

Data Initiatives

Objective 6.2—Improve data collection at the state-level which can be leveraged by Title V funded agencies to inform their programs and policies.

Data Collaboration: The State of Kansas collects data through a variety of sources and agencies to help inform work going on in the state. However, this data, even within one organization, can be isolated within the program or Bureau. The Title V Director and BFH Bureau Director recognize that we are often unaware of the data being collected within our own Bureau programs let alone across KDHE and other state agencies. Therefore, we intend to begin exploring within BFH, as well as KDHE, over the next year the data that is available and how we can increase collaboration and sharing of the data to better inform our work.

The Title V Epidemiology team, with the support of the Title V MCH and CYSHCN directors, will support efforts to explore opportunities for improving state-level data collection and data sharing practices that benefit maternal and child health programs. This includes identifying potential partnerships, systems, or processes that could enhance access to timely, high-quality data across domains.

These efforts aim to build data capacity that can ultimately be leveraged by Title V, Title V-funded agencies, and local partners to inform program planning, drive quality improvement, and respond to emerging needs in maternal and child health.

“Real-Time” Data Monitoring: Data has always been central to the work of Kansas Title V. Findings from the Title V needs assessment, along with federally available data and information collected at the state and local levels, inform the projects and policies that guide our MCH efforts. This data-driven approach allows us to adapt our work as needs evolve. However, due to the time required for data collection and analysis, the information we rely on is often at least a year old. To enhance our responsiveness, the Title V directors and MCH epidemiologists are exploring opportunities to access and review MCH data in near real time. Having more timely data would enable the team to identify emerging issues or spikes in MCH-related health concerns, alert partners sooner, and respond more quickly and effectively to the needs of the MCH population and workforce.

MCH Data Dashboard: The Title V program currently hosts an [MCH Data Dashboard](#) on the Kansas MCH website. The intent of this dashboard was to allow stakeholders to see data trends for MCH-related data at the state and county levels. Title V leadership would like to expand the purpose of this dashboard to increase data transparency, specifically as it relates to progress on the State Action Plan (SAP). Over the next year, the Title V MCH and CYSHCN directors and MCH epidemiologists will identify the most efficient and effective way to present this information such that internal and external staff and partners can readily access the data and see the progress that is being made towards on the SAP. Additionally, it will be used routinely by the Title V team to assess whether changes to our work need to be made in order to meet the goals outlined in the SAP.