



KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM

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Maternal & Child Health Block Grant

- The Maternal & Child Health Block Grant focuses on providing family-centered, community-based and care-coordinated services to support the health and well-being of all youth and parents/guardians.
- Title V of the Social Security Act has remained a vitally important public health program for serving the Maternal Child Health (MCH) population since its inception in 1935.
- The MCH Block Grant has been an integral part of the Kansas City community for nearly 25 years.

Maternal & Child Health Overview

The program addresses violence prevention and injury prevention in youth ages 10-19.

MCH staff and community partners will use evidence-based strategies from the KC Blueprint for Violence Prevention and A Safe and Healthy Community to prevent and reduce violence:

- where we live and play;
- where we learn;
- where we work; and
- where we receive care.

Key Goals

- Educate youth on effective, non-violent strategies.
- Demonstrate and practice with participants, healthy social skills to maintain healthy relationships and reduce the risk of violence.

KC Blueprint

Current Strategies Being Addressed

- Promote civic engagement and advocacy among students and their parents;
- Support and expand parent training programs to promote positive parenting and respectful relationships; and
- Offer school and community-based social emotional learning programs for youth, including communication and problem-solving, empathy, emotional regulation, conflict management, and bystander intervention skills.

EDUCATION

Our free lending library has over 200 resources that promote social emotional development and conflict resolution skills.

Resources targeting parents and school staff are also available for checkout.

OUTCOMES

In the **past 3 years**, MCH staff & partners have:

- **Strengthened Individual Knowledge & Skills**-Educated over **100,000** youth and parents on violence prevention strategies through in-person and social media engagement.
- **Promoted Community Education**-Participated in **94** outreach events reaching **8000+** people with information resources that promote violence prevention interventions.
- **Educating Providers**-Trained **43** community partners on the use of an evidence-based curricula that promotes social emotional development and conflict resolution skills and **76** community partners in adult Mental Health First Aid.
- **Fostered Coalitions and Networks**-Collaborated with **2** coalitions and/or community groups to plan a community-wide event to address violence prevention using evidence-based interventions.
- **Changed Organizational Practices**-Increased the number of partners implementing violence prevention education by **32**.
- **Influenced Policy and Legislation**- Empowered **57** parents/guardians through advocacy training, public policy development and implementation.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Aim4Peace
- Alta Vista High School
- Alternative Resource Center
- Boys & Girls Club-Thornberry and Wagner Units
- Boyz to Men
- Center Alternative School
- Center Elementary School
- Center High School
- Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Faxon Elementary School
- Foreign Language Academy
- Gladstone Elementary
- Guadalupe Middle School
- Hogan Middle School
- Hope Leadership Academy
- Ivanhoe Neighborhood
- Jackson County Family Court
- James Elementary School
- Job Corp
- KC 360
- Kansas City Public Library
- Kauffman School
- KCPD
- MA'AT Foundation
- Mt. Sinai MB Church
- Parents as Teachers
- Parent Leadership Training Institute
- Pitcher Elementary School
- Refuge Kids Academy
- Southeast High School
- Southeast Youth Coalition
- Success Academy at Anderson
- Thomas School
- To God be the Glory Daycare
- Violence Free Kansas City
- Violence I Prevent (VIP)
- Youth Family Detention Center
- Youth Ambassadors

Thank you!