



CHAPTERS

In 2014, the KNA begins its transition from a district structure based on geographic regions to a chapter structure based on any interest that brings nurses together – area of practice, community service project, passion for program planning for nurses, geography or any other basis. Membership in a chapter is voluntary and KNA members can belong to as many chapters as they like, or to none at all. Any KNA member can start a chapter.

Visit www.Kentucky-Nurses.org to learn more about starting a KNA Chapter.

CURRENT KNA CHAPTERS

River City Chapter (Formerly District 1)

The purpose of the River City chapter is to support the mission/vision/values of KNA through community service, nursing professional enhancement and networking opportunities. This chapter is dedicated to improving the lives of the people in our community and the nurses themselves. Our vision is to be an active chapter whose actions are driven by the known priorities of the members and the community in which we serve.

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Bluegrass Chapter (Formerly District 2)

The purpose of the Chapter will be to: Work for the improvement of health standards for all citizens of the Commonwealth; Foster high standards of nursing; Stimulate and promote the professional development of nurses and advance their economic and general welfare; and Advance the profession of nursing.

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Northern Kentucky Chapter (Formerly District 3)

The mission is to continue to promote the essential role of the registered nurse in health care delivery, and support the KNA's mission of serving as an advocate for quality patient care in all settings. Purpose of the Chapter is to provide professional networking and representation for the Northern Kentucky area ANA members.

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Heartland Chapter (Formerly District 4)

The purpose of the new chapter include: Continued work for the improvement of health standards and availability of health services for all citizens of the Commonwealth; Foster exemplary standards of nursing; Stimulate and promote professional development of nurses including advancement of economic and general welfare; Advance the profession of nursing; Network with other nursing professionals; and Mentor future nurses and novice nurses.

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West Kentucky Chapter (Formerly District 5)

The purpose of the chapter are as follows: To promote professional nursing endeavors in the region; including research, education and practice; To support the needs of the local nursing community, as well as those of nurses statewide, through political activity and other endeavors; and To serve the citizens in our community as an organization and in conjunction with other professional nursing organizations.

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Kentucky Nurses REACH (REACH: Research, Educate, Advocate, Care, Help) (Formerly District 7)

The purpose of the chapter is to stay abreast of current research and evidence-based practice, participate in and provide on-going education, advocacy, and to be a caring and helping organization in our community. We expect our main membership to be within the geographical local that was served by KNA District 7 boundaries but welcome any new members from other areas.

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Green River Chapter (Formerly District 8)

The KNA Green River Chapter is made up of a diverse group of nurses who believe in the importance of improving patient care and supporting all nurses through continued education opportunities. We have a vested interest in fostering the development of each future nurse by our roles as nurse educators and/or community health nurses within the Green River area of Kentucky.

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Nightingale Chapter (Formerly District 9)

The purpose of the Chapter will be to: Work for the improvement of health standards for all citizens of the Commonwealth; Foster high standards of nursing; Stimulate and promote the professional development of nurses and advance their economic and general welfare; and Advance the profession of nursing.

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Northeastern Chapter

The purpose of the chapter is to improve health for the communities we serve and inspire nurses to achieve nursing excellence. We are devoted to high quality patient care, patient safety, evidence-based practice and advancing community health.

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School Nurses in Every Kentucky School Chapter

The Kentucky School Nurse Chapter focus is placing a school nurse in every Kentucky Public School. KY ranks in the bottom ten states in the nation for multiple health indicators in children, such as asthma, diabetes, obesity, poor physical, mental and oral health, and substance abuse; KY has one of the highest rates of children with special healthcare needs. More than 2 in every 5 KY children live in a high-poverty area. Data supports that when school nurses are present, student absenteeism rates improve, higher standardized test scores are achieved, use of local emergency department services reduces, transmission of infectious diseases decreases, students learn to improve and manage their chronic childhood conditions (like asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, seizures) and have higher high school graduation rates. Our slogan is “every school needs a nurse” and the 2018 goal is to pass legislation placing a school nurse in every public school. A unique feature of our chapter is that we also have non-nurse individuals on our distribution list, including representatives from Kentucky Youth Advocates, administrators of health departments, social workers, teachers and parents; we hope to include many more disciplines and stakeholders in the future to help in this statewide effort.

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