



May 13, 2026
Member Announcements

Professional Education and Training

DC:0-5 Clinical Training Information

DC:0-5™ Clinical Training equips clinicians with practical skills to diagnose and support children from birth to age five. Led by experts, the program blends instruction, case work, and discussion to deliver a culturally grounded, developmentally sensitive, and relationship-based framework to support early childhood development and mental health. Trainings run through August.

For more information: **DC:0-5™ Clinical Training**

Maternal Health & Mortality Conference

Save the date to join us July 29-30, 2026, for A Million Moments for Maternal Mortality Prevention: Addressing maternal mortality at the intersection of physical and mental health, substance use and intimate partner violence. The conference will be held at Sporting Park in Kansas City, KS. There are no registration fees; however, attendees are responsible for their own travel costs. Free CME/CEs will be available.

Brought to you by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and partners, this conference will convene physicians, healthcare professionals, behavioral health clinicians and community partners to address the leading causes of and contributors to maternal mortality in Kansas. Registration information will be shared soon.

Data and Information

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition names a New Executive Director:

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC) Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Katie Givens as Executive Director, effective May 1, 2026. Katie brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in public service and nonprofit organizations across Kansas, with expertise in workforce development, grant management, and partnership building. She will work alongside outgoing Executive Director Brenda Bandy through July 1 to ensure a smooth transition. KBC

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expressed gratitude for Brenda's 17 years of leadership and looks forward to continued growth in promoting, protecting, and supporting breastfeeding and human milk feeding across Kansas.

Legislative Updates from Kansas Action for Children

Stay up to date with what Kansas lawmakers are doing for children and families and subscribe to Kansas Action for Children, KAC's newsletter, new issues every Friday during legislative season and once a month during the off season. Subscribe at <http://www.kac.org/join> and contact Heather Braum for questions.

Office of Early Childhood

The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 2045 with bipartisan support to create the **Office of Early Childhood**, a new agency designed to streamline access to early childhood care, education, and family support services across Kansas. The office will become operational by July 1, 2026, and will oversee programs transferred from multiple state agencies, along with updates to childcare licensing, training requirements, and pilot programs aimed at increasing childcare availability.

Kansas Rural Health Transformation Bill

[Kansas was awarded \\$221 Million](#) from the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) to support the first year of the Rural Health Transformation Program. This funding award exceeds the base amount states were allocated and reflects the quality of Kansas' application.

- Questions regarding the allocation of additional funding contact: Matt Lara, Chief of Staff, KDHE matthew.lara@ks.gov.
- Click [here to Sign up for updates](#).

TMaH

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model supports participating state Medicaid agencies in advancing a whole-person approach to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care. By addressing physical health, mental health, and social needs during and after pregnancy, the model aims to improve outcomes and experiences for mothers and babies while reducing overall healthcare costs.

Sign up for updates and learn [more here](#).

PRAMS Update:

The program is currently funded through April 2027 and has recently hired two new employees to support ongoing project activities and outreach efforts.

Pathways Dental Passport:

Pathways to Oral Health is a collaborative initiative between the dental and disabilities communities in Kansas, dedicated to improving access to dental care and expanding education on oral health for individuals with disabilities who rely on KanCare. By improving oral health literacy and addressing critical barriers in dental care delivery, we are working to ensure that every

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individual—regardless of ability—can receive the quality oral healthcare they deserve.

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Tips and Tricks for Early Childhood

2026 Title V Survey

KDHE will be opening a 2026 survey for Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant for the State of Kansas. Survey will be available by May 23rd and run through June 23rd.

Opportunities

Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy Job Openings

Program Coordinator

KYEA is seeking a full-time Program Coordinator to manage and enhance the annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KSYLF) and Shawnee County Disability Mentoring Day (DMD). This position focuses on coordinating events, workshops, presentations, and leadership activities that support and empower youth with disabilities throughout Kansas.

Program Coordinator

KYEA is seeking a full-time Program Coordinator to lead initiatives connected to the Kansas Youth Transition Network (KYTN) grant. This position works closely with KYTN sites, independent living centers, and transition councils to support youth leadership, peer groups, trainings, statewide outreach, and grant-related activities that help youth with disabilities successfully transition into adulthood.

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