Kentucky Delta Access Project
Community Encourager 202

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**XP BUILD**
Introduction

• Overview of KY project
  – Community Encouragers
  – Technical Assistance
  – Kentucky Delta Access Website
    • www.kydap.net
• Angie Courtney, Community Health Specialist, KY
Topics of Discussion

- Health councils
- CIDM training
- Grant writing workshops
- Community Leadership training
- CE luncheons with speaker addressing rural issues
- Kentucky Delta Access Website
• Health Councils
  – Includes people from all sectors of the community
  – Hires Community Encourager
  – Works with the CE to gather information, surveys, deal with conflicts, networking
• CIDM training
  – Modified the process due to lack of manpower and decreased funding
  – Simple surveys
  – Less technical assessment
• Grant Writing Workshop
  – Introduction of basic skills
  – How to be successful in finding additional resources for funding plan
  – Adds to continuation of project within each county
  – Adds valuable human resource for counties
• Community Leadership Trainings  
  – Workshop to build leadership skills in the community
• CE luncheons  
  – Speaker presents a variety of information about small town and rural issues  
    • Medicaid, physician recruiting for rural areas, Community Health Centers
• Kentucky Delta Access Website  
  – Provides a variety of helpful resources for the communities
Program Impact

• CE’s have potential to impact the community almost immediately
  – Basic education of programs/services that currently exist in county
  – Awareness of issues/problems facing the county
  – Identifying problems or potential problems in the service area of healthcare
  – Identify resources needed

• Networking of community leaders, providers and educators to bring about positive changes
Conclusion

• Rural communities need to realize importance of networking and educational support in addition to monetary aid
• Education and awareness are key for positive growth and progress of a community
• Central resource center needed for many communities