KU at Work: Cheyenne County

The following profile highlights the services and support KU provides Cheyenne County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 12 students from Cheyenne County: 8 undergraduate, 2 graduate and 2 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Cheyenne County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $16,260 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to Cheyenne County students for FY 2015.

KU has 46 alumni from Cheyenne County.

Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety

The university provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 33 law enforcement officers and 1 firefighter and/or first responder from Cheyenne County trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 2 Cheyenne County physicians serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural and underserved communities as part of KU’s Rural Preceptorship Program.

- 8 high school students in Cheyenne County participated in activities during the 2013-14 school year that encouraged them to consider careers in health care, math and science. These events were hosted by the KU Area Health Education Center.

- Cheyenne County is part of the Northwest Medical Education Network with Michael Machen, MD, a resident of Quinter, serving as the Medical Education Director. The medical education director helps coordinate the KU School of Medicine's efforts to mentor, train and place physicians throughout Kansas.

“Graduates of health programs at the University of Kansas are critical to the well-being of all Kansans, in every corner of the state. Half of all Kansas physicians trained at KU. The majority of pharmacists and other allied health professionals are KU graduates. Thousands of Kansans every day are cared for by KU-trained nurses — whether Kansas City graduates or graduates of the two-year degree programs supported by the KU School of Nursing. It’s hard to imagine Kansas without KU.”

– Dr. John Jeter, c’77, m’81, CEO Hays Medical Center, Hays, KS

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KU students from Cheyenne

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Cheyenne County law enforcement officers trained by KU

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KU telemedicine visits to Cheyenne County residents
Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 5 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Cheyenne County.
- 2 health care providers have been placed in Cheyenne County since 2004 through KU’s Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center, which provides placement assistance to rural health organizations and seeks to enhance the quality and quantity of health care professionals in rural Kansas.
- 2 Cheyenne County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered since 1991 to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Cheyenne County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 29 times via telemedicine in Fiscal Year 2014. An interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two, telemedicine services are provided through the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

- Cheyenne County residents made 6 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.

- Cheyenne County Hospital is one of 13 partners in The University of Kansas Hospital’s Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative, a $12.5 million federally funded initiative that seeks to reduce heart disease and stroke deaths in western Kansas by 20 percent. Led by Executive Director Robert Moser, MD, the collaborative will bring systematic change to treatment for heart disease and stroke in the region to help patients get the care they need closer to home as well as reduce health care costs. The grant also provides funding for health education campaigns aimed at prevention and rehabilitation.