

## Other KS-SHCN Initiatives

Peer Supports for CSHCN: While the KS-SHCN Program recognizes the importance of peer-to-peer supports, the Supporting You network that was established in recent years was not effectively addressing the need. The program failed to gain momentum and was not effective in recruitment of mentors and mentees. As a result, the contract with the vendor for the Supporting You Network was not renewed at the end of SFY24. Ensuring that peer-to-peer supports are available to YSHCN, and their families remained a focus and the Title V CSHCN Director connected with Families Together, Inc. The goal of this collaboration was to work with Families Together Inc, which hosts the Kansas Family-to-Family Health Information Center and build their peer support program which is aimed at families with CYSCHN. At the end of FFY24, a contract was in development with Families Together Inc.

SHCN Screener: The SHCN Screener was intended to be added to the DAISEY Data System, which would be part of the infant/child/adolescence visit form for providers who use DAISEY. The key materials that need to be developed or created to support this update, which included:

- Training guidance to show how to use and score the screener.
- A decision schema to assist those using the tool to be able to refer to the correct agency/provider, as needed.
- A training webinar to support local partners in the successful use of this new tool prior to implementation.

The goal for this addition was to ensure all referrals would be tracked and monitored to make sure children are getting connected with the appropriate resource.

The SHCN Screener in the DAISEY data system had a portion updated to identify more children to be referred to the KS-SHCN Program in FY24. This portion that was developed helped identify individuals who could be referred to the SHCN Program.

After the agreement of the partial screener expansion, the National Survey of Children's Health announced a redesign of their survey, which the expansion had been based on to align with how SHCN was counted at the national level. Due to that redesign, KDHE decided to hold on further expansion.