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Health Department seeks public response in online survey

(Lawrence, KS) – The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department needs your feedback.

As part of its work toward becoming an accredited agency, the Health Department is trying to determine the effectiveness of its program stories, featured on its Web site at www.ldchealth.org. The stories highlight real clients who have benefited from the Health Department's various programs.

Understanding whether these stories increase the reader's knowledge of public health is necessary to improve and further the agency's education and outreach efforts.

Each story is followed by the question, "Did this story increase your understanding of public health?" The public can read one story or several by logging on to www.ldchealth.org and following the survey link.

Health department accreditation is a national effort that will begin in 2011 to help ensure departments are providing quality public health services and programs to improve the health of their communities.

Earlier this year, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department was one of 21 agencies awarded a grant to begin accreditation efforts. Lessons learned from current projects will assist other health departments with assessments, quality improvement and the overall goal of improving the public's health.

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