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### **Project LIVELY conducts first Client/Community Partner Survey**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – Two surveys conducted by a Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department program show it is achieving its mission in helping to improve Douglas County seniors' quality of life.

Project LIVELY (Life, Interest and Vigor Entering Later Years) assists older adults by coordinating the help they need to remain in their homes as long as possible. The program, which is unique to Douglas County, was established in 1982.

Client Satisfaction and Community Partners surveys were conducted this spring. Ninety-nine out of Project LIVELY's 120 clients responded to questions that asked about quality of care, program efficiency and goal attainment. In the Community Partners survey, 41 professionals from 31 different agencies answered questions relating to care managers' knowledge, community collaboration and efficiency in helping area seniors.

In the Client Satisfaction survey, 94 percent of clients agreed or strongly agreed that since obtaining Project LIVEY services their quality of life has improved. Ninety-eight percent of clients agreed or strongly agreed that their Care Manager is knowledgeable of community resources and programs.

In the Community Partners survey, 100 percent of those surveyed agreed that Project LIVELY services help increase the continuity of care for aging adults in Douglas County.

"We need to provide care management services to Douglas County with the same energy, passion and consistency that the survey results indicate," said Sandra Kelly-Allen, Project LIVELY Coordinator and care manager. "We also need to continue to be innovative and creative in ensuring that Douglas County remains a great place to age."