

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR JUNE 12, 2024



WELCOME

- Webinar Cadence
 - AIFKK webinars will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month in 2024
- Sign up to receive our All In For Kansas Kids e-Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – <http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/>
- Presentation on the KDHE Title V Needs Assessment by Chris Tilden of KU's Center for Public Partnerships and Research
- Early Childhood Systems Updates

Agenda



2024 Webinar Schedule

~~January 10th~~
~~February 14th~~
~~March 13th~~
~~April 10th~~
~~May 8th~~
June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th
December 11th



Maternal and Child Health (Title V) Statewide Needs Assessment

A mixed-methods
assessment of MCH in Kansas

What is the MCH Block Grant?

- ✓ Federal block grant program allocating money to states to promote health of women and children
- ✓ Funded since 1935 under Title V of the Social Security Act (oldest and largest state public health block grant program)
- ✓ Funding to states based on a formula based on state's population size and need

Estimated to serve over 60 million people annually (93% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, and 61% of children nationwide)

MCH (Title V) Program in Kansas

- ✓ Housed in the Bureau of Family Health at KDHE
- ✓ In SFY 2025 funding 55 local programs
- ✓ Goals:
 - ✓ Reduce infant deaths
 - ✓ Promote access to care for women, infants, children, and adolescents
 - ✓ Promote coordination of care for children with special health care needs

Federal requirement that states spend 30% or more of block grant dollars on services to children with special health care needs

What is the statewide Needs Assessment?

- ✓ Required component of MCHBG application on a five-year cycle
- ✓ Includes information on:
 - ✓ Population health status of MCH populations
 - ✓ Program capacity and structure
 - ✓ Workforce capacity and workforce development
 - ✓ Partnerships and Collaboration
 - ✓ Identified priority needs (and linkage to performance measures)

A “comprehensive” needs assessment involves a clear structure for assembling data, engagement of stakeholders representing diverse communities, a structured priority-setting process involving families and diverse communities, and collaborative planning, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement.

Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Project Partnerships

MCH Program, Bureau of Family Health

Statewide MCH Council

University of Kansas Center for Public
Partnerships & Research

MCHBG Program, HRSA

2021-2025 Kansas 5-Year Needs Assessment

Quantitative

Census (regional)

Epidemiological Data (KDHE)

MCH Aid-to-Local Applications

Client-level data (DAISEY)

Program self-assessment (family strengthening based)

MCH Navigator staff self-assessment data

Happy or Not Kiosks



Qualitative

*Semi-Structured Focus Groups
(Local MCH Programs)*

Key Informant Interviews

Adolescent Focus Groups

Adolescent PhotoVoice Project

Our Tomorrows Story Collection

Thematic Analysis (key reports)

2021-2025 Kansas 5-Year Needs Assessment

Regional Open Houses



“Post-pandemic” interim assessment

Workforce Analysis

- ✓ Aid-to-local applications (local MCH programs)
- ✓ Workforce survey

MCH Population Survey

Thematic Analysis (key reports: early childhood needs assessment, MIECHV readiness assessment, Healthy Kansans 2030, 2021 Report of Governor's Commission on Racial Equity and Justice, *Status of Women in Kansas 2022* report, etc.)

2022-2023 examination of COVID impacts on MCH programs statewide

Many children/families struggle with basic needs



15.1%
of Kansas children are living
below the poverty line



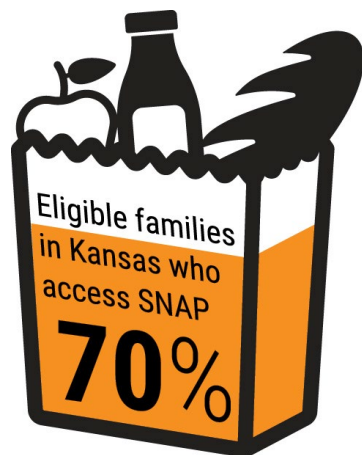
White children
10.6%



Latino/Hispanic children
21.4%



Black/African
American children
32.2%



12% below the
national average



Only **9%** of
eligible Kansas families
participate in TANF

Medicaid unwinding for Kansas
(3/31/24):

298,529 enrollees renewed coverage

66,311 determined ineligible

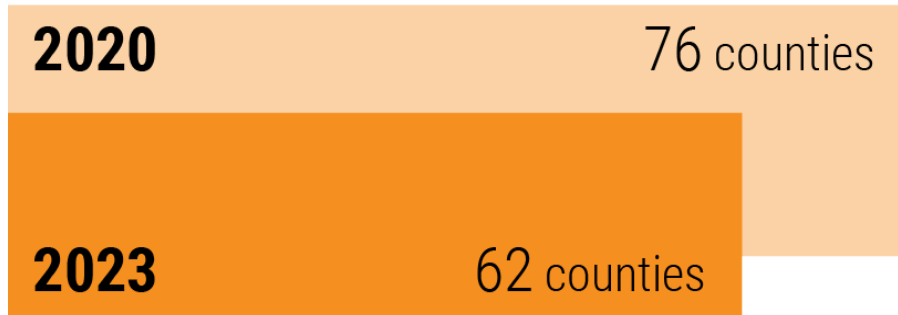
13,342 in reinstatement window

85,900 require renewal application

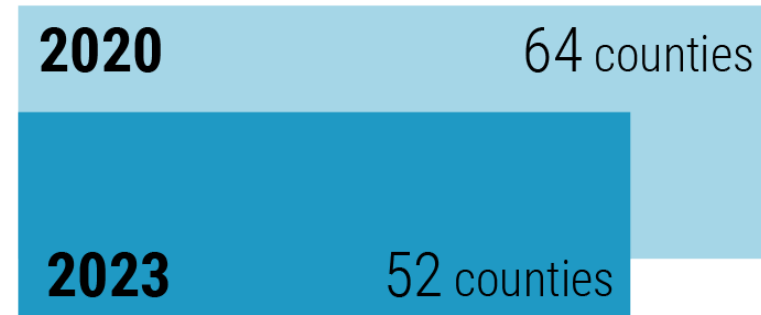
(KFF: <https://www.kff.org/report-section/medicaid-enrollment-and-unwinding-tracker-state-enrollment-and-unwinding-data/>)

COVID-19 impacted MCH program capacity

The number of **counties served dropped** from 76 in 2020 to 62 in 2023



The number of counties receiving **MCH Universal Home Visiting dropped** from 64 in 2020 to 52 in 2023



Challenges to MCH workforce

The MCH workforce is aging and predominantly white compared to the populations they serve which can lead to **cultural and language/communication challenges** which are often **cited as barriers to quality care.**



25%

of surveyed Kansas MCH professionals indicated they are likely to change positions soon despite most expressing high job satisfaction

Current Needs Assessment Process

- ✓ Census data
- ✓ Epidemiological data
- ✓ Aid-to-local applications
- ✓ Client-level data (DAISEY)
- ✓ MCH program focus groups (virtual)
- ✓ PhotoVoice (adolescents and the Family Advisory Council)

Emphasizing:

- Perspectives of providers (primarily interviews and surveys) and individuals with lived experience (interviews and focus groups)
- Integration with other statewide assessments

Current Kansas 5-Year Needs Assessment

Regional Open Houses



Kansas City, Kansas Main Library
625 Minnesota Avenue
June 27, 11am – 1 pm

Pittsburg Public Library
308 N Walnut Street
June 28, 1 – 3pm

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MCH Needs Assessment & Action Plan

TITLE V MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH 5-YEAR STATE ACTION PLAN 2021-2025



- ✓ Will be submitted as part of MCHBG application next year
- ✓ Public comment period prior to submission (early 2025)
- ✓ *Will reside on Kansas MCH site at www.kansasmch.org*





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Early Childhood
Systems Updates



COMMUNITY BASED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION (CBCAP)

CBCAP funds support primary and secondary prevention efforts. Primary prevention includes efforts targeted to the broader community to strengthen families and prevent the likelihood of abuse or neglect. Secondary prevention efforts are targeted to special populations, as a means of providing preventative family strengthening support.

- [Learn more](#) about funding for community-based and statewide projects through the Children's Cabinet!
- Applications due by June 28th

Funding Opportunity



KANSAS MTSS ALIGNMENT

A Multi-Tier System of Supports and Alignment (MTSS) is a term used in Kansas to describe how schools go about creating a system to provide supports for each child in their building to be successful and the processes and tools used to make decisions.

- Kansas MTSS and Alignment offers professional training opportunities throughout the school year!
- Learn more about these events and find resources on the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) [website!](#)

**Professional
Development**



COMMUNITIES HELPING COMMUNITIES THIRD THURSDAYS AT THREE

Greenbush is proud to introduce **Communities Helping Communities** – a yearlong series packed full of live virtual presentations on a wide variety of ways you can help support and improve your community!

- Held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 3pm
- Learn about each session and the presenters at the Greenbush [website!](#)

**Early Childhood
Resources**



PARENT & CAREGIVER FIRESIDE CHAT

SAVE THE DATE!

June 24, 2024 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join the Family Leadership Team to continue their monthly virtual Fireside Chats, this time focusing on children ages 5-8.

Registration will open on June 17th! Look for it in your AIFKK weekly e-Newsletter!

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STELLAR INSIGHTS EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA WEBINAR SERIES

How do referrals for early childhood services differ from resources? How do children and their families get connected to relevant services in their area? How can daycares, home visitors, or others working in the early childhood ecosystem share information about their services or learn what else is available in their community?

Topic: Information for Connections: Resource and Referral Networks

Speaker: Rachal Harper and Michelle Reichart of KCSL and
Loretta Severin of KU CPPR

- Tuesday, June 25th from 3:00-4:00 pm
- Register [Here!](#)

Early Childhood
Resources



Kansas
EARLY CHILDHOOD
Integrated Data

REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **2024 Early Childhood Recommendations Panel**

Friday, June 21st – 9 am-11:30 am

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, July 10th – 12-1:00 pm

- **Children's Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, August 2nd – 9 am-12 pm

You can find **all** these meetings and more on our Children's Cabinet YouTube channel!

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