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# BCU Awards Grant

## BARBER COUNTY UNITED RECEIVES PATHWAYS FUNDING TO OFFER KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER TRAINING TO COALITION PARTNERS

Medicine Lodge, KS – Barber County United is proud to receive \$8,942 to provide Kansas Leadership Center courses to its coalition partners. The purpose of the Community and Social Context Grant is to provide new opportunities to establish strong community norms for healthier living and learn ways to involve greater access to healthy living options for community members to live better quality lives. The grant is made available through Barber County United's collaboration with *Pathways to Healthy Kansas* an initiative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas.

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) stands by the principle that anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere. When we aspire to build community engagement, create lasting community-wide well-being and cultivate a healthy culture now and for generations to come, everyone in the community must be prepared to exercise leadership. In partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS), KLC offers Pathways Grantees their choice of opportunities to develop the capacity of their team to lead and create change.

KLC has three distinct programs on the KLC Path that are to be taken in sequential order:

1. Your Leadership Edge, a 2-day program.
2. Lead for Change, a 4-day program.
3. Equip to Lead, a 2-day program.

All three course options are available to attend either virtually or in-person.

Presently, coalition partners from Kiowa District Healthcare, Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Association, and Barber County United have attended Leadership courses.

If you would like to attend, simply call Deb at 620-886-1759.

Pictured at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita, Kansas is Deb Kolb, Barber County United Director and Grant Coordinator and Brenda Myers, Barber County United Board of Directors Secretary.



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*Barber County United is a local quality-of-life coalition focused on new approaches to rural wellness. The coalition strives to strengthen Barber County communities by bringing its people together to become healthier Kansans. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas initiative, Pathways to a Healthy Kansas, combines community-wide evidence-based solutions and promising practices for improving active living, healthy eating, and tobacco prevention to make a large impact across multiple sectors in communities. The program provides community coalitions with the tools and resources needed to engage their communities and remove barriers to healthy living. Debra Kolb, Barber County United Coordinator of the Pathways program, manages the collaborative project addressing social determinants of health across the county.*