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### **Training focuses on addressing food issues in local communities**

The Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute has formed a partnership with the Kansas Alliance for Wellness to present three upcoming workshops on minimizing food waste and keeping unused food out of local landfills.

The workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following locations:

- June 14 – Salina Public Library.
- June 21 – Iola courthouse.
- June 28 – Oakley, Buffalo Bill Cultural Center.

There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided, but interested persons are encouraged to register in advance at [www.sbeap.org](http://www.sbeap.org).

The workshops are being held to address the fact that 40 percent of food produced in the United States goes uneaten, while one in eight Americans struggle to put enough food on the table.

The workshops follow a train-the-trainer approach, allowing participants to learn more about what they can do to address food issues in their community. Organizers say the training will follow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's hierarchy of food recovery, which includes donating food to food-insecure populations as one of its top solutions.

The workshop also will include training on strategic communications, including advocacy, marketing and messaging, which can be used to conduct public campaigns aimed at food system policies.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service provided funding for these workshops.

For more information, or if you need accommodations to attend the lola workshop, contact Kathy McEwan, Southwind Extension District, at [kmcewan@ksu.edu](mailto:kmcewan@ksu.edu) or 620-365-2242.