



KANSAS
MATERNAL &
CHILD HEALTH

May 7, 2025 Member Announcements

Advocacy: Let Your Voice Be Heard

The First 1,000 Days Kansas Take Action page compiles sign-on letters and calls to action to protect federal MCH programs and data collection. Please share sign-on opportunities and topics to be added to the page with Brenda Bandy at bbandy@ksbreastfeeding.org.

Weekly “**Code Red Huddle: MCH Rapid Response**”, Fridays 3:30 – 4:15, starting May 9. Sharing information, sign-on opportunities, social media campaigns, etc., to protect federal funding for programs that impact families. Sharing Contact Brenda Bandy to be added to the calendar invite at bbandy@ksbreastfeeding.org.

The **Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs** (AMCHP) has released a series of fact sheets on federally funded **maternal and child health programs** that complement the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. These fact sheets highlight the importance of protecting these programs and demonstrate the detrimental effect on MCH populations should their funding be reduced or eliminated.

[Access Fact Sheets Here](#)

Funding and Services

RETAINWORKS is a no-cost, grant-funded program helping people whose lives have recently been disrupted because of an injury, illness, or worsening health problems. Funding and services are available for affected employers and employees. Healthcare workers can get involved by referring eligible patients. Funding is available through October 2025.

KDHE and the Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative (KPQC) began the **Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Initiative** to improve health outcomes for both mothers and infants in Kansas. More than 50 birthing and non-birthing facilities have enrolled.

[Find Information on the Project Here](#)

The **Sedgwick County Fatherhood Summit: Dads Making a Difference** will be held on June 27th and 28th. It is free and requires registration. The Summit aims to inspire and empower fathers and promote positive relationships.

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

[Register Here](#)

Professional Education and Training

KU Medical Center offers a **Palliative Care 2025 ECHO: Advance Care Planning Across the Experience of Health and Serious Illness**. The program begins June 4 at 1 p.m. and meets every Wednesday through July 2, 2025. Physicians, advanced practice clinicians, and behavioral health clinicians will receive continuing education credit.

[Register Here](#)

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

- [Connect the Stars](#) – regional virtual meetings in July for those providing lactation support to build continuity of breastfeeding care.
- [Breastfeeding 101/201/301 \(skills days\)](#) – for those who support families
- [Kansas 2025 Breastfeeding Conference](#), Oct. 16-17 in Wichita

Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

- **Trauma-Informed Care and Mental Health Services for Healthcare Heroes** – May 20th, 12-1 pm. This free event requires registration. One CME credit will be offered.

[Register Here](#)

- **Recognizing, Managing, and Preventing Measles: A Clinical and Public Health Webinar – May 22nd from 12 to 1 p.m.** Jointly offered by KAAP and KDHE, this free event requires registration, and one CME credit will be offered.

[Register Here](#)

Data and Information

Kansas Community That Care (KCTC) Student Survey has released its [2025 Community Report](#), which includes statewide and **community-specific data on health risk behaviors and opinions of 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th-grade students in Kansas**. The data helps identify community needs and design programs and activities accordingly.

[Access Data Here](#)

KCTC Kansas Young Adult Survey is administered annually to young adults, aged 18-25 both in and out of college. The survey asks about health, mental health, stress, tobacco and other substance use, and driving under the influence attitudes and behaviors. The 2024 Summary Report is found [here](#).

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[Access Survey Data Here](#)

Opportunities

The Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics has opened its exhibitor and sponsorship application for the Progress in Pediatrics, Fall 2025 conference, which will be held at the Doubletree Wichita, Kansas Airport Hotel on November 7th.

[Exhibitor/Sponsorship Application Found Here](#)

KDHE has a [Maternal and Child Health Program Manager](#) position open. This Program Manager provides administrative and programmatic oversight for the statewide Maternal and Child Health Aid to Local funded programs and grants.

[Apply Here](#)

The [Family Planning Program Manager](#) manages the Kansas Title X Family Planning federal grant, which currently funds over 50 local agencies.

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