

Perinatal and Infant Health: Other Perinatal/Infant Health Initiatives

Activities During Federal Fiscal Year 2023

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS): [KS PRAMS](#) continued data collection, including questions from supplements. Supplements for 2022 births included Opioid and Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Supplements. 2023 birth data collection is on-going, and data will not be finalized until end of 2024. PRAMS also continued to integrate strategies for promoting the survey/questionnaire to hard-to-reach populations (such as low-income minority mothers). Finally, KS PRAMS worked to strengthen their ties with MCH partners across the state to ensure that they have the data they need to improve the health of mothers and babies in Kansas.

Title V staff meet with the PRAMS coordinator and data manager regularly to review and discuss data. The Kansas MCH Council meetings often involve PRAMS updates, sharing of data and stories/input from mothers, and requests for more information. The Women/Maternal and Perinatal/Infant workgroups from the Council continue to serve in an advisory capacity for PRAMS. Perinatal/Infant Health Consultants will continue to work closely with the PRAMS/MCH Epidemiologist to incorporate PRAMS data into Action Alerts related to applicable Awareness Month and Health Equity topics that are shared with local MCH grantees and partner networks for promotion widely across the state.

Family Support for Infant Loss: The Kansas Infant Death and SIDS (KIDS) Network has a contract to provide services in support of families, relatives, friends, caregivers, and others who are affected by the sudden death of an infant. The KIDS Network bereavement staff provided initial bereavement services to 100% of referred bereaved families. The Executive Director is an active member of the Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council (KMCHC). The KIDS Network board of directors consists of 42% bereaved parents or family members. The KIDS Network provided public awareness regarding bereavement via social media, mass email and mailings. Support group and memorial attendance has been lower than expected post pandemic. The KIDS Network is working to assess if system changes need to be implemented.

Between October 2022 and December 2022, the KIDS Network held 48 safe sleep events that educated more than 530 caregivers and parents on the newly revised American Academy of Pediatrics Safe Sleep Recommendations.

KIDS Network presented at the following conferences/meetings:

- Governor's Conference for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect on October 18, 2022.
- 2022 Becoming a Mom (BaM)/Kansas Perinatal Community Collaborative retreat on November 2-3, 2022.
- Annual Susan E. Bredefoft Candlelight Memorial on December 4, 2022.

- Attended the Sedgwick County Maternal Infant Health Coalition on December 8, 2022

Plans for Federal Fiscal Year 2025

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS): In FY25 [KS PRAMS](#) will continue data collection, including questions from the Opioid Supplement which will continue through all 2024 births. Kansas PRAMS changed their mailing schedule in 2023. With the launching of the web survey in June 2023, the third PRAMS survey mailing was dropped and is planned to continue in this manner. PRAMS will also continue to integrate strategies for promoting the survey/questionnaire to hard-to-reach populations (such as low-income minority mothers). Finally, KS PRAMS plans to strengthen their ties with MCH partners across the state to ensure that they have the data they need to improve the health of mothers and babies in Kansas.

The Title V Director, MCH Epidemiologist, and primary team have been actively engaged in the PRAMS work since before launch and will continue to be closely involved over the next year. Title V staff meet with the PRAMS coordinator and data manager regularly to review and discuss data, assist with media questions and interviews related to the [PRAMS reports](#) and consider revisions to the next Questionnaire. The Kansas MCH Council meetings will continue to involve PRAMS updates, sharing of data and stories/input from mothers, and requests for more information. The Women/Maternal and Perinatal/Infant workgroups from the Council will continue to serve in an advisory capacity for PRAMS. Perinatal/Infant Health Consultants will continue to work closely with the PRAMS/MCH Epidemiologist to incorporate PRAMS data into Action Alerts related to applicable Awareness Month and Health Equity topics that are shared with local MCH grantees and partner networks for promotion widely across the state.

The BaM evaluation team within Kansas Title V will conduct deeper dives of BaM program data, comparing outcomes from BaM participants to outcomes from the state's vital statistics and PRAMS data. These efforts will include:

- Data on infant sleep position and sleep environment from participants completing the program in 2023 will be compared to the most recent PRAMS data concerning these outcomes.
- BaM program data will again be linked to birth certificate data, so that birth outcomes and risk factors from the birth certificate can be compared between births to participants completing the BaM program, and births to all other Kansas residents.
- Once sample size is large enough (with multiple years of linked birth certificate-BaM program data), the BaM evaluation team plans to subsequently link the linked BaM-birth data to the state's PRAMS data. This will allow Kansas MCH to compare PRAMS' infant sleep data between BaM participants and all other Kansas residents delivering a live infant in the state.

Local MCH Agencies: The following are examples are local MCH grantee agencies plans toward Objective 2.4 during the plan period.

- Greeley County Health Department will enhance the Maternal Child Health Universal Home Visiting program. The home visitor will develop an action plan aimed at improving her effectiveness as a home visitor. Recognizing the importance of organization and continuity in visits, we will start by scheduling dedicated time on the calendar to identify families in the community who could benefit from home visiting services. During these scheduled sessions, we will create a standardized template for taking comprehensive notes during visits, ensuring that observations, concerns, and goals for each family are clearly documented. She aims to address challenges with note decipherability and recall by refining her note-taking approach. The home visitor will proactively gather information from families about specific areas of interest or challenges they wish to address during visits. This personalized approach will enable her to tailor each interaction to meet the unique needs of the families she serves, starting with the initial scheduling call.
- Labette County Health Department will provide families with information on the Home Visiting Program during WIC visits and when receiving other health department services. Information will also be available in the lobby of the health department. Home visitation services will be offered to pregnant and postpartum women (up to 12 months after delivery). Services will include education on prenatal & postpartum care, infant care, immunizations, and various other topics regarding pregnant/postpartum women and infants. MCH staff will continue to serve in local coalition groups to share information and resources. Staff will continue to participate in community events including the Community Baby Shower to provide education/resources to area families.
- Sumner County Health Department will continue to make home visits where we will conduct the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)-3. We will be able to score and refer families of children with positive ASQ results to the local Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services (Part C) organization. Additionally, we will promote the 1-800-CHILDREN helpline resource directory. To increase referrals, we will continue to increase awareness about the importance of home visiting by posting on social media, visiting provider offices, hosting a community baby shower, and working with our WIC program.