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Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition Awards Grants to Support Breastfeeding in Kansas

MANHATTAN, Kan., June 9, 2021 – With a goal of supporting breastfeeding families throughout Kansas, five local breastfeeding coalitions received funding totaling over \$6,400 from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC) Capacity Grant Initiative.

The following local breastfeeding coalitions received funding from the KBC:

- African-American Breastfeeding Coalition of Wyandotte County
- Ford County Breastfeeding Coalition
- Kaw Area Breastfeeding Coalition
- Mitchell County Breastfeeding Coalition
- Wichita Area Breastfeeding Coalition

Breastfeeding provides immediate and lifelong nutrition and health benefits for mother and child, as well as larger economic, environmental and social benefits to families and communities. It is estimated suboptimal breastfeeding rates are costing Kansas \$26 million each year in medical costs alone.

“Over 90% of families in Kansas choose to breastfeed,” said Stephanie Rupnicki, Chair of the KBC Board of Directors. “Breastfeeding is important to the health and wellbeing of both the mother and the child, and we are excited to work with these local coalitions to build communities where families can be supported in their decision to breastfeed.”

If Kansas is to realize the long-term benefits of breastfeeding, communities need to work together. All grantees will work in coordination with health care systems, health care providers, public health professionals and community efforts.

ABOUT THE KANSAS BREASTFEEDING COALITION

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC) is a state-wide nonprofit organization. With a mission to improve the health and well-being of Kansans by working collaboratively to promote, protect and support breastfeeding, KBC envisions a state where breastfeeding is normal and supported. To achieve this, KBC focuses its work on improving policies, systems and environments to remove barriers to breastfeeding.

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Mission To improve the health and well-being of Kansans by working collaboratively to promote, protect and support breastfeeding.
Vision Breastfeeding is normal and supported throughout Kansas.