2024 Impact Report





August Proclaimed Kansas Breastfeeding Month

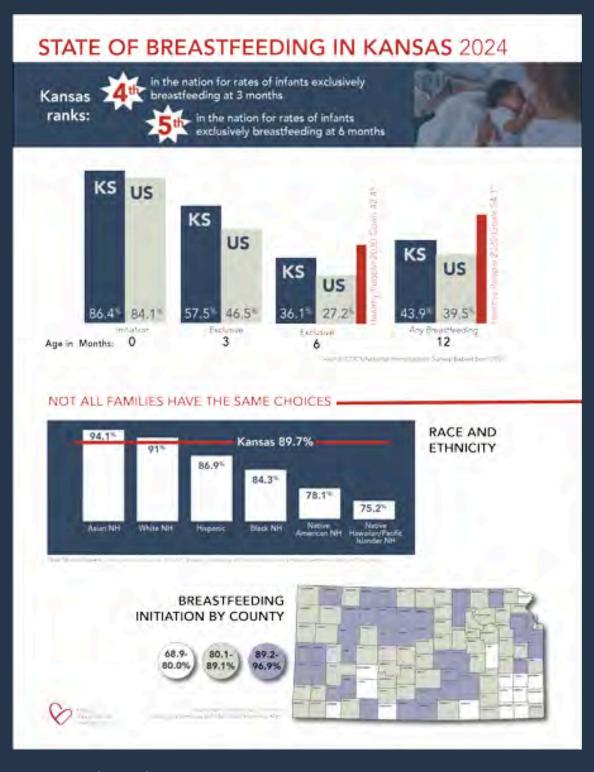


Pictured from left to right: Jeff Usher (Kansas Health Foundation), Amanda Peterson (Kansas State Depart. of Education), Heather Braum (Kansas Action for Children), Stephanne Rupnicki (KBC Board), Mandy Chapin (KBC Board), Governor Laura Kelly, Danica Pelzel (Kansas Depart. of Health and Environment), Trini Murguia (U.S. Depart. Of Labor), Amy Trollinger (KBC Staff), Diana Lady (former KBC Board)

New Website Launched



Issued 2024 State of Breastfeeding Report



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Scholarships Awarded to Build a Diverse Lactation Workforce

The Becoming program for aspiring lactation support providers was introduced in 2024 to increase the number of breastfeeding peer counselors, certified breastfeeding counselors, and International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) available to provide culturally congruent breastfeeding support and clinical care in Kansas.

Scholarships will again be awarded in 2025 with the application process starting in the Spring.

Congratulations 2024 Recipients!



Yahaira Dominguez



Alexis Whorton



Joy Barnes



Epiphany Crawford



Carmen Valverde



Dominique Lewis



Suzanne Sullivan



Brittany Frishman



Casey Lyons



Jaiden Vela



Lisa Pettit-Green



The KBC Road Trip July 2024

42 Meals 224 People 2,395 Miles









What we learned along the way:

- Kansas has lost too many lactation support providers since the pandemic.
- Kansas is becoming more racially and ethnically diverse.
- Families are not using the traditional breastfeeding support services they once used before the pandemic.





The **2024** Kansas Breastfeeding Conference



The 2024 conference was the biggest and best to date! KBC hosted 207 attendees in Wichita. More than 40 people attended the free pre-conference anti-racism workshop and a <u>screening of "BF,"</u> an original science-fiction film about breastfeeding.

Mark your calendar for October 16-17, 2025 for the next conference at the same location.









2024 in Numbers

- Coalition Mini-Grants Awarded
- **12** Milk Messenger e-newsletters
 - **8** Exhibits
- **20** Breastfeeding 201 Participants
- **26** Participants for the In-person Skills Day Nov. 8th
- **38** Presentations
- **40** Breastfeeding 101 Participants
- **125** Hospital Skills Days Participants in 5 locations
- **576** Child Care Providers Trained

DESIGNATIONS

- **21** Breastfeeding Employee Support Awards
 - 8 Breastfeeding-Friendly Local Health Departments
 - 2 Breastfeeding-Friendly Child Care Providers
 - 1 Community Supporting Breastfeeding Plus for Ford County!



How Are We Doing?

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