

Child Health

Objective 3.3 Well-Child Preventive Services

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REPORT – October 2021 through September 2022

KanBeHealthy Trainings & Bright Futures™: According to the 2020 National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) 78.3% of children visited a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional for a preventative check-up. This shows an improvement of 5.7% compared to the 2018 NSCH data for Kansas of 72.6%. KanBeHealthy (KBH) is the [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment \(EPSDT\)](#) benefit that provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and adolescents receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental, and specialty services. Kansas Medicaid utilizes [Bright Futures™](#) as the EPSDT/KBH standard of care, so all services are expected to be provided in accordance.

Title V received feedback from local health agencies indicating a need to re-train clinical professionals on conducting KBH visits. MCH funds were used to purchase a statewide license in 2019 for the most current edition of the Bright Futures Toolkit, eliminating cost as a barrier of conducting a complete and quality visit. The Child and Adolescent Health Consultant was the point of contact for this training for the state. The Consultant position has been vacant since November 2021, and the MCH Program Manager has filled in as capacity allowed to support local MCH programs and respond to questions or requests for technical assistance related to the use of the Bright Futures toolkit and materials. 31 local MCH staff completed the online training on the Bright Futures Tool and Resources Kit 2nd Edition. Upon completion of training, attendees were given access to online toolkit resources through a KDHE organizational account. This exceeds the number (12) who completed training in SFY 2021. The Bright Futures Resources and Toolkit training and access is promoted through email from KDHE and in the MCH Services Manual. Due to the Child and Adolescent Health Consultant vacancy, additional targeted technical assistance was not offered to local MCH programs during this report period.

The KS-SCHN program has continued to address the need for annual preventative care for their uninsured program participants by covering an annual well child visit, vision and dental exam, which mirrors the EPSDT benefit, through the Medical Services Direct Assistance Program (DAP-MS). Additionally, the importance of this yearly visit is reiterated to all families on the program, as this can be lost amongst the specialist and therapy visits their child requires. Some families have shared that they use their child’s specialist, for example the pediatric pulmonologist, for their child’s primary care in lieu of a pediatrician or family practice physician. These families are encouraged by care coordination staff to find a primary care physician in their area and are assisted in this search, upon request.

Title V and KDHE’s Local Public Health Program (LPHP) continued to utilize the Regional Public Health meetings and other communication venues for local public health administrators as an avenue for communicating updated changes on KBH visits and exams/EPSDT and other important issues related to child health.

PLAN – October 2023 through September 2024

Local MCH Agencies:

- Barton County Health Department will increase the times education on well-child visits is provided. In the last full program year, well-child visits were a documented client education topic 130 times. The goal is to increase this by 10% to 143 instances of well-child visit education. Education on well-child visits will occur during visits for lead screening and visits for women with children.
 - Finney County Health Department will provide 50 well-child visits during the program year.
 - Labette County Health Department will educate 100% of families on the importance of having an annual well-child visit. This is an increase from 90%. Educational handouts will be given to the family upon check in and the MCH nurse will discuss it with the client during the visit.
 - Pawnee County Health Department will provide ten well-child visits with anticipatory guidance being provided to the caregiver using Bright futures information. Pawnee County provided eight health assessments during SFY 2022.
 - Rooks County Health Department will provide at least 30 comprehensive well-child visits across Rooks, Norton, and Graham counties. This is an increase from 13 that were documented in DAISEY in program year 2022.
 - Stafford County Health Department will provide ten well-child visits using Bright Futures guidelines and recommended tools.
 - Sumner County health Department will increase the number of well-child visits they have documented in DAISEY from 1 to 50, using Bright Futures guidelines. They will promote availability of the service on social media and print media in the community.
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