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Vibrant communities with a positive future.

Happy New Year
Kansas PRIDE Communities!!!



Networking among communities using the reporting database has increased, which is absolutely wonderful!

THANK YOU all for another phenomenal year! –*Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager* jmenon@ksu.edu

Kansas PRIDE Community Toolkit: Educational Opportunities for Kansas PRIDE Communities



Are you new to Kansas PRIDE? Are you trying to get organized? Restructuring? Changing leadership? Have we got an educational opportunity for you!

In the fall of 2015, K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce worked together to create and finalize a Kansas PRIDE Community Toolkit. The toolkit is for Kansas PRIDE Communities at all levels, whether your group is new, reorganizing, restructuring, or getting back into gear. The toolkit can be offered as a regional workshop update, or can be broken down into modules for short presentations at local PRIDE meetings. The toolkit modules include:

- **Getting organized** – first steps, best practices, following a process

HAPPY NEW YEAR Kansas PRIDE Communities! Thank you so much for all that you do, and for making Kansas such a great place to live! Here is a summary of your work in 2015 (remember final quarterly reports are due on January 15, so the numbers will change – if you need to report retroactively contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we will help you get your information in the system – every hour and dollar raised is important for reporting your amazing impact!):

Volunteer Hours: 36,645

Public Dollars Raised: \$96,179

Private Dollars Raised: \$184,802

Ongoing Projects: 424; Completed projects: 136

Total of Youth Related Projects: 212

- **Money Matters** – fundraising myths, approaches to fundraising, fundraising in a recession, developing a plan, tracking your dollars, 501 c 3 or community foundation approach, grant proposal tips
- **Staying on target** – vision and mission of your organization, communicating your objectives, strategies, creating an action plan and elevator speech
- **Achieving Success through Volunteers** – motivations behind volunteering, recruitment, and reviewing the ISOTURE model
- **Benchmarking Your Success** – promotion of your work, celebrating your success!

- This is the deadline for all communities that wish to nominate their projects for [STAR Capital Awards](#).
- The NEW [Growth and Action](#) are available for Communities of Growth and Communities of Action. These are limited to 5 awards per round (February 15 and August 15) and are extremely competitive so apply as soon as you can. The awards are for \$200 each. The link is now live!
- This is also the deadline for eligible Communities of Excellence to apply for [Partners in PRIDE Grant Funding](#).

So, if your community is interested, contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we will set up a meeting for your community! –*Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager* jmenon@ksu.edu

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 22-28, 2016 for **Week of PRIDE**. The new guidebook is now online, [CLICK HERE](#) to view it. **We will be having some other announcements concerning Week of PRIDE in the upcoming weeks, so keep your eyes open for updates!**

Thank you for all that you do! –*Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager* jmenon@ksu.edu

Reminder: Enrollment, Awards and Week of PRIDE



Just a few important reminders:

[Enrollment](#) is now upon us. You will be asked to change your password. If there has been transition in leadership, please make sure that the previous information is given to those newly responsible for reporting.

February 15 is a big day on the calendar.

Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE: Rural Opportunities Conference

The Kansas Department of Commerce has a date and place for the upcoming annual Rural Opportunities Conference. The conference schedule and details about sessions and speakers will be provided in the coming months. Contact Susan NeuPoTh Cadoret at scadoret@kansascommerce.com or 785-296-7198 with questions.

<http://kansascommerce.com/ruralopportunitiesconference>

The **Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (CAIC)** is focused on the creative industries sector of the Kansas economy. The Commission is dedicated to measuring, promoting, supporting and expanding the creative industries to grow the state's economy and create creative industry-related jobs. Keep your eyes out for the upcoming 2016 application dates!

<http://www.kansascommerce.com/caic>

Events Calendar

January 1 – Enrollment Begins

January 15 – Quarterly Reports Due

February 15 – Capital Award, Community Partner Nomination Applications Due (Recognition)

February 15 – Growth and Action, Partner in PRIDE Applications Due (Funding)

May 22-28 – Save the Date - Week of PRIDE