



2024 ADVOCACY FOR THRIVING COMMUNITIES GENERAL AGENDA

1:00 PM - Welcome and Introductions: Foundation with Social Determinants of Health, Health-Related Social Needs
Emily Beauregard, Kentucky Voices for Health, emily.beauregard@kyvoicesforhealth.org

1:05 PM - Civic Engagement for a Healthy Community: Why Advocate? Why Me? 2024 Legislative Session Summary and Interim Session; Elections and Ballot Initiatives; Tools for Effective Advocacy; Education, Advocacy, and Lobbying
Dr. Sheila Schuster, Advocacy Action Network, kyadvocacy@gmail.com

1:35 PM - Economic Landscape: Jobs, Wages, and Household Expenses
Dustin Pugel, KyPolicy, dustin@kypolicy.org

1:45 PM Strengthening Kentucky's Community Safety Net

Housing: Updating Housing Shortage Data, Impact of Legislation: HB5, HB18, HB100, No-Cost IDs, Future Advocacy Priorities
Adrienne Bush, Housing and Homeless Coalition of Kentucky, abush@hhck.org

Hunger & Food: SNAP, WIC, Summer EBT

Kimmie Ishmael, Community Farm Alliance/Kentucky Food Action Network, kimberly@cfaky.org
Tyler Offerman, Kentucky Equal Justice Center, tyler@kyequaljustice.org
Jessica Klein, KyPolicy, jessica@kypolicy.org
Jordan Ojile, Feeding Kentucky, jordan@feedingky.org

Early Childhood Education

Cara Stewart, Kentucky Voices for Health, cara@kyvoicesforhealth.org
Dustin Pugel, KyPolicy, dustin@kypolicy.org

2:25 PM: BREAK

2:30 PM: Maternal & Child Health

Momnibus, Routine Childhood Immunizations
Kelly Taulbee, Kentucky Voices for Health, kelly@kyvoicesforhealth.org
Emily Beauregard, Kentucky Voices for Health, emily.beauregard@kyvoicesforhealth.org

Behavioral Health: Increased Waiver Capacity, School Mental Health Services, Suicide Prevention

Dr. Sheila Schuster, Advocacy Action Network, kyadvocacy@gmail.com
Marcie Timmerman, Mental Health America of Kentucky, mtimmerman@mhaky.org

Healthcare

Medicaid Renewals; NEMT; School Medicaid; Dental, Vision, Hearing Services
Priscilla Easterling, Kentucky Voices for Health, priscilla@kyvoicesforhealth.org
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No Surprises Act

Priscilla Easterling, Kentucky Voices for Health, priscilla@kyvoicesforhealth.org

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

Cara Stewart, Kentucky Voices for Health, cara@kyvoicesforhealth.org

State Budget and Implications of Income Tax Reductions

Dustin Pugel, KyPolicy, dustin@kypolicy.org

3:45 PM - Q&A

3:55 PM - Closing / Evaluation



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify and define safety-net resource programs available in Kentucky.
2. Receive timely updates on the state and federal policies that impact the economy, health, housing, transportation, food assistance, childcare, public health, and behavioral health.
3. Understand Kentucky's safety-net resources and public assistance programs to better assist community members in understanding their rights and more effectively guide them in the decisions that affect their health & wellbeing.
4. Better assist clients in maneuvering ongoing policy changes specific to economic, healthcare, housing, food assistance, child care, transportation, public health, and the employment landscape in Kentucky.
5. Build knowledge and skills to become a more effective community advocate.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Community leaders
- Counselors
- Public employees
- Nonprofit organizations
- Frontline service providers
- Outreach workers
- Targeted case managers
- Educators
- Faith leaders
- Those who serve their community

This is a continuing education and/or professional development credit opportunity! During this community education series, we are continuing education providers for Certified Community Health Workers and social workers, and will be coordinating for self-reporting needs to support FRYSCs, lawyers/attorneys, Alcohol & Drug Counselors, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists, targeted case managers, Pastoral Counselors, psychologists, art therapists and MORE in securing continuing education credits as well.

QUESTIONS?

See website with registration, sponsorship info & more: tinyurl.com/ThrivingCommunities2024.
Please email Alex Quintela at alex@kyvoicesforhealth.org with questions.