



KANSAS HOME VISITING MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

HOW DOES HOME VISITING SUPPORT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH?

The first months of life lay the groundwork for a child's entire future - physically, cognitively, and emotionally. Research on early childhood has established signposts to watch for during this crucial phase of development, as well as potential obstacles to keeping kids on the right track. Home visitors help parents map progress and give them the tools to nurture healthy growth, and cope with any delays. Parental health is also taken into consideration, with screenings and referrals to ensure that caregivers are ready for the journey of raising a child.

FAMILY SUCCESS STORY

When I learned I was pregnant, I did not know anything about raising a child, and my home visitor gave me a lot of information that helped me. Anytime I need to know something, she finds the information for me and brings it. It has helped me with being more confident as a mother.



MATERNAL DEPRESSION OUTLOOK

When maternal depression is treated, mothers are better able to function effectively at home, at work, and in their relationships. Children receive the care and attention needed for healthy social and emotional development.

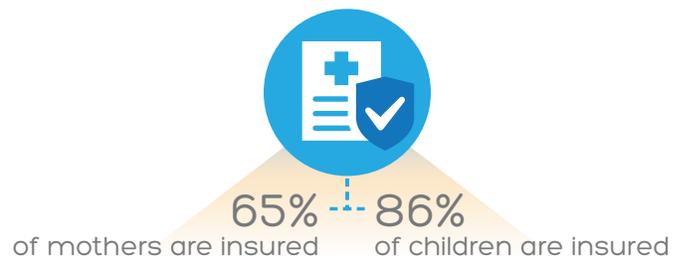


INTERBIRTH EDUCATION

Adequate birth spacing improves neonatal outcomes (birth weight, full term births). **79%** of families were given information/provided education about interbirth spacing.

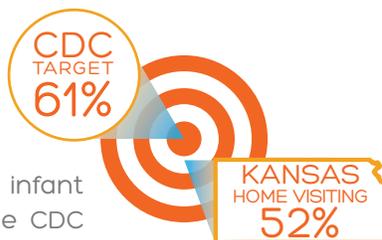


ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



BREASTFEEDING

Breastfeeding promotes infant health and well-being. The CDC aims to have 61% of infants breastfeeding at 6 months, and home visiting helps bring Kansas closer to that target.



Information on this report is based on MIECHV and other statewide home visiting data. For the full technical report, please go to kshvlandscape.org/report

