

Community Action Lab Awardees

Community Action Labs are an opportunity to act on the patterns and themes uncovered by the experiences shared through the Kansas Early Childhood Systems Building effort and the Our Tomorrows SenseMaker® tool. Community Action Labs will look different in each community and region based on collaboration with local partners. Below is a list of those who received Community Action Lab awards. See what changes are ahead for these communities!

Awardee

RECIPIENT

Kansas Deaf-Blind Project (Kansas State School for the Blind)

ACTIONABLE Resource Packets to Medical Providers for Families (Low Incidence Disabilities)

LOCATION State-wide

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★ WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

What quick, local, and inexpensive Actionable would you like to try?

Develop a resource packet to area hospitals and medical providers to share with families who have children with low incidence disabilities (e.g., blind, visual impairment, Charge Syndrome, combined hearing & vision loss, Usher Syndrome).

The packet includes, but is not limited to, information about the disability, local resources, national organizations, networking opportunities, support groups, and motivational quotes such as “Feel Good,” “Welcome to Holland,” etc.

★ WHO DO YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH

Who do you want to participate in your Actionable? Who could you partner with?

Area hospitals, KS Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians, and KDHE/ Special Health Care Needs

★ **WHY DO YOU WANT TO DO IT**

*What part of hearing family experience in Our Tomorrows inspired your Actionable?
Was it a specific story, a conversation in a Sensemaking Workshop, seeing the data?*

To increase awareness of available resources to families who get a rare diagnosis for their newborn so they don't feel isolated or lost in the community. This actionable will support families as they transition from medical settings to their homes and communities.

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RECIPIENT

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

ACTIONABLE Breastfeeding in ECE Curriculum

LOCATION State-wide

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★ **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?**

What quick, local, and inexpensive Actionable would you like to try?

Integrate standard 2 hour curriculum that KBC has into state ECE Associates and Bachelor's Programs' curricula to cover basic breastfeeding support information, to include state and federal regulatory ECE guidelines for the storage and handling of breast milk. Information would also include how to support the breastfeeding family.

★ **WHO DO YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH**

Who do you want to participate in your Actionable? Who could you partner with?

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition Child Care Section, KCCTO, Child Care Aware of KS, Board of Regents, college and university faculty and staff, KDHE Child Care Licensing

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Building our ECE workforce to meet the needs of families. 90% of families in KS choose to breastfeed. ECE providers need to be knowledgeable about how to support them. There is a two generation gap in lost breastfeeding knowledge. The aging ECE provider workforce may not have received training on how to store and handle breastfeeding and how to support breastfeeding families.

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RECIPIENT

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

ACTIONABLE Family Nurture Tents at Local Events

LOCATION State-wide

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★ **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?**

What quick, local, and inexpensive Actionable would you like to try?

Provide a tent at local county fairs and festivals where families could rest with their young children and babies. The tent would provide a changing table, privacy for breastfeeding and pumping and educational resources about local family support, including breastfeeding support information. Water and snacks could be provided if funding allowed.

★ **WHO DO YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH**

Who do you want to participate in your Actionable? Who could you partner with?

Local health departments, WIC, local home visiting programs, breastfeeding coalitions, Northeast KS Breastfeeding Coalition (ready to join), Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (has examples and tools from other breastfeeding coalitions who have done this). This has been a successful project in multiple counties - ready to expand into Northeast Kansas.

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Not knowing about resources - Navigation. Creating family-friendly environment and spaces for families with children of multiple ages (older children and infants). Tent becomes a resource space for integration of services and collaboration across agencies and programs.