

## **WOMEN, INFANT, & CHILDREN (WIC)/IMMUNIZATION COLLABORATION PROJECT**

### **PROGRAM PURPOSE**

The purpose of this grant program is to expand existing collaboration between Women Infant and Children programs and immunization services with specific interventions designed to improve immunization rates by providing vaccination services onsite or referring WIC eligible children for immunization services in their medical home.

### **GRANT BACKGROUND**

In 2005, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Immunizations noted: "A regular schedule of immunizations is recommended for children from birth to two years of age, which coincides with the period in which many low-income children participate in the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC). Studies have found significantly improved rates of childhood immunization and of having a regular source of medical care associated with WIC participation." Beginning in 2003, the Kansas Immunization Program provided federal funding for a Medicaid Immunization Linkage project in Sedgwick County. That project dramatically increased rates. In conjunction with the Governor's Panel recommendations, in 2004 the project was expanded to four counties designated by the program targeting the largest WIC service areas with the lowest immunization rates (Ford, Finney and Wyandotte LHDs). In 2008, the program expanded to include four more counties as a result of a state appropriation for WIC-Immunization linkage services (Cherokee, Saline, Seward and Shawnee LHDs). There are now 8 counties funded for the project.

### **FUNDING**

- A. Availability - Grant awards will be distributed on SFY 2015 Aid to Local Appropriations. This is not a competitive application opportunity. Applications for funding are solicited from Cherokee, Finney, Ford, Saline, Seward, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte LHDs. Awards will be made with available funding from the State General Fund (up to \$200,000) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Grant (up to \$165,000).
- B. At this time, a match is not required for the WIC Collaboration Project Grant.
- C. Funds may not be used to supplant or replace existing agency funding sources.
- D. Funds may not to be used for license/maintenance fees for systems for immunization information documentation

### **SPECIFIC PROGRAM INFORMATION**

- a. Application--Follow the KDHE "SFY 2015 Grant Application Guidance," and complete the Program Request and Detailed Budget forms.
- b. SFY 2015 Objectives – Applications will demonstrate strategies to accomplish the following objectives:
  - Objective I: Demonstrate that the WIC staff can interpret the ACIP Childhood recommended and minimum interval schedule.
    - a) Immunization assessment and education will be provided at each WIC encounter until the child is fully immunized. Assessment will include a review of the vaccinations that are coming due or overdue.
  - Objective II: Electronically document immunization records for WIC clients in the Kansas immunization registry (KSWebIZ) via electronic interface with PHClinic (Cherokee, Ford, Saline, Seward and Sedgwick, Shawnee) or Netsmart Insight (Finney and Wyandotte).
  - Objective III: Follow-up on referrals made for needed immunizations.

Objective IV: Increase immunization coverage of WIC eligible children

- a) Evaluation of immunization coverage rates of children that receive WIC services by performing CoCASA assessment on a quarterly basis.
- b) Perform reminder/recall for WIC children due or past due for immunizations.
- c) Coordinate with the immunization staff to participate in incentive projects to ensure that WIC eligible children are age appropriately vaccinated.

c. Priorities

- 1) Applications will be solicited from targeted counties.
- 2) Applications will be considered for funding based on implementation of strategies, documentation of objectives completion for the previous project period and on availability of fund.

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