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Health Department honored for excellence in public health

(Lawrence, KS) – The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is one of 23 health departments nationwide to receive a “Model Practice Award” in 2009.

The Health Department received the award at the National Association of County and City Health Officials’ (NACCHO) conference recently. The Model Practice Awards program honors outstanding initiatives – such as programs, resources and tools – that demonstrate how local health departments and their community partners can best address local public health concerns.

A committee of peers selected the Health Department’s project, “Incorporating Core Public Health Service Messages into Human Interest Stories as a Means of Increasing Understanding of Public Health Services,” from a group of 116 local health department applications.

“We are proud to receive NACCHO’s Model Practice Award,” said Dan Partridge, Health Department Director. “The award is evidence of our commitment to develop innovative public health programs that improve the health of local residents.”

The Health Department’s project is now part of an online, searchable database of successful public health practices in areas ranging from immunization and maternal and child health to infectious diseases and emergency preparedness. The database allows NACCHO to share information about what is working across the country in public health.

For more information about the NACCHO Model Practice Awards, go to www.naccho.org.