

# Communities Taking Action on

## Engaging Partners

### *The KIPDA Rural Diabetes Coalition*

The KIPDA Rural Diabetes Coalition (KRDC) is a three-county group working to improve the health of people with type 2 diabetes in Bullitt, Shelby, and Henry Counties, Kentucky. There is a chapter of the coalition in each county that works toward the goals of the coalition to provide education, support, and advocacy for people with diabetes. In each county, members of the coalition include a variety of people and organizations including:

- Community members—many of whom have diabetes themselves
- Health care professionals
- The local hospital in Shelbyville
- Local pharmacies
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Local health departments
- The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service
- Local officials and city government
- The Kentucky Department of Public Health
- The Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
- The Kentucky Diabetes Network
- Other community groups working on health or social justice issues
- Partners in Louisville with similar goals as the KRDC
- Local churches
- Businesses
- Medical organizations

*The KRDC coalition includes lots of traditional partners like hospitals and people with diabetes, along with non-traditional partners like business and local government. Non-traditional partners might not be the groups you think of right away for a diabetes program, but they have the power to affect—or be affected by—your activities*

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Who are the traditional partners in your community?

Who are some possible non-traditional partners in your community?

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