoe-- 2 are paddling forward, 6 are dragging their fingers in the water and watching the fish swim by while 2 are paddling backwards. How will we get where we're going? (Or have fun in the process?)

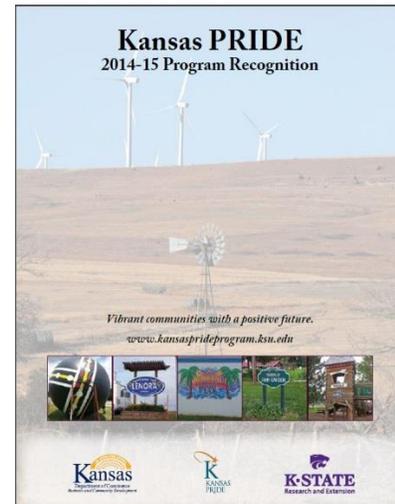
A lot of Economic Development people are paying attention to Entrepreneurship, since we have been spending public dollars to lure businesses to our communities or state ("bear hunting") to the detriment of a nearby community or state. In one Ohio Community they were on the verge of making an EcoDevo offer to a company when they suddenly realized that they would be investing \$300,000 per job created. By contrast, Entrepreneurship is like "Planting Trees." We make small investments to develop the seeds of creativity and "choice" among students and budding businessmen with the hope that those investments will grow.

As one local Agent said, *"I'm working with others on Entrepreneurship because we want our kids to grow up with that mindset, go off and get the education they want and then come right back to our community where they will start their own business or see how they can contribute to someone else's business."*

Want to know more? Read, "Who Owns the Ice House: Eight Life Lessons from an Unlikely Entrepreneur" by Clifton Taulbert. – **Nancy Daniels, Nancy Daniels, Community Vitality/Center for Engagement and Community Development** nkdaniels@ksu.edu

2014-15 Annual Review is Here!

The Annual Review is now available for viewing! It was recently emailed out, and has been posted on the website for your view pleasure. Click on the photo below to begin reading now!



Awards System Webinar

Jaime Menon will be hosting a Webinar to discuss the Awards system, and explain details regarding Recognition and Funding opportunities. The date is to be announced.

Community Visits!

If your community would like a visit, contact our office!

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Events Calendar

August 15 – Fall Partners in PRIDE Applications Due

October 15 - Community of Excellence Applications Due

October 15 – 3rd Quarterly Reports Due