

Data Collection Initiatives

Objective 6.2: Improve data collection at the state-level which can be leveraged by Title V funded agencies to inform their programs and policies.

Internal Data-Sharing

During FFY26, the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Director initiated a comprehensive review of data currently collected within the Bureau of Family Health and across other bureaus and divisions within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Building on this foundational work, FFY27 efforts will focus on strengthening internal data coordination and reducing duplication of reporting requirements for partners and stakeholders.

Title V Directors and MCH epidemiologists will collaborate to identify overlapping data collection efforts and determine whether existing data sources can be leveraged to effectively measure Kansas' Evidence-based or Evidence-informed Strategy Measures (ESMs). This approach will reduce unnecessary reporting burden on Title V partners while improving efficiency, consistency, and data quality across programs.

In addition, Title V leadership will work to ensure that all necessary data-sharing agreements, including Interagency Agreements (IAAs) and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), are established or updated to facilitate secure and timely data-sharing between agencies and programs. These efforts will strengthen cross-program collaboration, support coordinated service delivery and enhance the state's capacity to monitor and evaluate MCH outcomes.

Data Dashboard/SAP Tracking

KDHE previously used Tableau for data visualization and dashboard development, including a Maternal and Child Health dashboard hosted on the Kansas Maternal and Child Health Coalition (KMCHC) website. As KDHE transitions away from Tableau, the agency is currently evaluating alternative data visualization platforms, aiming to select and implement a new system during SFY27.

Following platform selection, Title V MCH epidemiologists, in collaboration with the Title V Directors, will redesign and enhance the MCH data dashboard to improve accessibility, transparency, and usability for partners statewide. The updated dashboard will support ongoing monitoring of progress on the State Action Plan (SAP), enabling partners to access timely data, track local and statewide outcomes, and inform continuous quality improvement efforts.

The enhanced dashboard is expected to strengthen data-driven decision-making by providing stakeholders with user-friendly tools to monitor implementation progress, identify emerging trends, and align local activities with statewide MCH priorities and performance measures.

Quarterly Coordination Meetings

Kansas Title V staff convene quarterly by domain to coordinate programmatic activities, share updates, and address cross-cutting challenges. Beginning in the latter half of SFY26, these meetings incorporated a more intentional review of activities completed during the previous quarter in relation to State Action Plan (SAP) objectives and strategies.

Using the Community Check Box platform, Title V staff can monitor and categorize activities such as outreach, education, training, partnership development, and media engagement. This structured review process supports ongoing assessment of implementation efforts and helps identify opportunities to adjust strategies in response to emerging needs or gaps.

During FFY27, Title V Directors will further strengthen this process by identifying opportunities to integrate additional data elements, including ESM-related data, into quarterly reviews. These enhancements will improve the team's ability to conduct more comprehensive analyses of program progress and move toward a more "real-time" approach to monitoring outcomes, informing decision-making, and adapting strategies to maximize impact.