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KCHD nutrition expert selected for national Emerging Leaders in Maternal and Child Health Training Institute

Knoxville, Tenn. – Knox County Health Department (KCHD) Healthy Weight Program Manager Cheryl Hill has been appointed to the Emerging Leaders in Maternal and Child Health Training Institute. Hill is one of only eight nutrition professionals in the nation selected to be part of this 12-month program.

“Cheryl is extremely passionate about improving nutrition and physical activity opportunities for children,” said KCHD Director of Community Development and Planning Michelle Moyers. “Beyond education, she has been instrumental in our work to change environments and systems so that the healthy choice is the easy choice, which public health experts across the country agree we must do to improve population health.”

The institute provides leadership skill development, policy experience, individualized coaching and other activities for participants. It’s made possible by a joint collaborative effort of Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Programs at the University of Alabama, Birmingham; Baylor College of Medicine; University of Minnesota; and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Under Hill’s tenure, KCHD’s Healthy Weight Program has expanded the N.E.A.T. (Nutrition Education Activity Training) initiative, which focuses on improving nutrition and physical activity opportunities and education for children in 27 after school programs in Knox County. Hill also oversees KCHD’s breastfeeding outreach and education, worksite wellness and physical activity programs. She earned her Master of Science in Nutrition and Master of Public Health from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is a registered dietitian and a licensed dietitian nutritionist with more than 10 years experience in public health.

About Knox County Health Department:

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is a governmental agency dedicated to making every person a healthy person. As the first health department in Tennessee to achieve national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, KCHD’s mission is to encourage, promote and assure the development of an active, healthy community through innovative public health practices. The organization conducts disease surveillance, prevention and control; emergency preparedness; nutrition and physical activity promotion; tobacco use prevention; health equity promotion; immunizations; and much more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

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