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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **The Sedgwick County Health Department** **Providing Help at the Laid-off Workers Center**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) The Sedgwick County Health Department is helping connect laid-off citizens with affordable health care options. Staff from the Health Department's Center for Health Equity have been attending each of the United Way of the Great Plains monthly Laid-off Workers Center events. In June, staff assisted 154 laid-off individuals; 170 in July and served another 130 in August. The dates for the September session are this week (Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4.) Appointments are required and can be set by calling 2-1-1.

"It is so important for us to provide this information to the newly laid-off workers," said Sedgwick County Health Department Director Claudia Blackburn. "Many of the individuals we are seeing have never been without health insurance. They are not familiar with the quality, affordable health clinics in our community."

For an up-to-date list of the community health clinics, visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept). Look under "Health Access" for the list of community health clinics. Also, at that Web site, visitors can find an electronic version of the "Cover the Uninsured Kits" which provide additional helpful health-related information.

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The Center for Health Equity was added to the Sedgwick County Health Department during the summer of 2007. The mission of the Center is to examine and advance the understanding of disparities in health risks, health status, treatments, and survival among the diverse groups of Sedgwick County residents.

If you have questions about accessing affordable healthcare, call 660-7402 or e-mail [plburns@sedgwick.gov](mailto:plburns@sedgwick.gov).

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