CHILDREN'S HEALTH CAPSTONE PROJECTS

CORE ACTIVITIES	PROJECT OUTPUT	PROJECT OUTCOMES/IMPACT	LONG-TERM OUTCOMES/IMPACT
Policy capstone projects	Development and adoption of state statute protecting the right to public breastfeeding	• Developed legal/health practice team for nursing rights bill development • Introduced bill (HB 2284) to state legislature	Passage into law in March 2006; guarantees rights of nursing mothers to feed as needed for child's health
	Planning/implementation of leadership summit for healthy, prepared schools	• KHF funding secured for state summit • 30 leaders convened to discuss needs • Capstone team wrote up summit's report of recommendations to Governor, incl. a new commission	Gov. created cross-agency Commission for Healthy and Prepared Schools (EO 06-12); capstone team serves as chair and members
	Development of standardized training for non-social work personnel who license foster homes for child placement	• Developed compliance handbook and certification process • Four additional positions approved for regional supervisors of licensing staff	Expanded staff and competency-based training; faster/more consistent licensing
	Survey of care providers' familiarity with child injury prevention campaigns	• Quantitative data collection on knowledge and attitudes about injury prevention campaigns • Qualitative data collection on primary prevention methods	Identification of knowledge and training gaps; can be used to develop effective messages and training
	Creation of developmental educational tool for care providers in a low-income county	• Distributed tool to care providers in initial training and annually afterwards • Distributed through community groups and workshops	More nourished and active preschool children; elimination of preschool learning disparities by SES
	Behavioral health data analysis for children and adolescents	• KS and US behavioral health data from 2003 survey analyzed and stratified for prevalence and baselines of conditions • State disparity areas identified	Disparities can be targeted; intervention effectiveness can be gauged against baseline
Assessment capstone projects	Longitudinal analysis of rural children's BMI data	• BMI data for all schools in rural county • Comparative analysis of students' BMI at age 5/6 and age 11 • Schools given county wide and school data on overweight rates/risk factors	Results used for school wellness planning; increased collaboration with community agencies for student health improvement
	Development of a walkability assessment and exercise program for school-age children	• Developed community partnerships for program implementation • Summer and after -school exercise programs reaching >50 children to date • Children analyze built environment and recommend improvements	Increases in youth physical activity; increases in youth self-efficacy to be active. Four year project
	Community recruitment and expanded programming for county fatherhood coalition	• Received grant funding for fatherhood support group leader • Formed task force of agency and community leaders	MOUs for service provisions with community agencies; increased presence of fathers for social/emotional development
	Survey of health professionals' knowledge and use of *Bright Futures* curriculum	• Data collection on knowledge, attitudes, and intentions • Developed improved training and promotion of *Bright Futures*	Wider implementation of evidence-based health promotion framework; statewide standard of care
	Resource assessment and survey for care transitions of youth with special health care needs	• Resources, models, and best practices collected and analyzed • Kansas YSCHN surveyed re: health care transition services and needs	Evidence-based recommendations developed for YSHCN caregivers
	Implementation of coordinated school health (CSH) project in rural, low-income county	• Community/staff buy-in ensured • Services developed for rural, low-income population, including family counseling, year-round school meals	Improved community resources/nutrition; increased on-task learning. Published in Journal of School Health
	Integration of oral health services into local health department services	• Incorporation of oral health into educational programs • Successful application for grant support of no-cost dental services	Increased access to oral health services in rural community
Assurance capstone projects	Development of integrated CSH communication model	• Developed new, detailed model for CSH communication • Piloted new model with 14 districts	Increased involvement of community partners and resources; more effective CSH programming