



Highlights Over the Years:

December 8 1998 through December 1999:

- Planned, developed and finalized the mission statement, objectives and goals for all three sub-committees (13 meetings over 8 months to accomplish).
- Dr. Steve Davis presides as Chair of the KFAP.
- Decision made to create a three-day/week position for a FA campaign coordinator. Susan Brown was hired for that position in August 1999.
- The Folic Acid Campaign kick-off was held September 7, 1999, in Louisville during the MCH Conference at the Galt House. Nineteen organizations were the first partners to the KFAP, and these members went back to their communities to spread the word about folic acid participating in health fairs and Hispanic Health Fairs across the state.
- Kentucky's nursing schools and two medical schools were surveyed to see if students were being taught about the benefits of folic acid in preventing birth defects, with plans to put folic acid into their curriculum as needed.
- Pike County (Eastern KY) and Warren County (Western/South Central KY) both received a three year national March of Dimes' MIOP grant to address birth defects and folic acid in their higher risk communities

Year 2000

- MIOP Benchmark Surveys taken in Pike and Warren Counties (These counties received \$64,679 of MIOP grant funding to spend during 1999 & 2000)
- The 2000 General Assembly and Governor Paul Patton budgeted 3.5 million dollars of tobacco settlement funds to the Folic Acid Campaign segment of the KIDSNow Initiative allocated over two-years.
- Train the Trainer Workshops provided at six regional sites: "Spread the word...folic acid helps prevent birth defects!"
- Birth defects prevention packets to all 120 county health departments with information from Dr. Davis and Joyce Robl of the KY Birth Surveillance Registry to use during January to promote birth defects prevention and awareness.
- Susan Brown, FA Coordinator sent letters to all local county health departments inviting them to join the KFAP to learn more about the campaign. Six new agencies joined as a result of that mailing.
- Billboards promoting folic acid use were placed across the state including Louisville, BRDHD, GRDHD, Pike County and Cumberland Valley District.

- Media training provided to all KFAP members per Linda Villwock, to assist them in dealing with mass media interviews. Media training was also provided to the two MIOP grant key personnel in Pike and Warren Counties.
- The Cumberland Valley District provided *Folic Acid Nutrition in the Schools* Campaign in March 2000. Lynnette Fortney was recognized as a national award winner from her professional dietetics association as a result of these efforts. The campaign provided an entire week of folic acid activities with breakfast and lunch menus using folic acid rich foods to promote FA consumption.
- Members continued to utilize state and community health fairs and school events to spread the folic acid message locally (i.e.: Comenzando Bien, Safe Kids' Fair, Infant/Toddler conference, and the MCH conference).
- Warren County provided two professional Folic acid conferences 4-25-2000 (Dr. Mullinaire, from CDC presented) and Pike County provided a professional conference 6-15-2000.
- Sarah Chaffin, taught classes to 30 beauticians who can help spread the word about folic acid while talking to women having their hair done.
- The first professional Genetics Champions Conference in Louisville Nov 2000.
- The database for calendar year 2000 lists 133 activities in Professional Education for Healthcare Providers & Educators reaching 10,452 participants.

Year 2001:

- Third and final year of the MIOP grant for Pike and Warren Counties (\$24,000)
- The Kentucky Department for Public Health through the Nutrition Services Branch traveled to nearly all 120 county health departments educating about the importance of folic acid and providing folic acid packets to use in local schools
- Cable TV-interview (KET-TV in Elizabethtown), three segments were taped in: 10 minute, 20 minute and 30 minute formats with Susan Brown being interviewed about the folic acid and neural tube defect awareness campaign, what the coordinator does, information about the KFAP, the Governor's KIDS NOW Initiative and its impact on local county public health departments and the Folic Acid Campaign. Shown repeatedly several times a day for 30 days reaching multiple South Central KY channels.
- February 22, 2001, **the seventh Train the Trainers**, 'Spread the NEWS Folic Acid Prevents Birth Defects, presented for the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs in Louisville
- February 26, 2001 (FIVCO District HD) newspaper article on Folic Acid in the Ashland Daily Independent Newspaper-circulates to Boyd and Lawrence Counties reaching thousands of households. FIVCO has also received a March of Dimes grant to do a "B-Healthy FIVCO" folic acid campaign involving developing of flyers to place in area businesses and money to hire a part-time outreach worker for folic acid.
- Pike County and UK partnered to provide Dr. Ron Cadle, a Genetics Counselor, to speak and provide a slide presentation on neural tube defects to Millard and Shelby Valley High Schools on February 15, 2001. There were 525 students reached. Sarah Chaffin RN also presented and continues to outreach to all the schools in Pike County on a regular basis.

- The KFAP met on February 1, 2001. Three speakers presented-Sharon Johnston of the Governor's Office and the Office of Early Childhood Development detailed the KIDS NOW Initiative with the exception of folic acid (due to her audience); Lynnett Fortney MS RD LD-National Award Winner highlighted "What We've done in the Cumberland Valley District;" and Jo-Ann Negron (who is Puerto Rican and a new KFAP member)-Cultural Specialist-HETC AHEC-HETC NW Area Health Education Center and Training Center gave a very informative power-point presentation on "How to Reach Hispanics with the Folic Acid Message."
- The Department for Public Health Nutrition Services' Emma Walters taught Professionals of the Western KY Perinatal Nurse Association covering nutritional and the NTD side of folic acid awareness on March 8, 2001.
- On March 3, 2001 Jo-Anne Negron RN, of NW AHEC/HETC reached 8 Hispanic women in a church in Shelbyville for group education on folic acid.
- Lisa Carter RN, Allen County HD presented to 48 teens in the high school with the folic acid message on April 4, 2001
- On April 4, 2001, the State Folic Acid Campaign Coordinator mailed to all 120 county HD's, a letter of progress and encouragement of the FA Campaign with five new partners joining us, bringing total membership to 50 organizations
- Also on April 4, 2001, A Collaboration between UK and the DPH, Jessica Crytzer and Trish Bendel met with 37 Freshman Nursing Students at Midway College. The nurse from Student Health and the Chairman of the Nursing Department also attended. Presentation included pretest, power point presentation and post-test. Handouts from the HD were distributed.
- Jo-Anne Negron RN, AHEC-HETC, presented a group education in Shelbyville to 15 Hispanic women of childbearing age on April 7, 2001
- April 9, 2001 Bluegrass Family Health reached over 100,000 persons with the folic acid message printed in their Spring 2001 Newsletter Issue. Our thanks to Eugenia Smither, Toni Turpin, and Donna Chapman, representatives for Bluegrass Family Health who serve on the KFAP.
- Sarah Chaffin RN, Pike County, presented to 23 cosmetology students at Eastern KY Beauty College April 11, 2001
- Paula Watson RN, Clark County, exhibited at a High School Health Fair attended by 1000 teens where she distributed 200 folic acid materials and talked to 525 teens April 3, 2001
- Jane Lash RN, Perinatal Educator for Greenview Hospital, presented to 36 college students on "Teaching Sex Education to Teens," in which she provided the folic acid message and brochures April 12, 2001
- Emma Walters, Department for Public Health-Nutrition Services, provided folic acid in schools packet to Park Duvall (Louisville) April 16, 2001
- The State Folic Acid Campaign Coordinator taught 20 students at Barren County High School about breastfeeding and included the folic acid message and materials with that presentation April 17, 2001
- Emma Walters, Department for Public Health-Nutrition Services, mailed packets containing folic acid literature and a power point presentation to Morehead State

University, Murray State University, Spalding University, Western KY University and the Lexington-Fayette County HD for use in educating the dietetic students about folic acid on April 20, 2001

- Sarah Chaffin RN, Pike County HD, trained 10 elementary aged girl scouts and their 3 adult leaders, to spread the folic acid message to the community as part of their community badge requirements April 18, 2001
- Sarah Chaffin RN, Pike County HD exhibited during "Hillbilly Days," April 19 and 20th reaching 500 with the folic acid message
- Wave II Follow up survey to the Benchmark surveys done in Warren and Pike Counties—18 month FU to evaluate the success of campaign
- Barren River District Healthy Start Program distributed 177 folic acid brochures and notepads to childcare providers April 21, 2001
- State Campaign Coordinator distributed 192 bottles of folic acid pills and provided display at the MOD's Walk America in Bowling Green April 28, 2001
- SAPO- BRDHD, exhibited at the Greenview Hospital Baby Fair and distributed 90 bottles of folic acid pills to the community April 29, 2001
- May 17, 2001 Dr. Kim Townley presented to the KFAP members about the Governor's KIDSNow Initiative.
- Diane Sprowl developed new folic acid activities and media reporting forms-#1 and #2
- Folic Acid Tray-liners September 2001 commitment made to create and design a tray-liners campaign. It was a 6-month effort with production and distribution expected in April of 2002, ideal for the desired Mother's Day kick-off May 1, 2002.
- March of Dimes volunteers helped to stuff the physicians' folic acid packets that were distributed across the state to all physicians, ARNPs and nurse midwives.

Year 2002:

- National March of Dimes' grant awarded to the KY Chapter to help fund the Folic Acid Campaign Coordinator position (\$15,000)
- Recruited Dr. Robert Kuhn, pharmacist to serve on the KFAP
- April 2002- Over 420,000 folic acid tray-liners were distributed to individual KFAP members for distribution locally among their individual community's restaurants. Hugely successful with tray-liners being distributed in fast food, mom and pop, and sit-down restaurants throughout the state to be used during the week prior to Mother's Day promoting folic acid use and the prevention of NTDs.
- The database reports 230 community activities reaching 385,727 participants.
- On April 27, 2002 a drunk driver in Alabama hit Susan Brown's car in a head on collision. She was seriously injured with multiple broken bones in her feet and legs; large deep cuts to the knees that shattered cartilage, and multiple breaks in the left arm and wrist. Every single rib was broken, as was her collarbone. No surprise that her lung collapsed as a result of the trauma. She was life-flighted to the Huntsville Hospital where she underwent surgery to put rods in her legs and plates in her arm. She spent three days on a ventilator in ICU before being transferred to the floor. After two weeks she was ambulated home to Glasgow, spending 6 months in a hospital bed set up in her living room, patiently waiting for her bones to heal well enough to weight bear. Ten months after the accident

she was able to return to work. Unable to drive and with braces on both legs she was eager and pumped to return to her duties as KFAP Coordinator February 19, 2003. She is so very grateful to Diane Sprowl and Becky Hill who capably handed business in her absence; as well as the outstanding love and support she received during her recovery from her many KFAP friends and family.

- Folic Acid PSA's were placed in Owensboro movie theatres and ran on 12 screens/3xd/ 60 days-Green River District HD
- 7-30-02 BRDHD-Folic Acid PSAs were also placed in Bowling Green theaters on twelve screens 3xd/52weeks
- The database lists 15 professional activities reaching 1,051 professionals in 2002
- All three MIOP locations report heavy saturation in all media outlets in 2002.

Year 2003

- Michigan Folic Acid Campaign calls Kentucky a model campaign! Former KFAP member, Kathy Daly-Koziel contacted Susan Brown and Diane Sprowl about sharing ideas with Michigan's newly formed Folic Acid Campaign. They agreed and participated in an hour-long conference call with the new folic acid coordinator, Nelda Mercer, and Jane Simmerman, the manager of Michigan's Birth Surveillance Registry. The Michigan_ladies shared what they had done thus far and asked for input. We shared ideas for further development and also the creative ways our members have used to get into the public school system with the folic acid message. We discussed the structure of the KFAP, the three sub-committees and the importance of having Chairs for those committees. They said they were overwhelmed at the end of our conversation, but very impressed with the KY Campaign, calling it a "model campaign." Susan Brown continued to provide FU support via email, and assisted them with several documents to use as a guide: our folic acid activity and media reporting forms, the 2002 KFAP Evaluated Plan, a summary of the KFAP Campaign, and examples of our monthly reports with bulleted details and statistical data. They appreciated the many innovative ways our partners have spread the folic acid message. We stressed the importance of having Dr. Davis as the Chairman of the KFAP and our wide range of over 60 members from public and private entities.
- Susan Brown sent FU letters to the Local Health Dept. Directors announcing the six new LHD KFAP members and encouraging others to join.
- Susan Brown provided information to Muhlenberg County staff. We welcome Muhlenberg County HD as our 63rd KFAP member!
- Susan Brown provided 150 promotional items including 50 bottles of multivitamins to Eva Graham to distribute to daycare workers in Bowling Green.
- Susan Brown presented the folic acid message and dispensed a three-month supply of multivitamins and counseling to women attending breastfeeding classes.
- BRDHD sent PSAs on folic acid to nine radio stations: WKLX, WUHU, WCDS, WGGC, WKCT, WDNS, WBVR, WKYU, and WCVK.
- Susan Brown provided a 15-20 minute-live-radio interview with host Allen Palmer for WGGC "Drive Time at 4pm" The shows' focus was the KFAP and the importance of taking folic acid everyday. Statistics were quoted from the KBSR about KY's numbers in 1996 through 2001.

- 4-9-03 BRDHD placed PSA's to 7 radio stations, one TV station & one print media on prematurity. Followed with 3 radio interviews with Susan Brown on both prematurity and Folic Acid.
- 4-10-03 Susan Brown provided a live-radio interview to sister stations WKCT/WDNS. She and host Al Albergast discussed the seriousness of premature births and also the benefits of folic acid to help decrease the risk of neural tube defects. She highlighted the MOD's WalkAmerica to be held in Bowling Green on April 26, 2003. The show aired 8:30-9:00am. As Susan described some of the ongoing research and its' link to folic acid possibly helping to fight cleft lip and palate, Mr. Albergast became much more interested and excited about the interview. He himself was born with cleft palate and he has a child who was born prematurely.
- 4-14-03 Susan Brown provided a live-radio interview with "Scooter and Marla" on the WBVR 8:00am morning show. Interview highlighted prematurity, genetic research and folic acid. Stats from the KBSR were used to show the numbers of open-spine defect are going down in KY. Informed public of the upcoming WalkAmerica event on April 26, 2003. Also made public aware that the HD would be dispensing free multivitamins to all participants that day. Well received by hosts and allowed 15 minutes of airtime live. Excerpts are replayed throughout the day for multiple topic exposure.
- 4-25-03 Diane Sprowl was interviewed on WBKO-Channel 13 news "Live at 5" to promote the March of Dimes' WalkAmerica fundraiser to help "save babies." The event will be held on Saturday April 26, 2003 in Bowling Green at Keriakes Park. She also promoted folic acid awareness and use, to decrease the risk of neural tube defects by seventy percent.
- 4-25-03 Diane Sprowl of the BRDHD sent a press release informing media of the \$15,000 grant received from the March of Dimes to promote awareness and consumption of folic acid. The BRDHD will receive the grant from the MOD and additional funding from the KY Department for Public Health to provide a statewide Folic Acid Campaign Coordinator. Susan Brown RN ICCE IBCLC, in that position since 1999, will continue to facilitate the Kentucky Folic Acid Partnership, coordinate statewide activities directed at folic acid awareness and education, and participate in some of the statewide professional education, media, and community activities for folic acid promotion. This grant enables the Barren River District Health Department to continue to spread the folic acid message and educate women and healthcare providers about the importance of taking folic acid. Diane Sprowl appeared on "Live at 5 News" on WBKO-13TV. She discussed folic acid, the MOD grant and the WalkAmerica. On Walk Day
- 4/26/03, WBKO ran story on the Walk, and the BRDHD team could be seen on the footage. The Daily News ran a front-page article with quotes from staff.
- Information was also aired on the news on WUHU-FM on 4/27/03--and possibly other radio stations. The TV, newspaper, and radio coverage of the walk were the result of contacts made by Kathleen Kennedy of the March of Dimes.
- 5-1-03 "Mother's Day Folic Acid PSA" sent to 8 radio stations in Warren County: WKLX, WUHU, WGGC, WKCT/WDNS, WBVR, WKYU and WCVK. "The Warren County HD wants you to know that as we honor mothers on this special

day, Mother's Day, May 11, keep in mind that women who are contemplating pregnancy should know the US Public Health Service recommends that all women of childbearing age should consume 400 micrograms of folic acid daily. Folic Acid is a B-vitamin that can prevent 50-70% of brain and spinal cord birth defects. These birth defects, known as neural tube defects, occur between 18-30 days after conception, long before most women know they are pregnant. For more information about folic acid, call Susan Brown, at the Warren County Health Department at 270- 781-8039 ext. 181."

- 5-9-03 Barren River District's Susan Brown provided a taped TV interview to be shown on the Sunday night 10:00PM news for Mother's Day, promoting folic acid use prior to pregnancy to decrease the risk of NTDs by 70%. The importance of daily intake before, during and after pregnancy was stressed. Visuals of HD message signage was used with "B" Attitude and Mom literature, multivitamins, magnets, folic acid reminder cards and a "Mother's Day Reminder Card."
- 6-17-03 Susan Brown submitted an article for the BRDHD News and Notes distributed with employee checks. Article on reducing the risk of PIH in pregnancy through exercise and folic acid use reaching 198 employees.
- 9-25-03 KFAP meeting: **Feature Presentation: 7.5 Minute Video from the March of Dimes**-Susan Brown received two copies of a folic acid video (produced in North Carolina) as a gift from the National MODs. The video was shown during the meeting and after viewing the video, comments received from the partners were quite favorable. Dr. Kuhn did note that folic acid/multivitamins should not be stored in the refrigerator (as one of the women in the tape states she does to remember to take it with her orange juice every morning). All in all the tape gives a wealth of current, accurate information covering a wide variety of women. The March of Dimes was able to print 150 videos for \$330. That does not include shipping. Prices would vary with larger quantities purchased. The members felt this would be a good investment and Joyce Robl mentioned the possibility of sending the video as part of, the annual packet the state distributes for "January is Birth Defects Prevention Month" (most likely to be distributed in late November). Katrina Thompson stated she felt the Kentucky Chapter of the March of Dimes might have funding available to purchase 150 of the tapes. It was suggested that perhaps we should order 225 of the tapes, and in fact Dr. Kuhn stated the School of Pharmacy would take ten of them and pay us \$30 for the purchase. Patricia Martorano (filling in for Pat Seybold) stated that perhaps the Kentucky Developmental and Disabilities Council could cover shipping. Joyce Robl states that there could also be funding available through the KBSR grant, if the March of Dimes is unable to fund the purchase. **** The March of Dimes has approved purchase toward 150 of the tapes (THANKS!!!!). Katrina will check on the cost for printing a total of 225 tapes. Hopefully, we will be able to proceed with the help of the KBSR and the KDDC.
- **ACOG Report from Sandy Cleveland:** The latest issue of ACOG contains a folic acid study that was done in England in 2001. (It appeared in the Lancet 2 years ago). This study reports that 400mcg of folic acid daily decreases the risk of NTDs by 36%. This is much lower than the 50-70% decrease we, and the CDC and MODs, have been quoting for many years. The study is a Level III: limited

- scientific evidence based. Sandy mentioned that Dr. Davis wanted us all to be aware of this study due to the fact that ACOG is a journal many healthcare providers will be reading. Many members voiced their opinions and the group decided we should contact the CDC and MODs for their response to this study. Susan Brown will contact and report back to the group.
- A small group of KFAP members met via conference call on December 17, 2003 and decided it would be in the best interest of the KFAP to present the idea of possible expansion to members at the January 22, 2004 KFAP meeting.

Year 2004

- Statewide Green Ribbon campaign promoting awareness of NTDs and the benefits of folic acid in their prevention. Over 3,200 green ribbons were distributed to the KFAP partners last September and 100 others were mailed to the Pike County HD in preparation for this event.
- The KFAP met on January 22, 2004 and this motion was made: **The motion:** The KFAP has helped to make an impact on birth defects, and as we continue that fight, we would like to see if we could also help to make a difference with preterm births. Dr. Davis asked if anyone would like to make a motion as to that effect, and Diane Sprowl made the proposal and it was seconded, and all members present voted in favor. **The proposal stated:** I make a motion that the Kentucky Folic Acid Partnership takes on other selected perinatal health issues under our current structure. Keeping our name and logo-but perhaps adding a phase to further describe what we do, i.e.: The Kentucky Folic Acid Partnership: A perinatal health group. This was the first meeting using our new meeting time of 11am-1pm eastern time in place of our original 10am-12 meeting time.
- Website established and up and running as of September 2004: www.kfap.org
- Sarah Chaffin of Pike County HD sent folic acid activity pictures to place on the website
- Folic acid materials were distributed to 50 pharmacies
- First Prematurity Summit deemed a huge success with about 170 participants in attendance.
- Through September 2004 the number of activities for media was 181 reaching 1,203,965 participants. Activities included television, radio & newspaper articles. The Barren River District HD participated in both Barren and Warren County Walks raising money and providing participants with a folic acid bag filled with pamphlets on folic acid, PTL and three bottles (nearly a full year supply) of multivitamins. A S & S of PTL wallet card was also included.
- KFAP Meeting September 24, 2004 –good news that the professional committee has 7 members (Joyce Robl as Chair reports). She would also like to see some trend settings listed on our new website and suggested using the map of KY to present the information more easily. Sandy Cleveland shared that very few women are actually consuming their folic acid vitamins the state is providing. Change may be coming with funding decreased.

Year 2005

- January KFAP meeting: Dr. Davis is now acting as the deputy commissioner, in addition to his usual duties as Director of Adult and Child Health. Due to these

additional responsibilities he was unable to attend the meeting. Linda Lancaster and Sandy Cleveland spoke in his absence sharing information about the current bills in the legislature concerning newborn screenings.

- Time to write the 2005 plans but the issue of prematurity is so complex, difficult to develop a plan without narrowing down the message. Brainstorming session to identify the audience and message we want to focus on. Key points were the fact that prematurity is more serious than people think, and the importance of knowing and recognizing the signs and symptoms of preterm labor.
- May KFAP meeting news: Dr. Davis announced that Dr. Adamkin is taking over as Chair of the prematurity steering committee.
- Joyce Robl announced she is stepping down as Chair of the Professional Committee and that Dr. Adamkin has agreed to co-chair that committee. (Was never able to fulfill that desire. But Katrina Adams-Thompson is Professs.Chair)
- News of a new CEU website program being launched by the KPA. Dr. Bada and Dr. Shepherd are creating this prematurity educational tool.
- Mary Sue Flora joined as Joyce Robl's KBSR replacement. She is the queen of recruitment bringing 5 new members to the KFAP in her first year.
- Dr. Davis reported to KFAP members during the May meeting that preterm birth costs hospitals over \$300 million a year. If we could just make others aware and decrease the preterm births, it would allow more money to be spent elsewhere like education and the environment. These are things the hospitals and legislators need to know.
- Dr. Davis announced that in September 2005 Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd is coming to take over his former position as the Director of Adult and Child Services. She has over 20 years experience as a neonatologist in private practice and also has very close ties to the KPA, and the March of Dimes Organization.
- Susan Brown recruited Amy Stein with the Epilepsy Foundation to the KFAP.
- GRDHD Laura Carroll has provided a wide variety of mass media events in the 7 counties of the GRD.
- BRDHD has provided many TV, radio and print interviews to the 8 counties of the BRD.

Year 2006

- January 2006 KFAP meeting honored Dr. Davis for his 7 years of service as Chairman of the partnership. This meeting also marked the announcement that Dr. Shepherd would henceforth be assuming the Chairman's position. Dr. Davis gave heartfelt thanks to the members who have made the KFAP what it has become. He also recognized the many qualities that Dr. Shepherd now brings to the table.
- Dr. Shepherd presented her late preterm birth PowerPoint presentation to the KFAP and plans to travel across the state educating the physicians about the dangers of late preterm birth to help encourage fewer inductions and C-sections that are performed prior to 39 weeks gestation.
- Birth Defects Prevention Month targeted across the state
- May 2006 KFAP meeting-Dr. Shepherd's first to Chair brought 5 new members to the table, and this was the first time we were told of the possibility of getting a grant to help in the prematurity campaign. KY was one of three that was being seriously considered. Dr. Shepherd's Chairman's report contained volumes of

information that was laid out more concisely than we had ever heard anyone ever present before. Afterwards, Linda Lancaster said it best deeming her an expert on Public Health 101. We're all very excited about the FUTURE!

- September 2006 KFAP meeting- Dr. Shepherd led us in a brainstorming session! Kentucky has received the national prematurity grant from the March of Dimes and Johnson and Johnson Pediatric Institute. The partners came up with the slogan *Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait!* It was also decided that we are in need of a prematurity toolkit much like the folic acid CDC *blue book* that helped to guide us through the early days of the FA Campaign. A toolkit committee was formed and will meet outside of the regular meetings. Dr. Shepherd, Linda Lancaster, Shari Stewart, Katrina Thompson, Diane Sprowl and Susan Brown will serve on that committee.
- November 2006 Prematurity Summit. Various other activities promoting prematurity occurred around the state

Year 2007

- January KFAP meeting Systems Training and report on the recent March of Dimes' conference. Babies in the water analogy explained.
- Plans to have a website for the new *Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait* campaign
- Kick-off for the *Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait* press conference held at the Executive Inn in Louisville during the KPHA conference
- Three intervention sites and three control sites named for the project
- Toolkit committee developed a finished draft that was sent to the National organization for final approval and final formatting and editing. Hope to have it ready for distribution by November 2007 Prematurity Day kick-off
- May 2007 KFAP meeting Lorry Marvin's last meeting as she is leaving for the Peace Corps. Members honored her with a card and gift certificate. Discussion presented to plan a KFAP Celebration to honor members past and present during our September 2007 meeting. Linda Lancaster, Katrina Thompson, Diane Sprowl and Susan Brown will plan and initiate this.
- September 27, 2007... KFAP Celebrating 8 years and Counting at the Buffalo Trace Distillery with 48 confirmed RSVP's to attend. Twenty-two individuals receiving honors. Speakers: Susan Brown, Dr. Shepherd and Dr. Davis. Food provided by the March of Dimes and cake provided by the KDPH.
- A Prematurity Summit is planned for November 13th at the Galt House