



SAVE THE DATE!

BUILDING VITAL COMMUNITIES: HARVESTING COLLABORATION
JULY 7, 2009
Lawrence, Kansas at the Historic Eldridge Hotel
8:30 – 4:30

GOAL: Build a framework for collaboration among State, local, regional and national organizations to build vital rural communities!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: USDA Development Staff, Municipality Leagues, Economic Development (state and local organizations), local, state and regional Extension professionals, Rural Economic Development Centers, Regional Development Councils, Local and their Partners

OBJECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT:

By the end of the one day Summit participants will be able to:

- Strategize models for collaboration
- Tap into the expertise of USDA Rural Development, State Cooperative Extension Service, various economic development agencies and State Offices of Rural Health
- Identify model programs which engage and improve rural communities
- Identify and understand the wide range of organizations, tools and resources for building vital rural communities

DRAFT AGENDA:

Defining the Universe of Collaborators

Building Vital Rural Communities: What Does Health Care Have to Do With It?

Agency Overviews –Mission, Constituency, Tools.

State Office of Rural Health
USDA Rural Development
State Cooperative Extension Service
Economic Development

Story Sharing: Showcasing Collaboration

Policy Issues

Targets of Opportunity for Collaboration

Organized for action - Locally, Regionally and Nationally!

NOTE:

- Some limited funding is available to support partner travel to participate in the summit.
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