

Youth Voice Initiatives

Objective 4.2 — By 2030, increase the number of adolescents and young adults engaged in Title V funded programs and initiatives by 10%.

Youth Voice: Knowing the importance of engaging with youth to ensure messaging is effective, the Title V team will seek out potential partnerships and collaboration opportunities for youth voice. FFY 26 will start by identifying existing youth councils or advisory bodies that operate through schools, nonprofits, partners, etc. and making connections with those who lead those groups to gain a deeper level of understanding of the work each group focuses on to see how they align with the goals of the new Title V State Action Plan. With increased understanding of existing Youth Voice opportunities in the state, Kansas Title V will be able to form partnerships that will not only support the work of Title V and their partners but also elevate youth voice in communities across the state.

In addition to the exploration of partnership opportunities, those working on adolescent health initiatives will continue to have open discussion on opportunities to bring youth voice into the work, for planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and materials.