



## KANSAS DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

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Dear KDA Members,

The Public Policy survey was published on the KDA website and via KDA Listserv, June 10, 2010 as a tool to gauge member interest, commitment to funding KDA's public policy as well as advocacy and fundraising activities.

There were 60 respondents which represents 10.2% of participants on the KDA Listserv. Refer to the attached document for the survey results. A special thank you to those members who took the time to not only respond to the survey questions regarding their interest, commitment and funding but also offered constructive ideas for the public policy team and KDA Board of Directors. Thank you for speaking up as a member of KDA regarding issues which impact every dietitian in the state of Kansas.

Your input will allow for planning and clarifying the strategic plan during the upcoming year. The KDA Public Policy Team, under the guidance of Laura Gomez-Vega, State Regulatory Representative; Erin Laurie, Public Policy Coordinator; and Aimee Truekten, State Policy Representative; will be working to communicate important matters of public policy, serving as resources and serving as a liaison between ADA and the public regarding advocacy. They are interested in building a team of empowered public policy advocates who want to "make a difference" and work collaboratively to impact public policy, legislation and build relationships with our representatives at "the Hill" and "at the Capitol." More involvement from KDA members is needed to increase visibility through community involvement, grassroots activity, and communication with legislators and others to get our messages out and heard.

The survey results were shared at the KDA Leadership Empowerment Retreat and Training on June 25, 2010. These results will be used to help in the development of the KDA Strategic Goals 2011-2015 as well and to assist with budgeting for those future goals in 2011 and beyond as well.

If you have comments or questions regarding this communication, please contact Joan Stadler @ [pstadler@cox.net](mailto:pstadler@cox.net) or 316-993-7660 cell. Thank you.

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