

AUTISM DIAGNOSIS

2022 Accountability Process



Program at a Glance

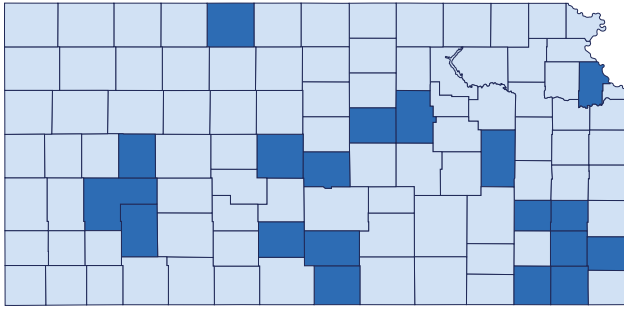
Program Description

Department of Pediatrics - Division of Developmental & Behavioral Sciences collaborates with the telehealth department and Autism Diagnostic Teams (ADTs) across Kansas in a state-wide initiative to increase early identification and intervention for children at risk for or with autism. Grant activities and objectives reflect the ongoing state and community need to eliminate health disparities, enhance collaboration, and build capacity within local communities to expand resources and support for ADTs and families across Kansas. The collective work of these partners helps decrease the wait time between a child's screening, diagnosis, and subsequent intervention, ensuring children and families have access to needed support as quickly as possible. Project activities also include training, consultation, outreach, and professional development to build capacity in rural and underserved communities.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$50,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	33
Prenatal to Age 3	7
Ages 3-5	9
Ages 5-12	15
Ages 12-18	2
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	0
Professional Development	77



Impacts

- 82 children screened for Autism.
- 33 families across 18 counties completed an autism evaluation via telehealth after being screened by community ADTs.
- 72% of children completing evaluations received a diagnosis of autism.
- Telemedicine clinics reduced the burden of travel to receive care for families by saving a total of 11,824 miles.
- 31 ADT technical assistance requests were fulfilled.
- Worked within the LEND program to do outreach and capacity building for people across the state to work with people with disabilities using a \$600,000 interdisciplinary training grant.
- Provided staff with additional training and funds for travel to a 2-day workshop in Salina

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

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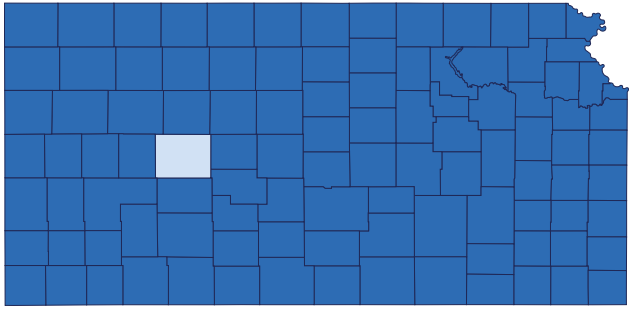
Program Description

The Child Care Assistance (CCA) program supports families who are initially living at or below 250% of the federal poverty level or who are at or below 85% of the state median income at their annual review. CCA provides families with a subsidy to finance child care while parents work, attend school, complete a GED, or fill a temporary emergency need. CCA promotes school readiness and financial stability by increasing families' access to high-quality child care environments. The program typically serves families with children under age 13 but some exceptions allow funding for children up to age 18.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$5,033,679

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	17,291
Prenatal to Age 3	8,147
Ages 3-5	3,668
Ages 5-12	5,368
Ages 12-18	108
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	0
Professional Development	0



Impacts

- 63% of families receiving Child Care Assistance while employed saw an earnings increase in their next review.
- Employed families receiving Child Care Assistance saw an average wage increase of 10.5%.
- Families continue to report being able to receive care they would not be able to without access to subsidies.
- Lower income eligibility requirements and the Hero Relief Program enabled essential workers and a larger number of families to have access to services.
- Improved children's school readiness through quality care.
- Decreased family share deductions

CHILD CARE QUALITY INITIATIVE

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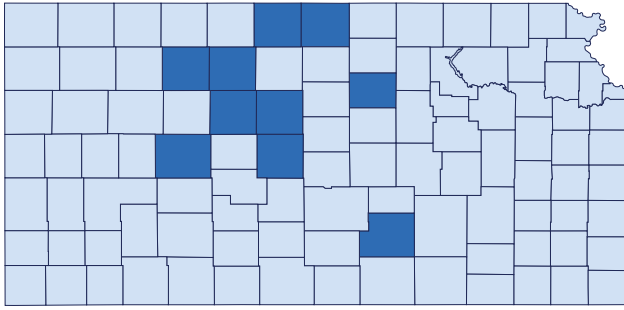
Program Description

CCQI includes a combination of supports for child care providers with a mission of providing quality early learning experiences for young children and their families. The project applies the Child Care Quality Improvement Framework which focuses on ensuring children establish strong connections and healthy development within the family unit, the early learning environment, the community, and society. CCQI Specialists enroll Family Child Care Providers in this year-long quality initiative program. The common measures used are ASQ:SE-2, ASQ-3, and CLASS. CCQI Specialists support participants through: CLASS Observations, Professional Development, ASQ Screenings, Resources and Materials, Coaching, Go NAPSACC, Self-Assessments, Learning Sessions, Technical Assistance, Peer Learning Communities, and Parent Cafes.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$500,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	522
Prenatal to Age 3	201
Ages 3-5	173
Ages 5-12	148
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	400
Professional Development	357



Impacts

- 100% of CCQI regions enrolled and maintained the target number of Family Child Care Provider participants.
- 100% of CCQI regions provided the target number of TA visits to new participants during the reporting year.
- 85% of regions created the target number of Parent Resource Hubs.
- Former CCQI participants continue in leadership positions in the early childhood care and education system.
- Offered 4 different learning sessions based on CLASS domains. Saw improvements on CLASS assessment scores following the course.
- Built new relationships and connections with providers and agencies

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WAIVER

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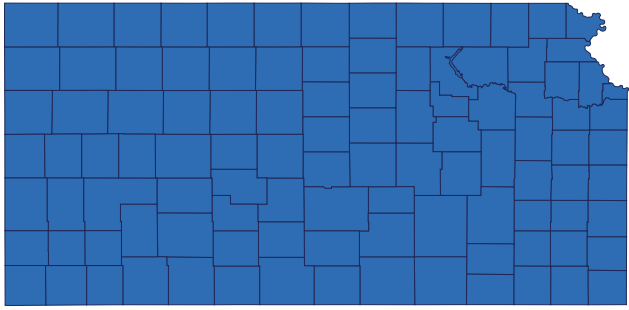
Program Description

The Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Waiver supports families by granting access to necessary services that allow children with serious mental health conditions to remain in their homes. Eligible children have a diagnosed mental health condition that substantially disrupts their ability to function socially, academically, and/or emotionally. The services are guided by an individualized care plan that positions parents and children as active participants and includes key services such as wraparound facilitation, parent support & training, attendant care, respite, and independent living and skill-building.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$3,800,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	4,651
Prenatal to Age 3	0
Ages 3-5	29
Ages 5-12	1,488
Ages 12-18	2,616
Ages 18+	518
Caregivers	3,109
Professional Development	0



Impacts

- Program achieved a turnaround time of 3-5 days for KanCare forms allowing families quicker access to services.
- Wraparound case management was provided to 4,006 children.
- Short term respite care provided to 1,077 children.
- Twenty-six centers across the state have awareness campaigns to promote these services.
- Increase in the number of kids accessing services.
- Program contributes to keeping children and families together in their homes and local community.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

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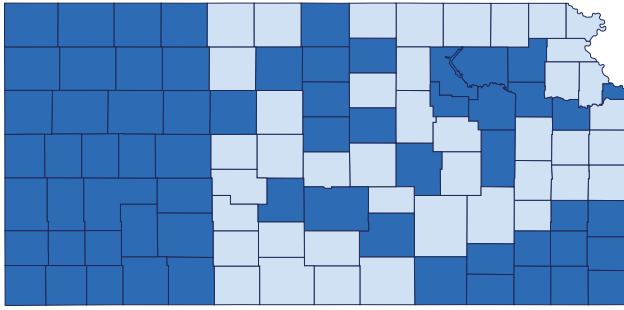
Program Description

Focusing on the critical years between birth and kindergarten, ECBG recipients provide services to at-risk children ages 0-5 and their families. Services include: Pre-K and 0-3 care and education, social emotional consultation, home visiting, literacy activities, and parent education. Programs participate in the Common Measures Initiative, which uses shared measurement tools to collect data and better understand statewide risk and program outcomes. Public-private partnerships are encouraged to maximize resources, foster innovation, and avoid duplication of services.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$18,145,635

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	6,074
Prenatal to Age 3	2,477
Ages 3-5	3,597
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	5,346
Professional Development	1,201



Impacts

- 91% of ECBG investments supported families that experienced at least one risk factor, including poverty, developmental delays, and teen parents, and 44% of the families had 3 or more risk factors. Wraparound case management was provided to 4,006 children.
- 73% of classrooms were observed to be high quality. Twenty-six centers across the state have awareness campaigns to promote these services.
- Parent education helped increase positive parenting to 86%.
- Program contributes to keeping children and families together in their homes and local community.
- Social emotional and mental health consultation increased the percentage of children developmentally on track to 85%.
- Pre-K classrooms showed an increased percentage of children on track in language comprehension, phonemic awareness, and numeracy.
- Demonstrated the importance of Pre-K programs and how high-quality service can affect future reading scores and early literacy skills.
- Used the early childhood block grant to fill gaps in communities and assist providers with programming around school readiness, parenting skills, developmental delays and quality improvement.
- Families reported success stories on improvements they saw in their children and their ability to maintain employment thanks to having childcare.

FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES

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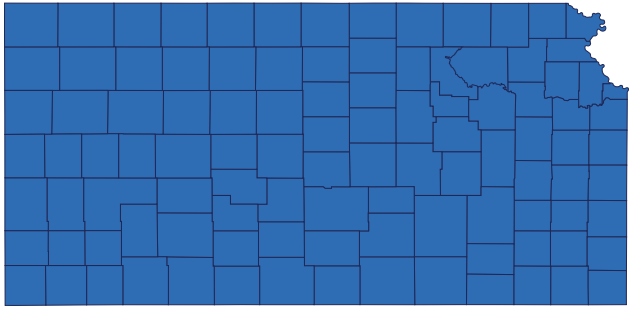
Program Description

Family Preservation Services equips families with the tools and supports needed to keep children safe and prevent out-of-home placements. Evidence-based assessments and family input help develop a step-by-step plan to achieve family well-being. At Tier 1, Intensive In-Home Family Preservation Services are provided to mitigate immediate child safety concerns, stabilize family crises, and assess the family's needs. At Tier 2, Short-Term Family Preservation Case Management Services are provided by a Case Manager and a Family Support Worker who assess for existing risk and emergent safety issues and, when identified, initiate services to stabilize and support the family.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$3,241,062

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	4,551
Prenatal to Age 3	837
Ages 3-5	472
Ages 5-12	1,775
Ages 12-18	1,422
Ages 18+	45
Caregivers	3,063
Professional Development	109



Impacts

- Families reported that program supports led to increased family stability helping keep children in the home.
- 93% (Tier 1) and 87% (Tier 2) of children were not placed in foster care during services.
- 99% (Tier 1) and 97% (Tier 2) of families did not experience substantiated abuse or neglect during services.
- The availability of services for substance abuse has helped families achieve higher rates of success in the program.
- Availability of these services contributes to a sense of trust between families and the court.

INFANT-TODDLER SERVICES

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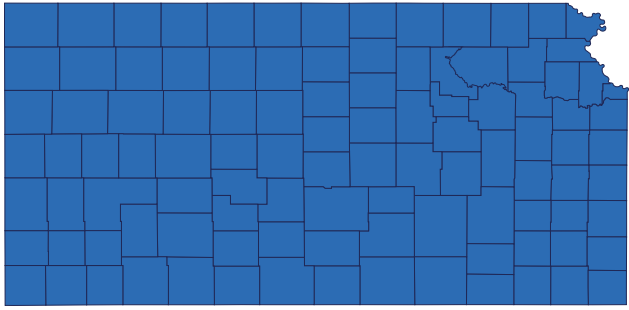
Program Description

As part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C, Infant-Toddler Services (ITS) provides early intervention services for children (from birth to age 3) who have a disability or a developmental delay, and their families. Services are delivered to families in their natural environments, and providers work alongside community partners to ensure families have the resources they need to support their child's development.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$5,800,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	10,598
Prenatal to Age 3	10,598
Ages 3-5	3
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	10,598
Professional Development	600



Impacts

- 79% of children with Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) demonstrated improved positive social-emotional skills
- 84% of children with IFSPs demonstrated improved acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, including language skills (an additional 15% maintained at age level).
- 93% of families participating in ITS reported that early intervention services have aided in their child's learning and development.
- Updated their database used to track service and outcome information.
- Started rebranding in hopes of expanding, raising awareness, and attracting more families to access their services.
- Emphasized the growing need for children with autism and seek to be a leader in early intervention for this diagnosis.

INFANT TODDLER HEARING AID BANK

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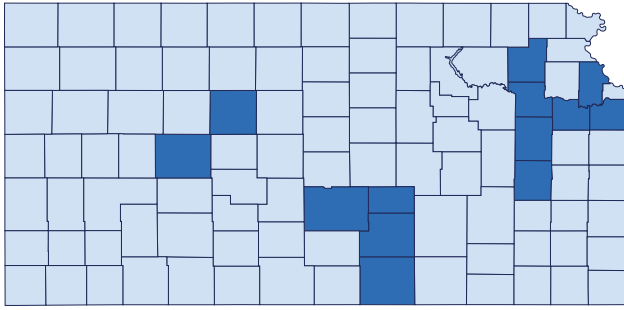
Program Description

The Hearing Aid Bank (HAB) is a resource that removes financial barriers to obtaining appropriate amplification for infants. The HAB provides a pathway to meet the Health and Human Services Healthy People 2030 goals for infants: to confirm hearing loss by 3 months of age with appropriate interventions no later than 6 months of age. Families with children up to age 3 who have any type or degree of hearing loss can access a range of hearing aids to meet the specific needs of their child. Once the child has received the appropriate device, the Infant Toddler Aid Bank connects the family to early intervention services and a network of other families who have children with hearing loss. Early detection and intervention are key to ensuring a child's development stays on track.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$63,902

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	29
Prenatal to Age 3	26
Ages 3-5	3
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	56
Professional Development	1



Impacts

- 100% of toddlers fit for hearing aids also received early intervention services.
- 73% of children served had their hearing loss identified by the age of 3 months.
- 56% of children served were between the ages of 3 and 6 months when fit with hearing aid(s).
- 100% of parents reported their child's audiologist answered all their questions regarding their child's hearing aid(s).
- Helps provide substantial stability by covering the cost of hearing amplification devices that can cost thousands of dollars.
- Early intervention allows children the opportunity to remain on track in their language development.

KANSAS PRESCHOOL PILOT

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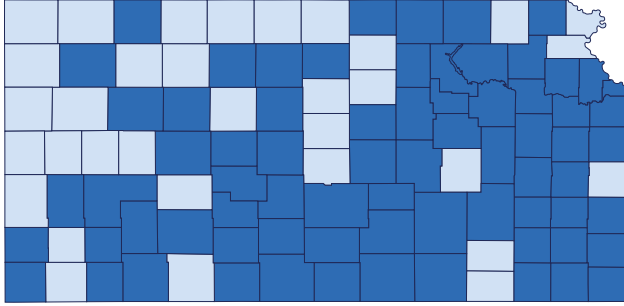
Program Description

The Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funds school districts and community partners to support high-quality preschool programming for children ages 3-5. The program implements evidence-based curricula, instruction, and assessment practices shown to prevent later academic and behavioral challenges. Four key components guide the work of KPP: community collaboration, family engagement, high-quality early learning experiences, and successful children. Each of these elements is known to improve quality in early learning and promote success in school.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$4,200,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	4,537
Prenatal to Age 3	0
Ages 3-5	4,537
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	0
Professional Development	1,069



Impacts

- 93% of preschoolers showed improvements in literacy from the beginning of the program year to the end.
- 93% of preschoolers showed improvements in mathematics from the beginning of the program year to the end.
- 94% of preschoolers showed improvement in social emotional development from the beginning of the program year to the end.
- Streamlined grant application process with ECBG.
- Collected and audited data on demographics of enrolled children, performance measures, accountability information, and opportunities for improvement.
- Saw program enrollment rebound to where it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Adapted and persevered through the challenges of the pandemic and implemented the use of technology to continue to meet family and program needs.

KIDS NETWORK

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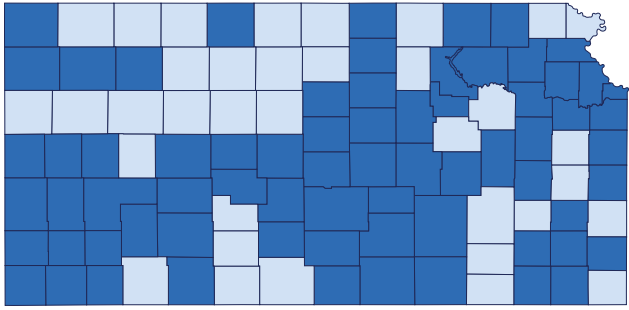
Program Description

The KIDS Network serves individuals touched by the tragedy of infant death or SIDS and is a central point of contact for those working to reduce the risk of infant deaths. The program provides grief support services, community education, professional training, and associated research. Events, such as the KIDS Network Safe Sleep Instructor Certification and the KIDS Network Community Baby Showers and Crib Clinics promote a statewide infrastructure to educate current and expectant parents, relatives, community members, and health and child care providers on safe sleep practices to eradicate preventable infant deaths.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$96,374

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	4,427
Prenatal to Age 3	4,377
Ages 3-5	50
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	5,543
Professional Development	4,097



Impacts Over the Past Two Years

- 85 Safe Sleep events were held across 18 counties
- Safe Sleep Community Baby Shower participants showed significant increases in committing to both safe sleep and tobacco cessation best practices and increased their knowledge of breastfeeding resources.
- 206 Safe Sleep Trainings educated 1,926 Kansans in 20 Kansas counties.
- Clinical bereavement support, grief packets, and ongoing resources were provided to 100% of referrals.
- Successful DCF worker trainings- increased in number of trainings and attendance. DCF workers showed significant knowledge gain at the end of the trainings.
- Expanded program topic areas to include maternal mental health.

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH HOME VISITING

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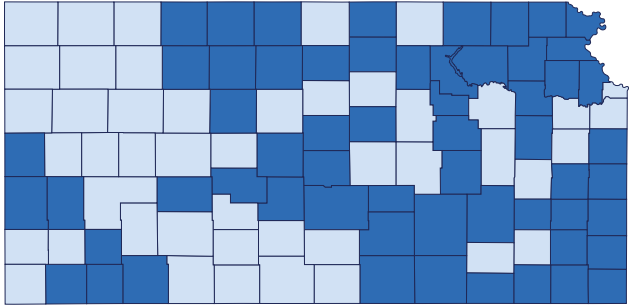
Program Description

Maternal Child Health Home Visiting is a strengths-based model connecting any Kansas family with infants to the resources they need to create a safe, stable, and nurturing home environment. Families receive individualized services before, during, and after pregnancy, with the frequency of visits and duration of services based on each family's needs. Home visitors act as a bridge for families in setting and reaching their parenting goals by sharing information about child development, health and safety, positive parenting behaviors; and by connecting to community-based resources, services, and supports as needed.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$250,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	3,041
Prenatal to Age 3	3,041
Ages 3-5	0
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	3,425
Professional Development	366



Impacts

- Programs reported reductions in the likelihood of child maltreatment and increases in positive parenting and child interactions.
- 81% of women initiated prenatal care in the first trimester.
- 71% of mothers reported breastfeeding their child.
- 87% of women reported not smoking during pregnancy.
- Parenthood related educational and skill development.
- Avoiding risk-associated habits and behaviors.
- Increase in the number of healthy pregnancies and babies.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

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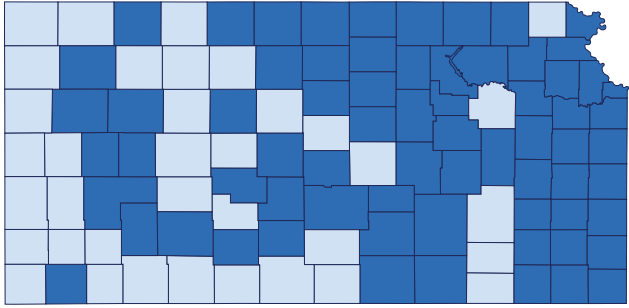
Program Description

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an evidence-based parent education and family engagement home visiting model designed to give parents and caregivers the tools they need to support their child's development. In coordination with the Kansas State Department of Education and local school districts, certified parent educators work with families to foster healthy development and promote positive parent-child interactions. Developmental and health screenings are used to identify potential delays or areas of concern, implement interventions, and refer families to additional community resources when needed.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$8,454,860

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	8,125
Prenatal to Age 3	5,132
Ages 3-5	2,383
Ages 5-12	430
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	6,094
Professional Development	0



Impacts

- Programs showed an 86% retention rate of local families.
- Over 50% of communities served were rural.
- 5,317 family-centered assessments were administered for goal setting.
- 57,274 personal visits were completed
- 1,926 potential developmental delays/concerns were identified through developmental screenings.
- Supported 64 program affiliates.
- Conducted several program evaluations to target areas for growth and outcomes.
- Included family voice in local advisory councils, family focus groups, and surveys.

START YOUNG (CAEDE)

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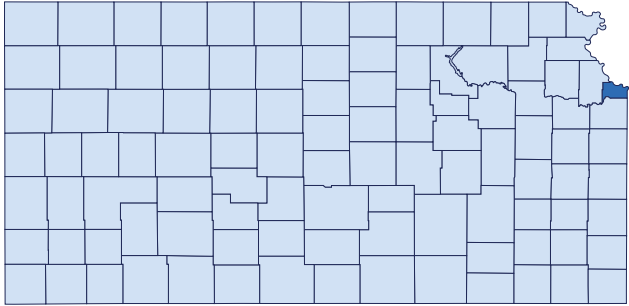
Program Description

Start Young is led by The Family Conservancy and funded through Kansas Communities Aligned in Early Development and Education (CAEDE). Start Young assists child care providers in increasing the number of children served in Wyandotte County by offering material and furnishings grants for new classrooms. Families are supported through child care subsidy advocates who assist families in completing the state child care subsidy application and in applying for supplemental tuition assistance scholarships through Start Young. The program also brings quality systems support to providers through multiple quality initiatives in classrooms and educational incentives for child care staff.

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$1,000,000

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	833
Prenatal to Age 3	349
Ages 3-5	484
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	711
Professional Development	150



Impacts

- 94% retention rate for 115 educators who received salary supplements.
- \$375,629 in supplemental tuition scholarships supported 191 children to receive quality child care, allowing their caregivers to remain in the workforce.
- 24 child care providers were supported in increasing their education or professional development.
- Start Young assisted 2 new in-home providers in becoming licensed and participating in Child Care Assistance through DCF.
- Built a performance measurement database with UMKC.
- Increased input from families via Listen for Good grant. Working to increase client voice in January 2023.

TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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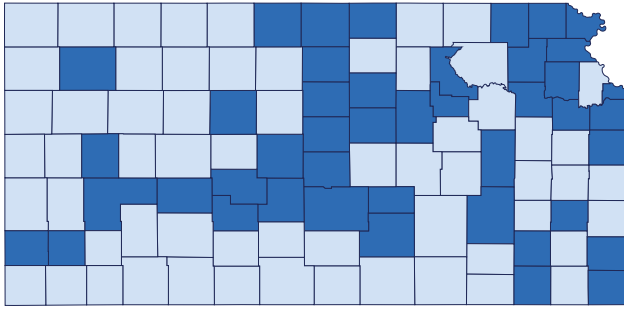
Program Description

The Tobacco Use Prevention Program uses evidence-based strategies and community partnerships to educate the public and increase awareness about the negative health effects of tobacco use. The program aims to prevent children from becoming smokers, reduce tobacco-related deaths and exposure to second-hand smoke and promote policy change. To support the success of current tobacco users who are trying to quit, the program operates the statewide Kansas Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW).

By the numbers

FY 2021 CIF Funding: \$1,001,960

FY21 Population Served	Count
Total Children	532,943
Prenatal to Age 3	82,055
Ages 3-5	86,734
Ages 5-12	179,639
Ages 12-18	184,506
Ages 18+	1,718,612
Caregivers	Unknown
Professional Development	849



*Counties represent those receiving Kansas Tobacco Quitline counseling and Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grantees

Impacts

- 91.8% of children were born to smoke-free mothers.
- 52.3% of adult smokers tried to quit in the past year.
- In partnership with Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities, the program trained 66 child care providers across 20 counties on communicating to families the importance of tobacco-free environments.
- 26% of Kansas Tobacco Quitline phone coaching participants quit using commercial tobacco.
- Conducted program evaluations and partnered with Kansas Health Institute to map tobacco retailer locations across the state.
- Conducting Ripple Effects Mapping sessions to understand additional and long-term impacts with 4 CDDR grantees.
- Park policies adopted in Hamilton, Liberal and Garden Plain.
- Increased nicotine replacement therapy from 2 to 4 weeks for those who qualified for behavioral health support.