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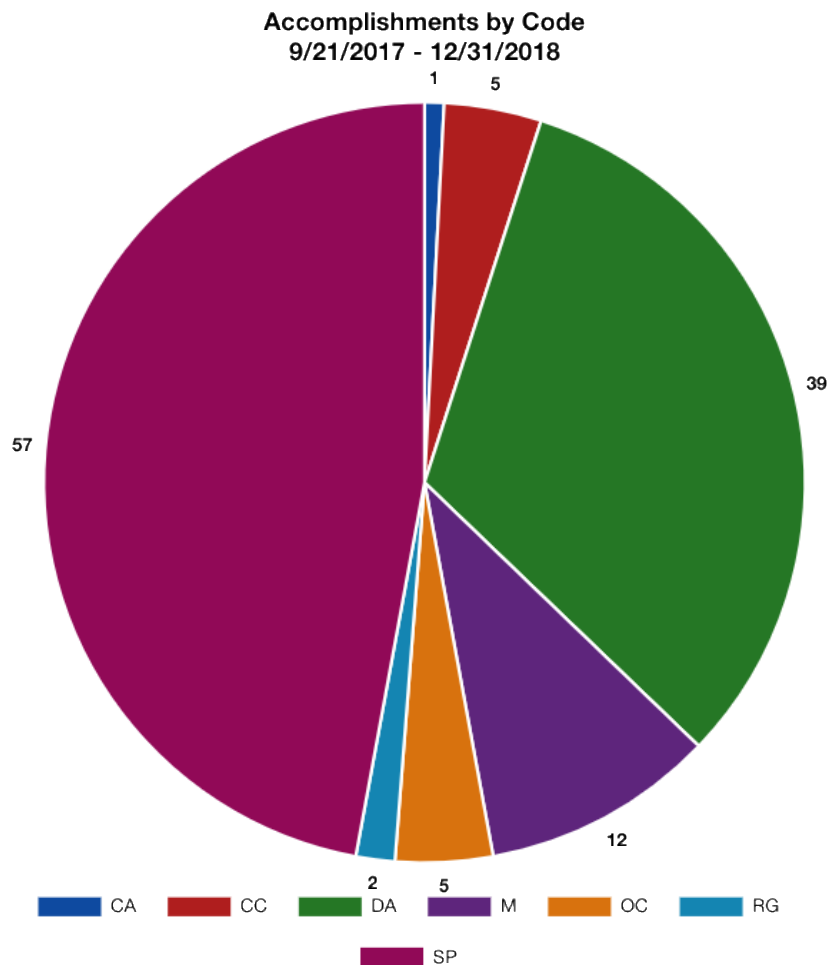
Kansas Power of the Positive 2017/2018 Evaluation Report

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Evaluation Report

The following report outlines the data collected in the KU Work Group’s Community Check Box system that provides an online portal for entry of coalition activities. KU also provides validation of entries to ensure accuracy and that the types of accomplishments reported by K-POP are consistent with research on what constitutes effective efforts for community change. The following sections address the various types of activities/accomplishments that have been found to be essential in working toward and achieving community change. The number of accomplishments achieved from 9/21/17 to 12/31/18 are included along with summaries of the types of activities under each category.

Figure 1. All K-POP accomplishments from 9/21/17 to 12/31/18



Activities

Services Provided: Activities where partners learn about the public health implications of ACEs, about the role of SSNREs in preventing ACEs, and about the changes that can contribute to the common agenda. **A total of 57 services were provided between 9/21/17 to 12/31/18.** Examples of services provided include:

- Various representatives of K-PoP organizations provided ACES trainings with a broad range of community and governmental entities.
- Kelly Hayes and Jamie VanCompernelle met with staff from Sen Roberts' office about MIECHV re-authorization.
- The Resiliency Connection Committee started giving short Self-Care presentations at each TFC General Staff meeting in order to help staff members with their self-care.
- KSDE completed the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan. The plan says, " Social Emotional Character Development is one of the five board outcomes of the Kansas State Board of Education. The KSDE will provide supports to meet the outcome at the systems level, working with districts across Kansas that have self-identified the need for Universal Support and Improvement in the area of social emotional character development."
- Nan Putnam worked with United Way to get Vita Tax help for senior and family, etc. Information on the Wichita DCF lobby monitors customers to view.
- A group of lawmakers convened the second meeting of the Early Childhood Caucus to discuss issues of importance to Kansas children, focusing on ACES.
- The Kansas Judicial Branch hosted a training in Garden City, Hays, Wichita, and Topeka on best practices in child welfare law that included slides on ACE prevention in Kansas. Invitations were sent to judges, prosecutors, guardians ad litem, parents' attorneys, CASA volunteers, CRB volunteers, social workers and child welfare agency attorneys.
- KCSL has launched a smart phone mobile app for the Parent Helpline. KCSL has 2,695 Twitter and 55,182 Facebook followers.
- The Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council promoted a training to its members: Lemonade for Life: Using ACEs to Build Hope and Resilience. The training was offered in three cities.
- The Community Awareness Work Group of the Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention was part of the Police Department's Media Briefing and rolled out the Safe Haven Project.
- KSU presented a 2-hour session on Trauma Informed - Trauma Ready for extension agents. Dr. Amber Vennum, Assoc. Professor in the Couple and Family Therapy program conducted a session with a group of 90 agents.
- The CDC made a new online training resource available to help audiences understand, recognize, and prevent ACEs. The resource was disseminated to the Kansas Power of the Positive list, the Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention list, the KSDE Early Learning Listserv, and KSU Extension listserv.
- The Kansas Power of the Positive (KPoP) Steering Committee hosted a day-long institute entitled The Power of the Positive at the 2018 Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS. The overall

purpose of the institute was to help participants understand the impact of community environment (workplace conditions in particular) on family strengths, childhood experiences and lifelong health.

Development Activities: Activities of the Leadership Team designed to bring about collective impact by enabling the group to address its goals. **A total of 39 development activities were achieved between 9/21/17 to 12/31/18.** Below are examples of development activities for this period.

- Kids Are Good Business and Raising Awareness workgroups met multiple times. Among the major focuses in these meetings were the following:
 - Kids are Good Business:
 - Discussion about recruiting and orienting new members and solutions for hosting the KAGB Survey.
 - The team received updates on Veto Violence resources from the CDC. They also received a proposal on the costs for a plan to automate the KAGB Survey and discussed possible funding sources.
 - The team talked about leads for paying for KAGB Survey automation. The team also reviewed the Colorado family friendly workplace toolkit and brainstormed Kansas workplaces that could be used as examples in our resource guide.
 - The team reported on their progress reaching out to workplaces for inclusion in the Kansas resource guide.
 - Heard from Greg Kindle of the WYCO Economic Development Council and how they are getting access to employers to talk about retaining and attracting talent in WYCO. The team reviewed a new draft of the workplace policy. Recommendations. The group worked on a template for an employee survey.
 - Raising Awareness/Public Engagement:
 - The Raising Awareness Workgroup met and discussed upcoming trainings to LHDs and Safety Net Clinics across the state around ACES and TISC.
 - The group continued planning around creating family friendly work environments and continued planning for the November 7 Institute.
- The Steering Committee met multiple times with the following focuses:
 - The Steering Committee hosted a panel discussion from the Department of Education, KDADS and KDHE. The Social Network Analysis Report was also reviewed.
 - The Steering Committee reviewed the Essentials for Childhood Work Plan and had presentations from the Department of Commerce and the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund.
- The Leadership Team met multiple times to determine items for Steering Committee meetings and other issues regarding support and direction for the initiative.
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- Various representatives of the K-PoP Leadership Team participated in CDC Essentials TA calls.
- Representatives of K-PoP Leadership Team attended the CDC reverse site-visit for Essentials grantees/non-funded states.
- K-PoP secured letters of support for their application for CDC Essentials for Childhood grant from state leaders such as Secretary of DCF, Executive Director of Kansas Children's Cabinet, Executive Director of Business and Innovation for the KS Department of Commerce, Executive Director of KCSL, Vice President of WSU's Office of Research and Technology Transfer, Governor Jeff Colyer, etc.
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- K-PoP applied for and received the CDC Essentials for Childhood funding.
- K-PoP applied for the CDC Essential for Childhood ISAC supplement for prevention of opioid misuse/overdose.
- Orientation was provided to a number of new Steering Committee members.

Initial Outcomes

Organizational Change: New practices within the coalition to enhance functioning or increase capacity to do its work. **A total of five (5) organizational changes were accomplished between 9/21/17 to 12/31/18.**

- New partnerships or new members this year include:
 - Kansas Department of Commerce
 - Kansas Prevention Collaborative
 - Kansas Department of Education
 - Children's Advocacy Centers
 - United Methodist Health Ministries Fund

Media Coverage: Activities that help create awareness of the initiative and the issue through coverage in various media outlets. **A total of 12 media coverage activities were completed from 9/21/17 to 12/31/18.** These activities included:

- The Children's Alliance of Kansas wrote a letter to all members of the newly formed Child Welfare Task Force urging a focus on prevention in order to create safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. The letter was signed by 9 member agencies and 5 partner groups and submitted to the Topeka-Capitol Journal.
- WTAE, the ABC Affiliate TV Station in Pittsburgh, PA interviewed the Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention Leadership members (16 people in all) for a

- documentary on effective efforts to combat increasing child fatalities, which Wichita experienced in 2008 and Pittsburgh was currently experiencing.
- Vicky Roper was interviewed by the Wichita CBS affiliate, KWCH, about a child abuse fatality in Greenwood County. She delivered CDC messages about SSNREs.
 - Kansas Children's Service League used social norms talking points when interviewed regarding a Greenwood County child abuse fatality. KWCH TV produced a print version of the news report and aired a video version.
 - KASB Newsmakers recorded a video where Scott Rothschild sits down with Sharon Frankenbery, LeEtta Felter and Christie Appelhanz, three members of the School Mental Health Advisory Committee to talk about current issues with mental health and Kansas schools. Christie Appelhanz talked about children traumatized by adverse childhood experiences need extra support to succeed in school. The video is available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqzEe1vk98o>
 - KAKE TV News covered Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention's Safe Haven campaign and shared information about the law and how it prevents child abuse.
 - KNSS radio covered Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention's Safe Haven campaign and shared information about the law and how it prevents child abuse before it ever happens. <https://knss.radio.com/articles/safe-haven-awareness-campaign>
 - Lily Wu, a KAKE News reporter, tweeted about the Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention Safe Haven campaign launch.
 - The Wichita Moms Blog posted a story on Infant Safety that included sleep safety. <https://wichita.citymomsblog.com/babies/safety-infancy-0-12-months/>
 - The Wichita Eagle reported on the rise in rates of Kansas infant death from asphyxia. The coverage included prevention messages about the dangers of co-sleeping. <https://www.kansas.com/news/politics-government/article219431710.html>
 - The Wichita Eagle published an op-ed from Coalition member Pam Shaw advocating for action on Family First, the prevention of children entering foster care <https://www.kansas.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article221640915.html>

Intermediate Outcomes

Community Action: Actions taken among coalition members toward the common agenda that are designed to result in significant community changes (changes in policy, practice or procedure). **One (1) community action has been achieved between 9/21/17 to 12/31/18.**

The community action was:

- Vicky Roper discussed the need for increased legislative funding for the Kansas Preschool Program with Amanda Gress, Kansas Action for Children Partners for Early Success Coordinator and Anne Elliott, Pittsburg Family Resource Center. She also met with Annie McKay, Kansas Action for Children Director, to address perceived legislative barriers to increased funding for Kansas Pre-School Program. Annie influenced increased funding beyond that time. Secured 4.2 million from TANF and 4.2 million from CIF.

Long-Term Outcomes

Community Change: Significant changes in policy, practice or procedure, typically at an organizational or community/system level. Community changes are considered to be the most significant accomplishments because they indicate movement that should ultimately impact the social issue on which the group is focused (i.e., ACES, child welfare, etc). Consequently, community changes are difficult and typically take considerable time to achieve. **Between 9/21/17 and 12/31/18, five (5) community changes were achieved by K-POP.** They were as follows:

- Gov. Jeff Colyer signed an executive order that will expand parental leave for state employees. The order provides for employees "under the jurisdiction of the governor" to be eligible for fully paid parental leave following the birth or adoption of a child. Primary caregivers can receive six weeks of paid leave and secondary caregivers three weeks.
- KSDE launched the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Tool that collects Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional screens. This opportunity will provide each district with Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Core training and materials, including ASQ-3 and ASQ: SE-2 Starter Kits, Learning Activities, and additional professional development.
- The Kansas legislature amended the DCF SFY 2018 budget to include \$3 million of the federal TANF block grant as a sole source grant to expand KCSL's HFA model of home visitation services. an additional 350 at-risk children will be served.
- Help Me Grow has selected 3 initial communities for their project of identifying children at risk for developmental and/or behavioral problems and linking them to developmental and behavioral services and supports.
- On Feb. 09, 2018, Congress passed the bipartisan spending bill which reauthorizes funding for the bipartisan-supported Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. President Trump has signed the bill. Five of the six Kansas delegation voted in favor.

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Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute is dedicated to improving the health of Kansans through leadership development, research and evaluation, organizational capacity building, community collaboration, and public health and behavioral health initiatives. The Community Engagement Institute maintains six Centers with skilled staff that work directly with community coalitions, nonprofits, government entities, health and human services organizations, and support groups. The Centers are:

- Center for Applied Research and Evaluation
- Center for Behavioral Health Initiatives
- Center for Leadership Development
- Center for Organizational Development and Collaboration
- Center for Public Health Initiatives
- *IMPACT* Center