



January 14, 2026

Member Announcements

Funding and Services

Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Community Grant

The mission of the KDHE [Chronic Disease Risk Reduction \(CDRR\) community grant program](#) is to address chronic disease risk reduction through evidence-based strategies that impact commercial tobacco use, physical activity, and nutrition.

- The CDRR grant is operated under KDHE's Aid to Local grant program. It is a competitive grant awarded annually. The project period for this award is July 1 through June 30. It is the same timeline every year.
- The State Fiscal Year 2027 Request for Proposal (RFP), supplemental documents, and approximately 30-minute overview video will be available on January 15, 2026, on the KDHE Kansas Grant Management System [here](#). (Click on the Aid to Local tab, and then the CDRR tab on the left side.) The RFP and video outline eligibility, requirements, and funding restrictions.
- The grant application deadline is set by KDHE Aid to Local and is due on Monday, March 16, 2026, at noon.
- Please ask Lisa Frey Blume, KMCHC member, if you have questions after reviewing the RFP and video. Lisa.freyblume@ks.gov

Professional Education and Training

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

Breastfeeding 101 & 201 Feb. 5-6

Interactive classes are designed to provide educational opportunities for anyone looking to learn more about breastfeeding and how to support breastfeeding parents and their children. <https://ksbreastfeeding.org/breastfeeding-classes-in-kansas-2/>

Code Red MCH Leaders- Fridays at 3:30. Interested in being added? Email Brenda Bandy at bbandy@ksbreastfeeding.org

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The Period of PURPLE Crying® Webinar

January 15, 2026-1:30pm

The is the phrase used to describe the peak time when babies cry more often. Infants who cry a lot or are awake

<https://www.kansasmch.org/>

and fussy at night are a source of concern for many parents. Because of the normal increase in crying that occurs in the first months of a baby's life, parents and caregivers usually have questions.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yM6ghaGGTyCw4j3EXy_y0w

Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

The Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics has opened its exhibitor and sponsorship application for the Progress in Pediatrics, Spring 2026 conference, which will be held at the Jayhawk Welcome Center in Lawrence, KS on Friday, April 17th.

NEW: KAAP is exploring CNE credit to nursing attendees. More information to come and follow our social media for key announcements.

Early Bird pricing runs through February 4th, claim your spot today.

Call for Abstracts: We are currently accepting abstract submissions from medical students and pediatric residents looking to showcase their research at the Spring 2026 conference. Submissions are due by midnight on February 17th.

[Register to Attend Conference](#)
[Submit Your Abstract](#)
[Exhibitor/Sponsorship Registration](#)

Data and Information

Legislative Updates from Kansas Action for Children

Stay up to date with what Kansas lawmakers are doing for children and families and subscribe to Kansas Action for Children, KAC's newsletter, new issues every Friday. Subscribe at <http://www.kac.org/join> and contact Heather Braum for questions.

Kansas Rural Health Transformation Bill

[Kansas was awarded \\$221 Million](#) from the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) to support the first year of the Rural Health Transformation Program. This funding award exceeds the base amount states were allocated and reflects the quality of Kansas' application.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/2361/Rural-Health-Transformation-Program>

- Questions regarding the allocation of additional funding contact: Matt Lara, Chief of Staff, KDHE matthew.lara@ks.gov.

Becoming a Mom (BaM)

The Kansas Perinatal Community Collaborative (KPCC) model brings together education and clinical care to assure comprehensive and coordinated perinatal services and support.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/577/Becoming-a-Mom>

<https://www.kansasmch.org/>

- Sign up for statewide Baby Talk (BaM) or refer others at <https://babytalkict.com/>

Legislative Budget Committee recording-1/6/2026 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TreZeWJTbHE>

- Janet Stanek Secretary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment presentation materials: [Kansas Legislative Budget Committee Testimony 2026-01-06 1523dd84f913f79b.pdf](https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/committees/ctte_leg_budget_1/documents/testimony/20260106_06.pdf)
- Zach Vincent, Kansas Office of Early Childhood presentation materials: https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/committees/ctte_leg_budget_1/documents/testimony/20260106_06.pdf

Public comment on the PRAMS program is requested:

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). PRAMS is a project of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and health departments that collect jurisdiction-specific, population-based data on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during, and shortly after pregnancy. Current funding ends in April of 2026. An invitation to apply for a funding extension through April 2027 was received; however, this funding extension is not guaranteed. Public comments are requested to demonstrate the need for this program. Private Individuals can provide a public comment, or a comment may be made on behalf of your agency if approval is given by your agency. Follow the links below to learn more about the process of submission.

- Federal Register Announcement requesting comments for PRAMS <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/11/21/2025-20583/proposed-data-collection-submitted-for-public-comment-and-recommendations>
- PRAMS Public Comment “Cheat Sheet” https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wbeq7z4D45P4ovfOnccXLuoli_C57jzh/view
- Site to add individual or agency comment [Regulations.gov](https://regulations.gov) Enter Docket ID **CDC-2025-0750**

Pathways Dental Passport:

Pathways to Oral Health is a collaborative initiative between the dental and disabilities communities in Kansas, dedicated to improving access to dental care and expanding education on oral health for individuals with disabilities who rely on KanCare. By improving oral health literacy and addressing critical barriers in dental care delivery, we are working to ensure that every individual—regardless of ability—can receive the quality oral healthcare they deserve. <https://pathwaystooralhealth.org/>

The Family Advisory Council (FAC) is looking for new members to join! You can go here to learn more and or apply - [Family Advisory Council About Us | KMCH](https://www.kmch.org/fac/about-us)

Youth Tobacco Prevention Link to register and attend events: Page goes live on January 16, 2026. <https://linktr.ee/TobaccoFreeKansasYouth>

Paid Leave for Working Kansans Coalition is growing and looking for stories from individuals on how medical leave helped them or stories where individuals were unable to take paid leave.
<https://paidleaveks.org/>

Prevention Advocacy Day: 2/26/26

A call to action that connects a variety of experiences with community advocacy in prevention through storytelling. Join us in Topeka for a dynamic two-day event where youth and adults come together to build a healthier Kansas through advocacy and connection. Let's unite our efforts to normalize support-seeking by promoting healing, hope, and prevention strategies, inspiring everyone to overcome challenges related to mental health and substance misuse.

<https://kansaspreventioncollaborative.org/advocacy-day/>

Breast Feeding Support Map and resource for caregivers:

<https://ksbreastfeeding.org/local-resource-directory/>

Safe Kids Kansas Resource:

https://www.safekidskansas.org/before_baby_arrives.htm

Opportunities

Kansas Breast Feeding Coalition is looking for a new Executive Director:

<https://ksbreastfeeding.org/executive-director-job-posting/>

<https://www.kansasmch.org/>