

Dear **Kentucky Cancer Consortium** Partners:

The Kentucky Cancer Consortium (KCC) is pleased to provide you with the **May 13, 2015** issue of “Wednesday’s Word” (see table below), a bi-weekly KCC communication relaying recent state and national cancer control articles, resources, events and tools to your “cyber-doorstep”. You may read archived editions on [our website](#). If your organization has a cancer- related item for Wednesday's Word, feel free to contact Jessica Jones at [jjones@kycancerc.org](mailto:jjones@kycancerc.org)

Sincerely, Kentucky Cancer Consortium Staff

CATEGORY	TITLE
<b>Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation &amp; Insurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <span style="color: red;">● <b>Spread the Word: ACA “open enrollment” may be closed but it’s important to let community partners/families know that Medicaid and CHIP have “year round enrollment”:</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Medicaid and CHIP: Families Can Apply Anytime</a>: Families can apply for Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) year-round. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To find out more about Medicaid and CHIP enrollment in Kentucky, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ If you are an individual who has experienced a life changing event such as loss of health care coverage or marriage, you may apply for a “special enrollment”. Click on the <a href="#">kynect website</a> to learn more or click here to <a href="#">find a kynect agent</a> in your area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Update from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) &amp; Cancer Team:</b> Consortium partners on the ACA/Cancer Team are looking at ACA &amp; insurance issues in Kentucky, trying to clarify information as well as identify gaps/issues. Please see the following sections in the email below for information about ACA and cancer issues that are being explored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Breast Cancer</b></li> <li>○ <b>Colon Cancer</b></li> <li>○ <b>Tobacco Control/Tobacco Cessation</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announce funding opportunity for Marketplace Navigators:</b> CMS is accepting applications to support Navigators in Marketplaces, including State Partnership Marketplaces. Funding is available to eligible individuals, as well as private and public entities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applications are due by <b>June 15, 2015</b>.</li> <li>○ Funding announcement opportunity is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE: <a href="#">Trends in Health Insurance Enrollment, 2013-2015</a>: <i>Health Affairs</i></b></li> <li>● <b><a href="#">Data Sources for Identifying Low-Income, Uninsured Populations: Application to Public Health: National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program</a>:</b> Three data sources are used for identifying eligible populations of low-income, uninsured individuals include: Current Population Survey-Annual Social &amp; Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC); American Community Survey (ACS), and Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) (see the “<b>Data</b>” section of this email for links to these data sources). These data sources help measure key dimensions of ACA and can provide helpful information for assessing the legislation’s impact.</li> <li>● <b><a href="#">Health insurance coverage among cancer patients varies greatly by demographics and cancer type</a></b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Health Care Coverage and Access in the Nation’s Four Largest States</a>: Results from the Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey, 2014</li> <li>• <a href="#">ACA’s Amendments to the Spousal Impoverishment Statute</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Access to Health Care Improving among all racial and ethnic groups following Affordable Care Act; Additional Work Remains (Agency for Healthcare Research &amp; Quality-AHRQ)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Toolkit on working with Healthcare Enrollment Assistors to Promote Tobacco Cessation</a>: American Lung Association</li> <li>• <a href="#">Coverage to Care: No Longer Fighting Depression Alone &amp; the Latino Population</a>: Despite measures of the ACA that have improved options for health care coverage, Latinos remain the largest uninsured population in the United States. And many Latinos &amp; other Americans who got covered don’t really understand their benefits &amp; responsibilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Questions about how to use your health care insurance?</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for resources about understanding your coverage, where to go, how to make an appointment, preparing for your appointment, etc .</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Breast Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Looking for young breast cancer survivors:</b> CDC is in the process of recruiting women to feature a new digital ad called <b>Bring Your Brave</b>. They are looking for women to share their compelling stories about exploring family history, breast cancer risk &amp; prevention, &amp; breast health. The goals of the campaign are to motivate young women to learn their risk for breast cancer, including their family history, &amp; to encourage these women to engage in conversations about their risk with their health care provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To learn about eligibility criteria, visit the <a href="#">Share Your Story/Bring Your Brave</a> website.</li> <li>○ Deadline to share your story is <b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>ACA and Breast Cancer BRCA Genetic Testing (BRCA-1 &amp; BRCA-2):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">FAQs about Affordable Care Act Implementation (Part XXVI)</a>: pages 2-3</li> <li>○ Q1: Must a plan or issuer cover without cost sharing recommended genetic counseling and BRCA genetic testing for a woman who has not been diagnosed with BRCA-related cancer but who previously had breast cancer, ovarian cancer, or other cancer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes. The USPSTF recommends that “primary care providers screen women who have family members with breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer with 1 of several screening tools designed to identify a family history that may be associated with an increased risk for potentially harmful mutations in breast cancer susceptibility genes (BRCA1 or BRCA2). Women with positive screening results should receive genetic counseling and, if indicated after counseling, BRCA testing.” The USPSTF’s Final Recommendation Statement related to BRCA testing indicates that the recommendation “applies to asymptomatic women who have not been diagnosed with BRCA-related cancer.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Therefore, as set out in the recommendations described above, as long as the woman has not been diagnosed with BRCA-related cancer, a plan or issuer must cover preventive screening, genetic counseling, and genetic testing without cost sharing, if appropriate, for a woman as determined by her attending provider, consistent with PHS Act section 2713 and its implementing regulations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">One-third of women with breast cancer are concerned about genetic risk</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">BRCA gene datashare will help detect cancer risk</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">USPSTF Releases Mammography Draft Recommendations; Seeks Comments from the Public</a>: On April 21, 2015, the U.S Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) posted a draft recommendation statement and draft evidence documents on screening for breast cancer. The Task Force, an independent, volunteer panel of experts in preventive care and evidence-based medicine, reviewed scientific data about the benefits and harms associated with breast cancer screening, and posted draft recommendation statement based on that evidence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To access the draft recommendation statement, go to; <a href="http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/RecommendationStatementDraft/breast-cancer-screening1">http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/RecommendationStatementDraft/breast-cancer-screening1</a></li> <li>○ <b>Draft Recommendations by AGE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>50-74:</b> The Task Force found that the benefit of mammography screening increases with age, with women ages 50 to 74 benefitting the most. Women get the best balance of benefits when screening is done every two years (B recommendation).</li> <li>▪ <b>40-49:</b> Recommends informed, individualized decision-making based on a women’s values, preferences, and health history (C recommendation).</li> <li>▪ <b>75 and older:</b> More research is needed. Current science is inadequate to recommend for or against (I recommendation).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Public feedback</b> on the draft recommendations can be made by <b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>. Visit <a href="http://www.screeningforbreastcancer.org">www.screeningforbreastcancer.org</a> to learn how to submit comments. The Task Force developed additional materials to help health care professionals, stakeholders, and the public understand and communicate about these draft recommendations. These materials include a video, answers to frequently-asked questions, fact sheets, and graphics. They are available at <a href="http://www.screeningforbreastcancer.org">www.screeningforbreastcancer.org</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>WEBINAR: Treatment for Estrogen Receptor (ER) Positive &amp; Progesterone Receptor (PR) Positive Breast Cancer &amp; Triple Negative Breast Cancer:</b> Hosted by CancerCare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>; 1:30-2:30pm EST</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">Some lawmakers make personal pitch to oppose new breast-cancer screening guidance</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Exercise helps breast cancer patients tolerate chemotherapy, reduces fatigue, nausea, and pain</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Mammograms’ efficiency at reading dense breasts debated</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Removing Ovaries during breast cancer could save lives, new research says</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">History of breastfeeding associated with reduced risk of breast cancer recurrence</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Eligible for breast conserving therapy, many still chose mastectomy</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Factors affecting women’s election to undergo bilateral mastectomy identified</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Teens with breast lumps may be able to avoid invasive biopsy</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Women’s Health: Your Health at Every Age:</a> Provides an overview of healthy behaviors and health screening for women.</li> <li>● <a href="#">Nipple preservation during mastectomy doesn’t change recurrence rates</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Symptoms of Poor Sleep suggests Sleep Disorders in Breast Cancer Survivors</a></li> </ul>
Caregiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">New Instrument assesses Caregiver Knowledge of Cancer Treatment Symptoms</a></li> </ul>

<p>Cervical Cancer &amp; HPV</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HPV vaccine should not be delayed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Great Success and Enduring Dilemma of Cervical Cancer Screening</a>: NPR</li> <li>• <a href="#">Women’s Health: Your Health at Every Age</a>: Provides an overview of healthy behaviors and health screening for women.</li> <li>• <a href="#">HPV vaccine effective against infection at multiple sites, provides partial protection in women with previous infections (NCI)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Physicians show poor adherence to cervical cancer screening guidelines</a></li> </ul>
<p>Childhood Cancers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IN-PERSON &amp; WEBINAR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Staying Connected: Facilitating the Learning Experience During and After Cancer Treatment:</b> Hosted by the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society (LLS). Some of the objectives of this program include identifying long-term effects of childhood cancer treatment, explaining laws that protect childhood cancer survivors’ rights and resources to support schools and families from LLS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>IN-PERSON</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> May 21<sup>st</sup>; 5-8:00pm</li> <li>▪ <b>Location:</b> Taylor Education Building Auditorium, Corner of Upper Street &amp; Scott, UK Campus, Lexington</li> <li>▪ <b>Free CEUs</b> are offered for Nurses, Social Workers, School Personnel</li> <li>▪ <b>To view flyer,</b> <a href="#">click here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>WEBINAR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> May 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:30pm (Please sign on at 3:00pm as program begins promptly at 3:30pm)</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and to register</li> <li>▪ <b>Free CEUs</b> are offered for Nurses, Social Workers, School Personnel</li> <li>▪ To view flyer, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Study points to possible treatment for lethal pediatric brain cancer</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Children’s Oncology Group examines National Educational Practices in Pediatric Patients</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Program improves transitioning young cancer survivors to adult survivorship care</a></li> </ul>
<p>Colon Cancer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Affordable Care Act and Colon Cancer Screening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">FAQs about Affordable Care Act Implementation (Part XXVI)</a>: page 7</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Coverage of Colonoscopies Pursuant to USPSTF Recommendations</a></li> <li>○ Q7: If a colonoscopy is scheduled and performed as a <b>preventive screening</b> procedure for colorectal cancer pursuant to the USPSTF recommendation, is it permissible for a plan or issuer to impose cost sharing with respect to anesthesia services performed in connection with the preventive colonoscopy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No. The plan or issuer may not impose cost sharing with respect to anesthesia services performed in connection with the preventive colonoscopy if the attending provider determines that anesthesia would be medically appropriate for the individual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">‘Diet Swap’ shows how Westernization may raise colon cancer risks</a>: Rates of colon cancer are much higher in African-Americans than in rural South Africans.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Colon cancer risk markers appear soon after diet change</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Blood test can help avoid unnecessary drug side effects for some patients with colorectal cancer</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">New Colon Cancer Screening Options Saves Lives</a>: This article discusses colon cancer screening modalities including Cologuard.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Community Cancer Screening Program: Implementing Interventions to Address Disparities (The Community Guide)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Capsule colonoscopy an adequate alternative when traditional colonoscopy not possible</a></li> </ul>
<b>Community Health Workers (CHWs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Health Worker Conference (8<sup>th</sup> Annual):</b> The theme for this year’s conference is “Community Health Workers Leading Change: Celebrating Health &amp; Wellness”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time:</b> August 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ <b>Location:</b> Grand Rapids, MI</li> <li>○ <b>Call for Posters:</b> submission deadline is June 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information, registration information to be sent out in June</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Coordinated Chronic Disease Efforts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northeast Kentucky Regional Community Roundtable:</b> On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) hosted the first of three annual community roundtables convening local cancer &amp; chronic disease stakeholders to address tobacco issues. Northeast Kentucky AHEC is one of 4 locations selected by the George Washington (GW) Cancer Institute to host these roundtables integrating cancer &amp; chronic disease efforts around common priority health topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> to read more about all the <b>Community Roundtables</b></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> to read more about <b>Northeast Kentucky AHEC’s Community Roundtable</b> and intended outcomes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What are the data sources to use to identify the low-income, uninsured populations?</b> The U.S. Census Bureau data sources uses (2) population surveys &amp; (1) model-based estimation program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Annual Social &amp; Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS ASCE)</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">American Community Survey (ACS)</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE:</b> <a href="#">Data sources for identifying low-income, uninsured populations: application to public health-National Breast &amp; Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program</a></li> <li>• <b>Profile of Older Americans:</b> The Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) released data on the Profile of Older Americans. Some of the highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 in 7 people (14.1% of the population) is an older American (over age 65).</li> <li>○ The 85+ population is projected to triple from 6 million in 2013 to 14.6 million in 2040.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Carcinogens &amp; Environmental Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HHS issues final recommendation for community water fluoridation:</b> The new, lower recommendations are the first in 50 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">U.S. Lowers Recommended Fluoride Levels in Drinking Water</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">The U.S. Public Service Recommendation for Fluoride Concentration in Drinking Water for the Prevention of Dental Caries</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>State of the Air 2015:</b> From our partners at the American Lung Association (ALA). For 16 years the ALA has analyzed data from official air quality monitors to compile the State of the Air report. This includes ozone and particle pollution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To view Kentucky counties’ air reports, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Genetics/Genomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Investigational personalized cellular therapy tolerated well by patients</a></li> </ul>
Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Two-thirds of the world’s population have no access to safe, affordable surgery</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Surgeon General Vivek Murthy wants to move U.S. health care toward a ‘prevention-based society’</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community Health Needs Assessments- Aligning the Interests of Public Health and the Health Care Delivery System to improve Population Health</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Fully integrated Oncology Emergency Department in the U.S. Launched:</a> Cancer patients require frequent trips to ED, however it remains to be determined whether treating patients in an oncology-specific ED ‘will affect outcomes such as admissions, length of stay, infection rates, and satisfaction’. This ED is located at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute in Columbus, OH.</li> <li>• <a href="#">‘Lean Sigma Six’ approach raises call light responsiveness patient satisfaction scores</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Oncology Triage Nurse serves as ‘Pivotal Conduit’ in facilitating Transitional Care Clinic</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">QuickStats: % of Adults who did not take medication as prescribed to Save Money, among those Prescribed Medication During the Preceding 12 Months, by Sex and Age Group-National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2013</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">KY Primary Care Association and UK HealthCare announce Partnership Benefitting Rural Care Practitioners</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Building a Culture of Health: The Value of Proposition of Retail Clinics:</a> With convenient weekend &amp; after-hours, retail clinics have the potential to expand access to basic primary care &amp; help address some non-clinical needs underlying the social determinants of health.</li> </ul>
Health Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently, I have noticed that two partners have created professional animated videos to relay health information in an entertaining and informative way. They both used GoAnimate, one type of animated video provider which is user-friendly (you don’t have to know a specific code or program to use it). If you are interested in GoAnimate, you can check out their website <a href="#">here</a>. <b>If you use another type of video software/program, please let us know and we will share it with our partners.</b> We are always looking for tips and resources to share. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Example: American Cancer Society : Colon Cancer Screening, 80% by 2018 using GoAnimate: <a href="http://goanimate.com/videos/0QRONbl8B3TI?utm_source=linkshare&amp;utm_medium=linkshare&amp;utm_campaign=usercontent">http://goanimate.com/videos/0QRONbl8B3TI?utm_source=linkshare&amp;utm_medium=linkshare&amp;utm_campaign=usercontent</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Health Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Patient portals could widen health disparities:</a> Patients with low health literacy, less education and who are African-American were much less likely to use these portals.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Vital Signs: Leading Causes of Death, Prevalence of Diseases &amp; Risk Factors, &amp; Use of Health Services among Hispanics in the United States, 2009-2013:</a> Overall, Hispanics’ all-cause mortality was lower than for whites- they also had lower self-reported prevalence smoking- however they were less likely to receive recommended cancer screening tests. They also more likely to live below the poverty line, not to have completed high school, or have health insurance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">¡A la Buena Salud!- To Good Health (May 2015):</a> CDC Vital Signs; provides an easier-to-read version of the article noted above along with other useful information. Some quick facts:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hispanics or Latinos are the largest racial/ethnic minority population in the U.S.</li> <li>▪ Leading causes of death for Hispanics: <b>Cancer</b></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cancer Screening Test Use-United States, 2013 (MMWR)</a>: Reported screening for all three cancers (breast, cervical &amp; colorectal) was similar between whites &amp; blacks but lower for Hispanics, with variation among racial &amp; ethnic subgroups.</li> <li>• <b>Journal Article: <a href="#">Small is Essential: Importance of Subpopulation Research in Cancer Control</a></b>: <i>American Journal of Public Health</i>. “Big data” has had a revolutionary impact on science, however it’s important to focus on racial or ethnic subpopulations for which there are small sample sizes.</li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Self-Management Handbook Useful for Patients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)</a></b>: LEP is associated with symptom distress, reduced cancer screening and delays in seeking health care.</li> </ul>
<b>Health Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDC offers free online trainings in <a href="#">Health Literacy</a> as well as other resources. Some topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Health Literacy for the Public Health Professionals</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Writing for the Public</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Creating Easier to Understand Lists, Charts, and Graphs</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hospice &amp; Palliative Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Music, Nature Sounds may improve pain, anxiety in hospice cancer patients</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Early use of palliative care in cancer improves patients’ lives and outcomes for caregivers</a></li> <li>• <b><a href="#">A Matter of Faith and Trust: Why African-Americans Don’t Use Hospice (Short Video &amp; Article)</a></b>: Kaiser Health News/PBS NewsHour. Research has shown that African-Americans are very skeptical of advance care planning &amp; hospice services leading to aggressive &amp; painful care at the end of life.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Changes in Medicare Costs with the Growth of Hospice Care in New Homes</a></li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Perception of quality of care for the dying in U.S. worsens</a></b>: Expert states “it’s urgent for us now to start thinking about what interventions we can do to improve care at the end of life given that we are facing a Silver Tsunami”.</li> </ul>
<b>Leukemia/ Lymphoma &amp; other Blood Cancers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WEBINARS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Living with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>; 1-2:00pm EST</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>MEETING/TRAINING:</b> Contact Debby for more info or to register for these events at <a href="mailto:Debby.phillips@lls.org">Debby.phillips@lls.org</a> or call <b>502-719-0542</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Staying Connected-Facilitating the Learning Experience During &amp; After Cancer Treatment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>; 5-8:00pm</li> <li>▪ <b>Location:</b> Taylor Education Building Auditorium; Lexington, KY</li> <li>▪ Free professional education program for teachers, nurses, social workers, school administrators. Parents are welcome.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>State Ambassador (Volunteer) Training:</b> Help share the message of LLS and reach more people affected by blood cancers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>; 9:00am-3:00pm EST</li> <li>▪ <b>Location:</b> LLS Office, 301 East Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Managing Stem Cell Transplant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>June 2015</b>- call for more details</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Location:</b> Lexington, KY</li> <li>• <b>ARCHIVED WEBINAR: <a href="#">Clinical Trials or Standard Treatment? Understanding Options for Blood Cancers:</a></b> Leukemia &amp; Lymphoma Society</li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Researchers develop potential drug for rare leukemia</a></b></li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Intense exercise may decrease non-Hodgkin lymphoma risk</a></b></li> </ul>
Liver Cancer	<p><b>May is Hepatitis Awareness Month!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some <b>risk factors</b> for liver cancer include: chronic viral hepatitis (Hepatitis B or C virus), tobacco use, obesity, heavy alcohol use and Type 2 diabetes. (<a href="#">American Cancer Society</a>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Encourage Hepatitis testing so individuals can receive preventive services and medical management</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Hepatitis Risk Assessment (CDC)</a>: 5 minute (or less) Hepatitis Risk Assessment</li> <li>○ <a href="#">CDC recommendations for the identification of chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection among persons born during 1945-1965</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Viral Hepatitis Information and Resources (CDC)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Hepatitis C linked to increased risk of liver cancer, other cancers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Increases in Hepatitis C Infection related to Injection Drug Use among Persons Aged &lt; 30 Years-Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, 2006-2012 (MMWR)</a>: Surveillance data shows a substantial increase (364%) in the number of infections in these states from 2006-2012 among persons ages 30 or younger. Those affected were primarily non-Hispanic white residents living in nonurban areas. Acute Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infections in central Appalachia is highly related to the region's epidemic of prescription opioid use and facilitated by an upsurge in the number of persons who inject drugs in these four states.</li> <li>• <b>WEBINAR: Treatment Update on Liver Cancer and Managing the Costs of Care:</b> Hosted by <i>CancerCare</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time:</b> June 15<sup>th</sup>; 1:30-2:30pm EST</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Lung Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WEBINAR: Managing the Side Effects of Immuno-Oncology in the Treatment of Lung Cancer:</b> Hosted by <i>CancerCare</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time:</b> June 9<sup>th</sup>; 1:30-2:30pm EST</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>RESOURCES:</b> The <b>Patient Advocate Foundation</b> launches the <b>Transportation Financial Aid Fund</b> for metastatic lung patients. This fund is designed to provide transportation relief to patients diagnosed with and in active treatment for metastatic lung cancer. Approved applicants will receive a one-time grant of \$300 specifically to be used for transportation purposes as it applies to the patient's treatment appointments. Patients interested in applying for the <b>Transportation Financial Aid Fund</b> may call <b>(855) 824-7941</b> or visit <a href="http://www.patientadvocate.org/about.php?p=910">http://www.patientadvocate.org/about.php?p=910</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">No association is seen between reproductive history or hormone use and lung cancer risk in women</a></li> <li>• <b>National Women's Lung Cancer Week (May 11-15):</b> The American Lung Association &amp; <b>LUNG FORCE</b> want to remind us that every 8 minutes a woman in the U.S. dies of lung cancer. Despite the fact that lung cancer is the #1 cancer killer of women, only 1% of women say lung cancer is top-of-mind for them. What can you do:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Share your story</a>: If you are a person with lung disease, a caregiver, family member or healthcare provider, you can share your story to encourage others to pursue medical care, find answers, and most importantly, feel less alone.</li> </ul>
Ovarian Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Risk of ovarian cancer may differ by type of BRCA1 or BRCA 2 mutation</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">New screening method may identify more ovarian cancers</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Limited Interventions for Treatment-Related Symptoms in Ovarian Cancer Identified</a></li> </ul>
Pancreatic Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>WEBINAR: Update on the Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer:</b> Hosted by CancerCare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time:</b> June 10<sup>th</sup>; 1:30-2:30pm EST</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">MRI screening program for persons at high risk of pancreatic cancer</a></li> </ul>
Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CONFERENCE: Network Leadership Training Academy (NLTA):</b> NLTA is a place where leaders gather to learn, share ideas, and develop skills for engaging in the “network way of working”. This 3-day workshop is focused on building, managing, and evaluating effective networks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time:</b> May 28<sup>th</sup>- May 30<sup>th</sup> (Thursday-Saturday)</li> <li>○ <b>Location:</b> Denver, CO</li> <li>○ <b>Cost:</b> \$600 for private/public organizations; \$525 for Public/Nonprofit organizations; \$325.00 for students (\$50 off per person for a group of 3 or more)</li> <li>○ To view agenda, <a href="#">click here</a>. For registration and other information, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Patient Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Oncology Patient Navigation Training: the Fundamentals:</b> This FREE online training is based on the first-ever consensus-based <a href="#">Core Competencies for Patient Navigators</a> that were developed through a collaborative multi-stage process. Please share this resource with your partners-here is a <a href="#">flyer</a> you can use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Here is what is covered in the training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of Patient Navigation &amp; competencies (1 hour)</li> <li>▪ The basics of health care (4 hours)</li> <li>▪ The basics of patient navigation (4 hours)</li> <li>▪ Enhancing communication (3 hours)</li> <li>▪ Professionalism (2 hours)</li> <li>▪ Enhancing practice (4 hours)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Get started in 3 easy steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit the <b>George Washington (GW) Cancer Institute Online Academy:</b> <a href="http://gwcehp.learnercommunity.com/cancer-institute">http://gwcehp.learnercommunity.com/cancer-institute</a></li> <li>▪ Login or register for an account- Click on <b>LOG IN</b></li> <li>▪ Use enrollment code: PNTrain (case sensitive)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Policy, Systems, & Environmental Changes (General)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Resource Guide</a> : American Cancer Society &amp; CDC, Comprehensive Cancer Control</li> </ul>
Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">What is Obesity? Metabolic Signatures Offer New Comprehensive View:</a> Recent research findings suggest that a significant portion of <b>obesity</b> risk may be explained by the activity of gut microbes. Microbes (collectively known as the microbiome) play an essential role in many aspects of our health. Findings highlight the fact that obesity</li> </ul>

	<p>and associated diseases are the end result of a complex interplay between our genes, diet, lifestyles and microbiomes. This relates to the Precision Medicine Initiative which encourages a more thorough exploration of individual variability in genes, environment, metabolism, and lifestyle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">If Victor Cruz tells us to eat our veggies, will kids listen</a>: Robert Wood Johnson</li> <li>• <a href="#">KY faces obstacles on its roadmap to improved health</a></li> </ul>
Prostate Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WEBINARs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>For Caregivers: Coping with a Loved One’s Metastatic Prostate Cancer:</b> Hosted by CancerCare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> May 26<sup>th</sup>; 1:30pm-2:30pm EST</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Is baldness linked to prostate cancer?</a></li> </ul>
Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">U.S. Army moves closer to achieving public health accreditation</a>: This development opens the door for collaboration between military &amp; civilian public health departments-leading to better health for all.</li> </ul>
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interested in hearing about more research happening in Kentucky?</b> The <b>University of Kentucky, Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS)</b> has created a monthly newsletter to keep you informed about research, upcoming funding announcements, trainings/educational opportunities and what projects are occurring at UK. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To <b>sign up for the newsletter</b>, please contact Mallory Powell, Communications Director for CCTS, at <a href="mailto:mallory.powell@uky.edu">mallory.powell@uky.edu</a> or call <b>859- 257.9168</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Appalachian Translational Research Network (ATRN) is looking for Community Partners:</b> The <a href="#">ATRN</a> is a component of the CCTS (see above notice) and is looking for community organizations interested in becoming partners with the ATRN. The members of this research network include: University of Kentucky, University of Cincinnati, Marshall University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, East Tennessee State University and West Virginia University. Together these partners work collaboratively to address health challenges &amp; health disparities in central Appalachia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To find a listing of current community partners, see the <a href="#">Partnership page here</a>.</li> <li>○ If you are interested in becoming a <b>Community Partner</b> with the ATRN, please contact Dr. Patrick Kitzman at <a href="mailto:phkitz1@email.uky.edu">phkitz1@email.uky.edu</a> or <b>859-218-0580</b>.</li> <li>○ If you are interested in receiving the <b>ATRN Newsletter</b> to hear about their projects, please contact Beverly Stringer at <a href="mailto:Beverly.Stringer@osumc.edu">Beverly.Stringer@osumc.edu</a> or by phone <b>740-377-5499</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Do you know of other universities/colleges or organizations that are conducting research in Kentucky that might be of interest to our cancer &amp; chronic disease partners?</b> If so, please send Jessica Jones (<a href="mailto:jjones@kycancer.org">jjones@kycancer.org</a>) any contact information or newsletters to share.</li> </ul>
Screening & Early Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seeing the same doctor could affect time to cancer diagnosis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cancer Screening Test Use-United States, 2013 (MMWR)</a>: Regular breast, cervical, &amp; colorectal cancer (CRC) screening with timely &amp; appropriate follow-up &amp; treatment reduces deaths from these cancers. Those persons/groups furthest below <i>Healthy People 2020</i> targets were generally those without insurance or a usual source of care. Reported screening for all three cancers was similar between whites &amp; blacks but lower for Hispanics, with variation among racial &amp; ethnic subgroups.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Americans Still Skip Life-saving Cancer Tests</a></li> </ul>
Skin Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WEBINARS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emerging Treatment for Metastatic Melanoma:</b> Hosted by CancerCare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> May 15<sup>th</sup>; 1:30-2:30pm EST</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">ARCHIVED: Skin Cancer Prevention &amp; Control (CDC)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>RESOURCES:</b> The <b>Patient Advocate Foundation</b> launches the <b>Transportation Financial Aid Fund</b> for metastatic melanoma patients. This fund is designed to provide transportation relief to patients diagnosed with and in active treatment for metastatic melanoma. Approved applicants will receive a one-time grant of \$300 specifically to be used for transportation purposes as it applies to the patient’s current IV-infused treatment. Patients interested in applying for the <b>Transportation Financial Aid Fund</b> may call <b>(855) 824-7941</b> or visit <a href="http://www.patientadvocate.org/about.php?p=910">http://www.patientadvocate.org/about.php?p=910</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Why New England is such a Hotbed for Skin Cancer</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Personalized melanoma vaccines marshal powerful immune response</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Immunotherapy drug combination is proven safe and effective in metastatic melanoma tumors</a></li> </ul>
Survivorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Don’t forget to check the “Events” section at the end of this email for information about:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life</b> events- events are happening all around our state throughout May and June.</li> <li>○ <b>Gilda’s Club</b> events- there are some wellness events coming up that may be of interest to survivors and caregivers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>WEBINARS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A national non-profit organization, <b>Cancer &amp; Careers</b>, offers free webinars that may be of interest to you and your clients/patients. The time for all sessions is 12pm-1pm EST, and you may <a href="#">register here</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Taking Time Off” – <b>Thursday, May 14</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>IN-PERSON &amp; WEBINAR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Staying Connected: Facilitating the Learning Experience During and After Cancer Treatment:</b> Hosted by the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society (LLS). Some of the objectives of this program include identifying long-term effects of childhood cancer treatment, explaining laws that protect childhood cancer survivors’ rights and resources to support schools and families from LLS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>IN-PERSON</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>; 5-8:00pm</li> <li>▪ <b>Location:</b> Taylor Education Building Auditorium, Corner of Upper Street &amp; Scott, UK Campus, Lexington</li> <li>▪ <b>Free CEUs</b> are offered for Nurses, Social Workers, School Personnel</li> <li>▪ To view flyer, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>WEBINAR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 28<sup>th</sup></b>, 3:00-5:30pm (Please sign on at 3:00pm as program begins promptly at 3:30pm)</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and to register</li> <li>▪ <b>Free CEUs</b> are offered for Nurses, Social Workers, School Personnel</li> <li>▪ <b>To view flyer,</b> <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">‘Chemo Brain’ is real, says researchers</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Task Force Develops Education Tool for Opioid-Induced Constipation</a>: Up to 95% of patients with cancer require opioids for pain control and invariably experience constipation, which increases the burden of illness &amp; decreases the quality of life.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Behavioral Intervention improves Sleep for Cancer Patient-Caregiver Dyads</a></li> </ul>
Tobacco Control	<p><b>Tobacco Control Efforts (General) &amp; Other Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NEWS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Northeast Kentucky Regional Community Roundtable:</b> On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) hosted the first of three annual community roundtables convening local cancer &amp; chronic disease stakeholders to address tobacco issues. Northeast Kentucky AHEC is one of 4 locations selected by the George Washington (GW) Cancer Institute to host these roundtables integrating cancer &amp; chronic disease efforts around common priority health topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> to read more about all the <b>Community Roundtables</b></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> to read more about <b>Northeast Kentucky AHEC's Community Roundtable</b> and intended outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ It has been more than a year since the FDA proposed a regulation to extend its authority over all unregulated tobacco products (cigars, electronic cigarettes &amp; several other tobacco products). Many prominent health organizations, lead by the Lung Cancer Alliance, have signed a letter advocating for public health regulation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To read the letter, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">No Time to Waste in Battle to Regulate E-Cigarettes</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">Mortality risks from cigar smoking similar to that of cigarette smoking</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">World No Tobacco Day 2015: Stop illicit trade of tobacco products</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">50 Years of Tobacco Control (short video)</a>: Robert Wood Johnson</li> <li>○ <a href="#">San Francisco knocks tobacco out of the Ballpark</a>: Legacy. This is the first city in the nation to ban chewing tobacco at all of their parks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>May is Asthma Awareness Month!</b> Part of providing effective asthma management includes eliminating exposure to <b>secondhand smoke</b> as well as offering benefits and <b>smoking cessation programs</b> to encourage individuals who smoke to quit. The American Lung Association (ALA) has provided some resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To learn more about asthma, <a href="#">click here</a> to visit ALA's asthma webpage.</li> <li>○ ALA also offers a smoking cessation program, <b>Freedom from Smoking</b>, which is available in Kentucky. To find or host a class, please email or call Tami Cappelletti at <a href="mailto:Tami.Cappelletti@lung.org">Tami.Cappelletti@lung.org</a> or <b>502-363-2652</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>WEBINARS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Women and Tobacco: Why Gender Matters!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>; 2:00-3:00pm EST</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? Tobacco:</b> Hosted by Healthy People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Date/Time:</b> <b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>; 12:00-1:00pm EST</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Health Systems for a Tobacco-Free New York Collaborative Statewide Conference Call:</b> With the development of comprehensive, evidence-based treatment policies we can improve tobacco dependency interventions &amp; move towards a tobacco-free society.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- **Date/Time:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Noon-1:00pm EST
- [Click here](#) for more information & to register

#### Smoke-Free/Smoke-Free Policy

- **Funding Opportunity for Public Community Colleges:** Legacy is accepting applications to fund a second group of public community colleges for its [Smoke-Free & Tobacco-Free Community Grant Initiative](#).
  - **Deadline for applications:** August 6<sup>th</sup>; 6:00pm
  - **Grant information webinar:** May 14<sup>th</sup>; 3:00-4:00pm (ET)
  - [Click here](#) to register for the informational webinar; webinars will be recorded & posted on the Legacy website.

#### Electronic Cigarettes

- **WORKSHOP (In-person or by Webcast):** [Electronic Cigarettes and the Public Health: Third Public Workshop](#): This is the last of three public workshops focused on gathering scientific information & stimulating discussion about electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).
  - **Date/Time:** June 1-2
  - **Location:** East Hyattsville, MD
  - **Registration is required** by May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - [Click here](#) for more information & to register
  - The two previous workshops, webcast recordings & transcripts are available online:
    - [E-Cigarettes & the Public Health: Second Public Workshop](#)
    - [E-Cigarettes & the Public Health: A Public Workshop \(First\)](#)
- **FDA Science Forum 2015:** This forum will focus on Emerging Technologies with FDA's eight Regulatory Science priority areas including electronic cigarettes.
  - **Date/Time:** May 27-28
  - **Location:** Silver Springs, MD
  - **Registration is required** by May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - [Click here](#) for more information & to register
- **News:**
  - [States taking action to regulate e-cigarettes: FDA working to gain authority as science on product grows](#): *The Nation's Health*

#### Tobacco Cessation

- **Quit Now Kentucky:** Beginning **January 15** [uninsured callers](#) to the Quit Now Kentucky who enroll in coaching and remain active in quitting can receive 8 weeks of FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy. Quit Now Kentucky is a bilingual service that provides tobacco screening, assessment, support materials, and proactive counseling by calling **1-800-QuitNow (1-800-784-8669 or 1-855-DéJeloYa)**; web-based tobacco cessation at [www.QuitNowKentucky.org](http://www.QuitNowKentucky.org); and tobacco cessation assistance through text and e/messaging.
- **Freedom from Smoking Facilitator Training:** To find a class near you or to host a class please email or call Tami Cappelletti at [Tami.Cappelletti@lung.org](mailto:Tami.Cappelletti@lung.org) or **502-363-2652**.
- **WEBINARS**
  - **A Team Approach: Integrating tobacco dependence treatment into routine clinical practice:** Smoking Cessation Leadership Center (SCLC)
    - **Date/Time:** May 27<sup>th</sup>; 12-1:30pm EST

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information &amp; to register</li> <li>• <b>ACA and Tobacco Cessation Coverage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Tobacco Cessation as a Preventive Service: New Guidance Clarifies Affordable Care Act Provision</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">State Health Insurance Marketplace Plans: New Opportunities to Help Smokers Quit</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Several Kentucky Health Insurance Marketplace Plans among Majority that Fail to Offer Required Quit Smoking Coverage, New Report Reveals</a>: ACA and Tobacco Cessation Coverage Gaps in Kentucky: From our Consortium partner, Heather Wehrheim with the American Lung Association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Toolkit on working with Healthcare Enrollment Assistors to Promote Tobacco Cessation</a>: American Lung Association</li> <li>• <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE: <a href="#">A Multistate Asian-Language Tobacco Quitline: Addressing a Disparity in Access to Cancer</a></b>: <i>American Journal of Public Health</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Worksite Wellness</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONFERENCE: Worksite Wellness Conference</b>: Hosted by the Worksite Wellness Council of Louisville. Learn about how to improve your employees' health, worksite wellness programs, and other innovative programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time</b>: May 19<sup>th</sup>; 7:30am-4:00pm EST</li> <li>○ <b>Location</b>: Louisville, KY, University of Louisville, Shelby Campus</li> <li>○ <b>Registration</b>: \$75 before May 13<sup>th</sup>- 10% off if 3 co-workers register together</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and to register</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>May is Asthma Awareness Month!</b> Part of providing effective asthma management in the workplace includes eliminating exposure to <b>secondhand smoke</b> as well as offering benefits and <b>smoking cessation programs</b> to encourage employees to quit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For more information on creating a safe &amp; healthy workplace, click on the <a href="#">American Lung Association's webpage here</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Events</b></p>	<p><b>Events in Lexington</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LEXINGTON</b>: There is an ongoing monthly support group for <a href="#">Myeloma Survivors &amp; their caregivers</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Date/Time</b>: Monthly, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday; 6:30-8:00pm EST</li> <li>○ <b>Location</b>: Centenary Methodist Church, 2800 Bates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40502</li> <li>○ <b>Contact</b>: Debby Phillips @ 1-800-955-2566 ext. 2393 for more information</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Events in Louisville</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Gilda's Club of Louisville</a> offers <b>MULTIPLE events and support groups</b>- check out their upcoming events in addition to their regularly scheduled support groups and activities (click on <a href="#">Gilda's Club</a>). Some events of interest may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gilda's Night of a Thousand Laughs (Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm-9:30pm)</li> <li>○ Mysteries &amp; More Book Group (Wednesday, June 3, 1-3pm)</li> <li>○ Food as Medicine Film Series (Friday, June 5, 6-8pm)</li> <li>○ Father &amp; Sons at Bat Game (Sunday, June 7, 6:05pm)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>American Cancer Society's Relay For Life</b> events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jefferson County High Schools -- <a href="http://relayforlife.org/jeffersonhsky">relayforlife.org/jeffersonhsky</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Jefferson County -- [relayforlife.org/jeffersonky](http://relayforlife.org/jeffersonky)

- There is an ongoing monthly support group for [Lymphoma Survivors & their caregivers](#):

- **Date/Time:** Monthly, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday; 6:00-7:30 pm EST
- **Location:** Baptist Health Cancer Resource Center; 4003 Kresge Way, First Floor, Louisville, KY 40207
- **Contact:** Debby Phillips @ 1-800-955-2566 ext. 2393 for more information

### Events happening around Kentucky

**It's Relay Season!** The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life events are happening all around our state. This event helps celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and take action to finish the fight against cancer. Relay highlights include entertainment; team activities; laps honoring survivors and caregivers; and the luminaria ceremony to remember people lost to the disease, and honor those who have fought or are fighting cancer. For current information about any event in your area, visit [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org) or call the American Cancer Society 24 hours/day at **1-800-227-2345**.

Here's a list of Relay events happening in our state in the coming month:

- **May 15**
  - Allen County -- [relayforlife.org/allenky](http://relayforlife.org/allenky)
  - Edmonson County -- [relayforlife.org/edmonsonky](http://relayforlife.org/edmonsonky)
  - Grant County -- [relayforlife.org/grantky](http://relayforlife.org/grantky)
  - Jefferson County High Schools -- [relayforlife.org/jeffersonhsky](http://relayforlife.org/jeffersonhsky)
  - Leslie County -- [relayforlife.org/leslieky](http://relayforlife.org/leslieky)
  - Oldham County -- [relayforlife.org/oldhamky](http://relayforlife.org/oldhamky)
  - Rockcastle County -- [relayforlife.org/rockcastleky](http://relayforlife.org/rockcastleky)
- **May 16**
  - Barren County -- [relayforlife.org/barrenky](http://relayforlife.org/barrenky)
  - Boyd County -- [relayforlife.org/boydky](http://relayforlife.org/boydky)
  - Bullitt County -- [relayforlife.org/bullittky](http://relayforlife.org/bullittky)
  - Carlisle County -- [relayforlife.org/carlisleky](http://relayforlife.org/carlisleky)
  - Gallatin County -- [relayforlife.org/gallatinky](http://relayforlife.org/gallatinky)
  - Meade County -- [relayforlife.org/meadeky](http://relayforlife.org/meadeky)
  - Pendleton County -- [relayforlife.org/pendletonky](http://relayforlife.org/pendletonky)
- **May 29**
  - Crittenden County -- [relayforlife.org/crittendenky](http://relayforlife.org/crittendenky)
  - Hopkin County -- [relayforlife.org/hopkinsky](http://relayforlife.org/hopkinsky)
  - McCreary County- [relayforlife.org/mccrearyky](http://relayforlife.org/mccrearyky)
  - Owen County -- [relayforlife.org/owenky](http://relayforlife.org/owenky)
  - Scott County -- [relayforlife.org/scottky](http://relayforlife.org/scottky)
  - Union County -- [relayforlife.org/unionky](http://relayforlife.org/unionky)
  - Woodford County -- [relayforlife.org/woodfordky](http://relayforlife.org/woodfordky)
- **May 30**
  - Carroll County -- [relayforlife.org/carrollky](http://relayforlife.org/carrollky)
  - Jefferson County -- [relayforlife.org/jeffersonky](http://relayforlife.org/jeffersonky)
  - Kenton County -- [relayforlife.org/kentonky](http://relayforlife.org/kentonky)
  - LaRue County-- [relayforlife.org/larueky](http://relayforlife.org/larueky)
  - Lee County -- [relayforlife.org/leeky](http://relayforlife.org/leeky)

- McCreary County -- relayforlife.org/mccrearyky
- Menifee County -- relayforlife.org/menifeeky
- Rowan County -- relayforlife.org/rowanky
- Simpson County -- relayforlife.org/simpsonky

#### National Conferences of Interest

- **CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIUM:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Geographic Health Equity Symposium- Where You Live Matters to Your Health
  - **Date/Time:** September 10-11
  - **Location:** Tulane University, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, 1440 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112
  - No Cost to attend but please register
  - [Click here](#) for more information & to register
- **TRAINING:** [Reducing the Impact of Tobacco at Point-of-Sale:](#)
  - **Host:** LaTanisha Wright, Follow the Signs (FTS); formerly a Big Tobacco Marketing Manager
  - **Dates:** Sept. 16-18
  - **Location:** Midtown Atlanta, GA
  - **Scholarships & savings** are available