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CHILD HEALTH

Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council

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**Kari Harris, MD**  
 Executive Committee Chair

Welcome Members

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**KANSAS**  
 RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Inside Kansas' Rural Health Transformation Program



Kansas Maternal & Child Health Council

5/13/2026

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**Initiative 5 | Harness Data and Technology**

**Total Year 1 Funding: ~\$35.8M**

*Enable rural Kansas providers to meaningfully engage in data sharing and analysis, expanded use of telehealth and remote monitoring, appropriate use of artificial intelligence, and utilization of consumer-facing technologies*


**Programs**

- Remote Patient Monitoring Program
- Telehealth Navigator Program
- Data Infrastructure Program
- Emerging Technology Program

**Program spotlight | Emerging Technology Grant Program**

**Program Funding: ~\$3M**

*Advances rural health delivery by funding technology investments – including EHR, IT infrastructure, and emerging tools – that enhance care coordination, access, and operational efficiency.*




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Support resources and contact information

-  **KDHE Website**  
[kdhe.ks.gov/261/Rural-Health-Transformation-Program](https://kdhe.ks.gov/261/Rural-Health-Transformation-Program)
-  **CMS RHTP Website<sup>2</sup>**  
[cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-rht-program/overview](https://cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-rht-program/overview)
-  **Questions**  
[kdhe.RHTP@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.RHTP@ks.gov)




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**Introducing the Kansa Office of Early Childhood (OEC)**

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# Domain Workgroups

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## Expectations for Domain Work Groups

Stay present and participate actively.	Invite everyone into the conversation. Take turns talking.	All feedback is valid. There are no right or wrong answers.	Value and respect different perspectives (providers, families, agencies, etc.).
Be relevant. Stay on topic.	Allow facilitator to move through discussion questions.	Avoid repeating previous remarks.	Disagree with ideas, not people. Build on each other's ideas.
	Capture "side" topics and concerns, set aside for discussion and resolution at a later time.	Reach closure and summarize conclusions or action steps for small group reports.	

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### Expectations for Domain Work Groups

Actively listen.

Be Part of the Conversation. Speak your mind.

Share the Workload. Volunteer for Action Steps.

Set action steps and team roles in the remaining 5 minutes of the discussion.

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### Work Group Questions

1. What were the most critical takeaways from today's presentations?
2. Summarize your workgroup's progress on your Special Project since the last meeting.
3. Update your action plan with action steps and identify work group members responsible for tasks.

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### Work Group Projects

**Women/Maternal:** Develop a universal, consistent prenatal risk assessment form that includes clinical and social determinants of health data.

**Perinatal/Infant:** Welcome postcard for all Kansas babies.

**Children:** Help parents and caregivers access resources to address their child's behavioral health needs.

**Adolescents:** Improve civic engagement for adolescents.

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**Welcome Back**

TIME FOR REPORT OUTS

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**DOMAIN  
WORKGROUP  
REPORT OUT**

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**WOMEN/MATERNAL**

Develop a Universal and Consistent Prenatal Risk Assessment Form that Includes Clinical and Social Determinants of Health Data




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**PERINATAL/INFANT**  
Welcome Postcard for all Kansas Babies



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**CHILDREN**  
Help Parents and Caregivers Access Resources to  
Address their Child's Behavioral Health Needs.



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**ADOLESCENT**  
Improve Civic Engagement for Adolescents



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**Member Announcements**

THE FLOOR IS YOURS!




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**We Want Your Feedback!**



**Scan the QR Code for Evaluation**

**Leave Your Name Tags with Reception**

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**KANSAS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH**

**Next Meeting Dates**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
Topeka Shawnee Public Library

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
Virtual

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
Topeka Shawnee Public Library

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TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT OF ALL KANSANS

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