

Program Maternal and Child Health	Program Supervisor Nancy Jorn, MN, ARNP	FTE's Assigned 3.9																				
Program Description Maternal Child Health programs provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education, support, and care coordination for at-risk childbearing families. • Goal planning and case management for teen parents. • Family-based sexuality education. • Collaboration with community partners to coordinate and enhance services for families. 																						
Program Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the incidence of premature and low birth weight infants and the associated medical / societal costs. • Help teen mothers and fathers complete high school prior to a subsequent pregnancy. • Promote healthy parenting of young children and family well-being through education and collaboration. • Prepare young people to make healthy decisions about sexuality. 																						
2006 Program Assessment <table border="1" data-bbox="284 682 1372 871"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Health Department¹</th> <th>Douglas County²</th> <th>Kansas²</th> <th>Federal Goal^{2,3}</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>• Teen pregnancy rate (# /1,000 10-19 year olds):</td> <td></td> <td>18.3</td> <td>26.7</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Premature births</td> <td>8.9%</td> <td>8.7%</td> <td>9.5%</td> <td>7.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Low birth weight</td> <td>5.4%</td> <td>6.4%</td> <td>7.2%</td> <td>5.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability of teen mothers to delay a subsequent pregnancy while still a teen: 7.6% of SFY 2006 program participants had a repeat pregnancy during their enrollment. Nearly 25% of teen mothers nationally have a second birth while still a teen. <p>1 – A high risk population. 2 – General population 3 – U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Healthy People 2010</p>				Health Department ¹	Douglas County ²	Kansas ²	Federal Goal ^{2,3}	• Teen pregnancy rate (# /1,000 10-19 year olds):		18.3	26.7		• Premature births	8.9%	8.7%	9.5%	7.6%	• Low birth weight	5.4%	6.4%	7.2%	5.0%
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Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 2006 Program Expenditures \$259,486	Partner Agencies Success By 6 Coalition; Latino Community Coalition, Douglas County medical community; school nurses; Tiny-K Early Intervention Services; Parents as Teachers programs, Health Care Access Clinic, SRS, KDHE, Lawrence Memorial Hospital. City-County Service Distribution Services are provided at the Health Department and at home visits throughout Douglas County. On average, 85-90% of families served each year live within the Lawrence city limits.																					
Program Impact Story <p>Susan didn't plan to become pregnant at 15. When it happened, her school counselor referred her to the Health Department. Living in a chaotic home with substance abusing parents made staying in school difficult, but with support from her public health nurse, Susan and her partner Max persevered. Baby Ethan was born prematurely, remained in neonatal intensive care for several months, and was still tiny when he came home. The nurse taught Susan and Max how to care for him and helped them find the special services he needed.</p> <p>With the help of the public health nurse over time, Susan and Max set goals for their future: work to cover their son's expenses; finish high school; get training for better jobs; move out on their own; and raise a healthy child. While living with their parents, working for minimum wage and caring for Ethan, they each completed high school and technical training. When stress affected their relationship, the nurse helped them obtain counseling. Eventually, they moved to their own home and began supporting themselves and Ethan. With the nurse's help, they arranged for Ethan to attend a high quality preschool and despite his early difficulties, he entered school as a healthy, normally developing 5-year-old.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Names have been changed.</i></p>																						