

Access to Immunizations for Uninsured Adults — *Ad Astra ECHO Series on Immunizations in Kansas*

AGENDA

March 22, 2024

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introduction**
Hina Shah, M.P.H., Portfolio Strategist, Kansas Health Institute
- 10:05 a.m. **Presentation: *Vaccinations in Uninsured Adults***
Amanda Applegate, Pharm.D., BCACP, Director of Practice Development, Kansas Pharmacists Association
- 10:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion: *Overcoming Challenges for Uninsured Adults in Accessing Immunizations***
Moderator: *Cynthia Snyder, M.A.*, Senior Analyst, Kansas Health Institute
Amanda Applegate, Pharm.D., BCACP, Director of Practice Development, Kansas Pharmacists Association
Jessica Crawford, L.P.N., Immunization and Infection Control Nurse, Salina Family Healthcare Center
Becky Prall, R.N., Immunization Program Section Chief, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Lucy Watie, Community Health Specialist, Immunize Kansas Coalition
- 11:15 a.m. **Q & A**
- 11:25 a.m. **Closing Remarks**
- 11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**



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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

VACCINATIONS IN UNINSURED ADULTS



Amanda Applegate, Pharm.D., BCACP, graduated from and completed a community practice residency with University of Kansas. She is currently the Director of Practice Development at the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA), working to find the intersections between public health and pharmacy practice. Prior to this position, she spent more than 10 years as a Clinical Services Coordinator at Balls Foods Stores, leading their immunization program and COVID-19 Response Team. Dr Applegate is passionate about preventive care and immunizations and loves to share that with other pharmacies, helping them implement critical clinical services to care for their communities.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES FOR UNINSURED ADULTS IN ACCESSING IMMUNIZATIONS

Listed in alphabetical order by last name



Jessica Crawford, L.P.N., serves as the Immunization Nurse and Infection Control Nurse at Salina Family Healthcare Center (SFHC), spearheading the institution's immunization program and leading the charge in their COVID-19 response efforts. Under her dedicated leadership, SFHC was honored with the 2022 HRSA Access Enhancer Award for being a top COVID responder. Ms. Crawford has been an integral part of SFHC since July 2016, bringing her five years of experience in a Long-term Care facility before assuming her current role.

Ms. Crawford earned her Associates Degree in Nursing from Brown Mackie College Salina in December 2010, showcasing her commitment to advancing her knowledge and skills in the healthcare field.



Becky Prall, R.N., is the Immunization Program Section Chief for the Kansas Immunization Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Becky received her registered nursing degree in 2007. In 2009, complications, faced by one of her children, caused by a vaccine preventable disease changed her nursing career. Becky's desire is that no parent ever have to face the fear and uncertainty related to their child's health and wellbeing due to a vaccine preventable disease.

Prior to joining the Immunization Program in 2016, Becky worked as an immunization nurse at a Federally Qualified Health Center and private practice providing vaccines and vaccine related education to patients, parents, and guardians. In her current role as Immunization Program Section Chief, she oversees the operation and implementation of requirements of Federal vaccine programs such as the Vaccines for Children Program, Bridge Access Program, 317 Hepatitis B Birth Dose

Program, and the Vaccines for Adults Program.



Lucy Watie is a Community Health Specialist in Southwest Kansas with a decade of experience in healthcare. Lucy specializes in improving vaccination rates and protecting Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases and improving health within the community she serves. As the daughter of a migrant worker and pastor, she can identify the challenges and barriers that are prevalent in rural and low-income communities. Being a lifelong resident of the community, she has developed cultural sensitivity and established relationships with residents to create trust.

Lucy obtained her high school diploma thirty-five years after dropping out. In addition to her diploma, she received her community health work certification, enrolled in a doula program, ACA insurance certification, QPR training, and attended various conferences, trainings, symposiums, and educational classes.