

WHAT DOES LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH LOOK LIKE IN KANSAS?

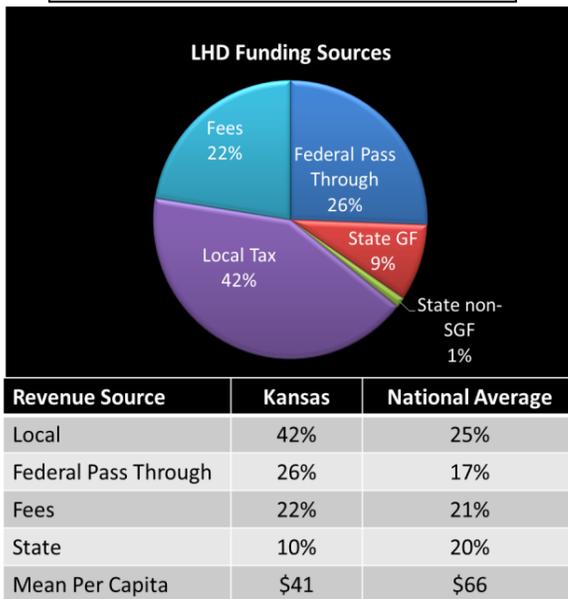
Local Public Health in Kansas:

- Isn't providing comprehensive medical care; it is promoting health and empowering individuals to solve health problems.
- Isn't the treatment of disease; it is investigating the source of the disease and identifying community health challenges.
- Isn't simply distributing vouchers for healthy food; it is monitoring children for growth, development and nutritional status.
- Isn't just testing water and air; it is protecting health and insuring safety for all Kansans.
- Isn't one answer or one viewpoint; it's mobilizing community partnerships to collectively identify and solve health problems.
- Isn't just responding to a disaster; it is preparing, educating and supporting communities.
- Isn't resting on the past 150 years of history; it is looking for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

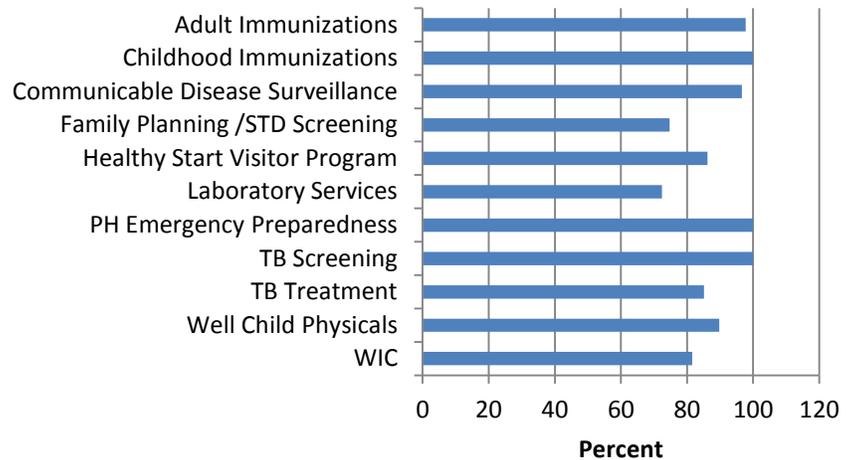
Who is Local Public Health in Kansas?*

- ❖ 100 Local Health Departments (LHDs) serve all 105 Kansas counties, governed by local Boards of Health or County Commissions;
- ❖ 73% of the county health departments have fewer than 10 employees (not including home health);
- ❖ 31 % of the local health departments have fewer than 5 employees.
- ❖ Only 5 LHDs have more than 50 employees

Public Health Funding in Kansas**



Most Common Programs Provided by LHDs in Kansas *



On the Horizon - National Public Health Accreditation

This is an opportunity for local agencies and for KDHE, the state public health agency, to provide a means for public health departments to identify performance improvement opportunities, enhance management, develop leadership, and strengthen relationships with members of the community.

74% of Kansas LHDs are considering applying for national accreditation, either solo or with regional partners*

*Responses collected via fall, 2011 Survey by KDHE Office of Local Public Health
 ** Data source – Kansas Association of Local Health Departments