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Fort Scott Job Fair

In a collaborative effort with Southeast KANSASWORKS, Bourbon County REDI, Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce and HBCAT a Job Fair was organized to help those who are impacted by the recent closures or anyone who is interested in a job. There were 40 organizations represented in the Job Fair including some support organizations offering local resources. Southeast KANSASWORKS was on site to build and print resumes. There were over 100 in attendance.



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CADCA Forum Recap

HBCAT Executive Director, Rachel Carpenter, and Community Health Worker, Linsdey McNeil, had the opportunity to attend the CADCA Forum held at the National Harbour. During the forum they were able to learn about different drug prevention strategies and to implement them in our community. They participated in Capitol Hill Day advocating for more prevention funding and policy change.

Lindsey McNeil presented the information learned to our coalition LHEAT. Lindsey also coordinated a meeting with Jake Laturners offices to further advocate for CHW funding in Southeast Kansas.



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Registered Apprenticeship Lunch N Learn

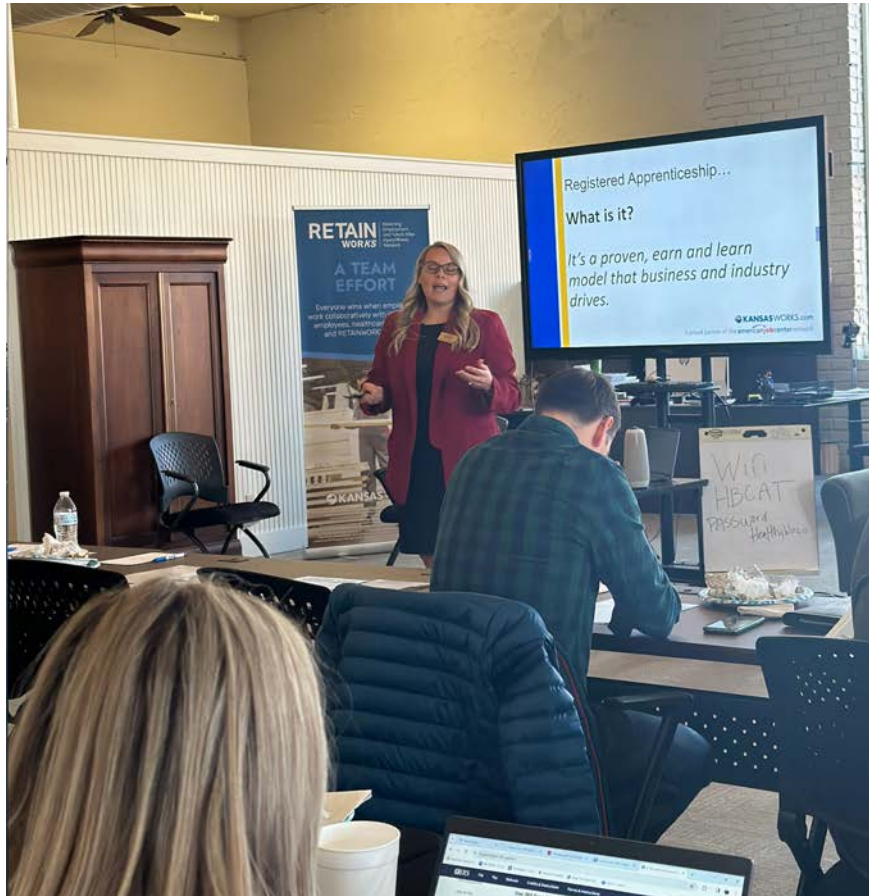
The Healthy Bourbon County Action Team partnered with Kansas Department of Commerce and SEK KANSASWORKS to host a successful Lunch N Learn yesterday. On the agenda SEK KANSASWORKS Business Service Director Jim Jenkins, Senior Lead Youth Career Advisor

Christine Abbots and Business Services Representative

Dustin Troth gave an overview of the resources their programs have to offer employers.

Courtney Goucher, Apprenticeship Program Manager, presented about the Registration Apprenticeship program and how beneficial it could be for employers to implement/ Chuck Haake of Crossland Construction gave a presentation on how they were able to successfully implement the RA program within their company.

In our audience there were about 25 participants comprised of Manufacturer companies CEOs, managers or HRs Directors, City of Fort Scott, Economic Development Entities, PSU SBDC and representation for SEK KANSASWORKS.



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Downtown Arch



Health is Neighborhoods and Environment: The Healthy Bourbon County Action Team (HBCAT) addresses one of the social determinants of health by building connections between where a person lives (e.g., housing, neighborhood, and environment) and his or her health and well-being.

Healthy Bourbon County Action Team (HBCAT) Leads Creative Placemaking Projects in Fort Scott, including the Downtown Arch and improvements to Third Street Park.

The Downtown Arch, alongside the enhancements to Third Street Park, serves as a testament to the collaborative efforts of community members, local organizations, and funding partners. Over the course of two years, HBCAT engaged residents through a multifaceted approach, including the establishment of a dedicated steering committee, public forums, and surveys, ensuring that the project reflects the aspirations and needs of the community.

With a total budget of \$120,000, generously provided by the Patterson Family Foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield Pathways to Healthy Kansas grants, the Downtown Arch project has seen remarkable progress. Key milestones include the completion of concrete footings by Marbery Concrete, metal fabrication by TL Steel, and forthcoming stone column installations by JCM Restoration, LLC, utilizing stone sourced from Bandera Stone.

The impending completion of the metal component of the Arch marks a significant milestone in the project timeline, with final touches expected in the coming weeks pending the delivery of necessary materials. The support and collaboration of partners such as the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fort Scott have been instrumental in driving the project forward.





The Healthy Bourbon County Action Team

Improve health in ALL areas of your life

PSU Small Business Development Center

Provides technical assistance to businesses who are starting or expanding.

Days: Tues-Thurs.

Hours: 9am-4pm

Email: info@hbcac.org

Ph: 620.215.2562

Community Health Workers

We can assist with applications for:

- SNAP, Food supplies
- Health Insurance
- Utility assistance
- Housing and household supplies

We can connect you to resources for:

- Mental and emotional well-being
- Transportation
- Medical and Dental Care
- Health education and support
- COVID-19 tests or vaccines
- Health fairs and local community event
- Employment options
- Business Assistance

Days: Mon-Fri.

Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Email: lmcneil2@kumc.edu

Ph: 620.952.3966



Southeast Kansasworks

Whether you are looking for a more rewarding career, needing to gain valuable training and work experience, or just actively searching for a new job after being laid off-

WE CAN HELP!

Days: Mon-Thurs.

Hours: 10am-3pm

Email: info@hbcac.org

Ph: 620.215.2562

Local Health Equity Action Team (LHEAT)

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Be part of a group who is actively addressing challenges our community face. Some of the project they have launched are BB-GO Transportation, Wash Wednesdays, Life Skills Workshops.

Days: Every Other Monday

Hours: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Email: info@hbcac.org

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