KANSAS ADOLESCENT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH INITIATIVE

Goal: Increase access to preventive health services and comprehensive well-visits for adolescents by developing a model for the establishment of school-based health centers* in Kansas.

- In phase 1, the Title V Maternal & Child Health (MCH) program leads development of the model. The model will provide guidance and information for stakeholders and partners to support local implementation of the model.

- Capacity in the MCH workforce will be developed in the following areas: effective cross-sector collaboration and systems integration, quality improvement, and evidence-based implementation strategies.

This project aligns with the National MCH Performance Measure #10:

- Percent of children aged 12 to 17 who had a well-visit in the past 12 months

*School based health center services include access to all preventive health care, and adolescent well-visits. With support of national technical experts, the model developed for the establishment of comprehensive school-based health centers will increase the percent of children and youth receiving an annual well visit, and will expand access to all health care services. Schools that are positioned to provide services beyond the well visit will be supported as part of the broader Title V MCH state plan when resources and capacity exist.

Key Partners*

- Kansas Department of Health & Environment (Public Health and Medicaid)
- Parents and Families
- Youth (adolescents/students)
- University of Kansas – Wichita Pediatrics
- Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
- Kansas State University Research & Extension
- American Academy of Pediatrics, Kansas Chapter
- Kansas School Nurse Organization

*Technical assistance provided by the National Maternal & Child Health Workforce Development Center, University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill

More Information

Tamara Thomas, Project Director
tamara.thomas@ks.gov; 785.296.1308

Traci Reed, Co-Project Director
traci.reed@ks.gov; 785.296.6316