Critical congenital heart defects (CCHDs) account for nearly 30% of infant deaths due to birth defects. Babies with CCHDs usually require surgery or catheter intervention in the first year of life. The earlier a baby is diagnosed and receiving treatment, the better the outcomes. Early screening is a life-saving public health initiative.

Do you have a story to tell about an infant with a CCHD? We would love to hear from you & share your story. We need your help to get more babies screened for CCHD. Find out more at www.kdheks.gov/Newborn_Screening

KDHE’s Newborn Screening Program has teamed up with the Kansas Hospital Association, the American Heart Association, March of Dimes and other partners to bring awareness to CCHD screening.