

2023-2024 Annual Report



Reporting Dates

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



IKC Supports Immunizations During Advocacy Day at the Capitol

*“IKC continues to find innovative
ways to reach our communities
and educate them.”*

Executive Director Honored with Equity in Immunization Award at National Conference

*“I am inspired to continue to
share and be a catalyst for change.”*

IKC to Host First Spanish Language-Predominant Conference for Women’s Health in Kansas City

*“We had over 275 women attend to be able to get
some of these answers to questions they may have
had or just be validated,”*

The National Network of Immunization Coalitions highlights Immunize Kansas Coalition

IKC Works to Identify, Understand, and Meet Diverse Needs Surrounding Vaccinations in Southwest Kansas

About Us

Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC) is a group of dozens of organizations and hundreds of individuals with diverse perspectives - healthcare providers, health departments, researchers, healthcare payers, advocacy groups, nonprofits, school nurses, community members, parents, and more - all working together to improve vaccination rates and protect Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.



Mission

Working together to protect all Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vision Statement

To protect all Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases by working with communities to ensure equitable vaccine access for all people. To be the trusted resource for evidence-based information to support immunization decision-making for individuals, families, and policymakers.

Priority Areas

- Strengthening vaccine confidence through education, awareness, and partnerships with trusted community sources.
- Increasing child, adolescent, and adult vaccination rates and vaccine access, with a particular focus on gaps in a current community.
- Health Equity

Letter From The Executive Director

Geovannie Gone,
LMAC, MPH



**“Teamwork
makes the dream
work.”**

The last year has been a period of remarkable progress and resilience. The success we have witnessed is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our team and board of directors' commitment to further IKC's mission, the collaborative spirit of our partners, and the tireless efforts of IKC's members involved. IKC's work has not only made a significant impact locally, but has also gained national attention, highlighting the importance and effectiveness of our initiatives.

Additionally, our coalition's work has been instrumental in building trust within our communities, thanks to IKC's Community Health Specialists. By engaging with local leaders, healthcare providers, and community organizations, we have created a network of trusted voices advocating for immunizations. This grassroots approach has been crucial in overcoming vaccine hesitancy and ensuring our message resonates with diverse populations.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to building on this momentum. The challenges of vaccine education are ongoing, and we must continue to innovate and adapt to meet the evolving needs within our community. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of our coalition over the past year. Your dedication and passion have made a profound difference, and together, we have set a standard of excellence that will inspire others.

Sincerely,

Geovannie Gone



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Reaching Kansans with Immunization Information Online

Relevant and trusted resources for vaccine information and education

The IKC website and social media outlets are trusted resources for vaccine education and information for healthcare providers, health educators, families, and more. To reach a wide range of audiences, IKC strives to create inclusive content that resonates with all Kansans, emphasizing health equity. IKC staff research, update, and curate content to maintain and produce relevant, and reliable online resources.

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) and Back to School Campaign Results

11,625 Digital Reach of Campaign

37 Campaign Resources Created

3,391 Highest Reached Post on Facebook

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Campaign Spotlight: National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) and Back to School

To ring in the school year and emphasize the importance of back-to-school and routine immunizations for the whole family, IKC created their NIAM/Back to School landing page. The webpage served as a one stop spot for educational campaigns, messaging guides, and flyers.

IKC's NIAM/Back-to-School campaign consisted of vibrant graphics with messaging focused on children, college students, and older adults! Printable flyers were also made available in English and Spanish for partners to utilize at back-to-school events and fairs.

IKC also collaborated with National Partner, Voices for Vaccines by using their NIAM campaign toolkit. To reach the diverse communities across the state of Kansas, we translated graphics and captions into Spanish and Arabic.



Childhood Immunizations: The Moral Choice... Learning about Medical and Religious Exemptions

The webinar held in late November spurred interest among many with 92 unique attendees, and the recording was available to all 175 webinar registrants and others! Designed to introduce, explain, and answer questions about medical and religious exemptions, attendees learned from key panelists within the fields of public health, healthcare, and ministry.

The event was promoted on our event webpage, through emails to IKC listservs and immunization partners, social media posts and ads, and at community events. These promotional efforts were able to reach 4,374 individuals across the state!

A big shout-out to our webinar partners: Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Kansas Interfaith Action.

The graphic is a promotional poster for a live webinar. At the top, it features a collage of diverse people. Below this, the title 'Childhood Immunizations: The Moral Choice... Learning About Religious and Medical Exemptions' is prominently displayed. Logos for 'IMMUNIZE KANSAS COALITION', 'KANSAS CHAPTER American Academy of Pediatrics', and 'KANSAS INTERFAITH ACTION' are visible. The event details specify it is a 'LIVE WEBINAR' on 'Tuesday, November 14th, 12:00-1:00 p.m.' via 'zoom'. A 'Register on Zoom' link is provided as 'bit.ly/IKCExemptionsWebinar'. A 'Panelists' section lists three speakers: Andrea May, MPH (Advanced Epidemiologist, Kansas Department of Health and Environment), Gretchen Homan, MD, FAAP (President of the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Chair of the IKC board from 2018-2021), and Rev. Dr. Annie Ricker (Board Chair of Kansas Interfaith Action and a clergy member of the United Methodist Church). A note at the bottom states 'Spanish interpretation available.'

118,618 Reached through social media

7,673 Digital resources
downloaded by users

16 New YouTube
videos added to
the IKC channel

1,548,700
Reached through **Pediatric Health
Radio PSA** in collaboration with Pfizer

Followers:

1,209 Facebook

405 Instagram

495 X

308 LinkedIn

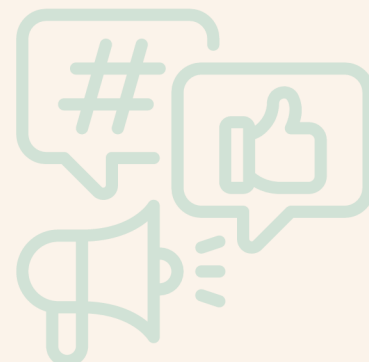
Website:

Visits: 96,704

Unique Visitors: 22,007

Most Viewed Page:

**Vaccine Fears Overturned
by Facts with 9,047 views**

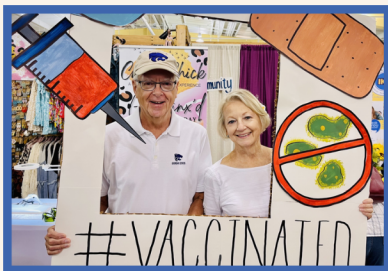


Reaching Kansas Communities with In-Person Interaction

Infusing vaccine education and access into local communities to improve vaccination equity



To strengthen relationships at the community level, IKC'S Community Health Specialists (CHS): Leonor Ramos, Lucy Watie, Marixendra Alvarez, and Patricia Fierro provide grassroots educational outreach in Southwest KS, Wichita, and Kansas City, KS. As we found the need for additional access and equity in different regions across the state, our CHSs now cover 18 counties in Kansas and will continue to expand this upcoming fiscal year.



Each Community Health Specialist has a unique way of connecting with the most vulnerable within their communities and building partnerships to reach them. They seek to educate seniors, children in schools, young adults at the college level, local workers in the meat packing plants, and those in underserved communities.



Connecting with Seniors at Community Centers

Community Health Specialist, Lucy Watie, has built a large partnership with the senior centers in her region. The Grant County Senior Center in Ulysses and Kearny County Senior Center are among her biggest supporters and always look forward to the presentations she provides. Lucy shared, "Our elders have done so much for us, and it is up to us to return the favor to them. As we get older, our immune systems weaken and we become more vulnerable. It's important to educate and address any misinformation, concerns, and questions they may have."

Esther Walker, a member of the Grant County Senior Center, participated in a letter activity to lawmakers for IKC Advocacy Day. Acknowledging her experience with having a vaccine-preventable disease, she shared, "When I was 3 years old, my 8-year-old sister and I had red measles. We stayed in a darkened room in our grandparents' home in town. I don't remember feeling ill, but I was not a child who liked to be confined! A humorous thing I did later was I got red lipstick and put red circles on the face of my cloth doll, exclaiming, "Mee-mo! Mee-mo!" as I gave her the measles. Now, an MMR shot would make that unnecessary. Another disease that vaccination would have taken care of was the mumps that my sister got! She was pretty sick."



Taking Action in Kansas Schools - USD 259

In July of 2023, Community Health Specialist, Marixendra Alvarez participated in two back-to-school events with Wichita Public Schools. The first, held in early July, was an opportunity to bring vaccine resources and education to parents and children with over 500 people in attendance! IKC came back later that month during USD 259's vaccine clinic for students in pre-k through 12th grade. At the event, Marixendra provided a presentation on immunizations and their importance. To bridge the gap in vaccine access, Sedgwick County Health Department provided immunizations on-site. The event was a hit with 600 people in attendance.



Through Community Health Specialists...

642

New Partnerships
Created



+ 1,984

New Contacts

Through events and
outreach connected
with Kansans from all

105

 Kansas
counties

315

 Total
Community
Events

1,107

Educational
Opportunities
Given



Exhibited for

330,000

People at the Kansas
State Fair

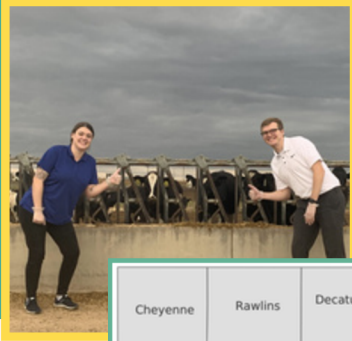


*Data based on Community Health Specialist event and activity reporting.
Some totals include average attendance at events with significant IKC presence.*

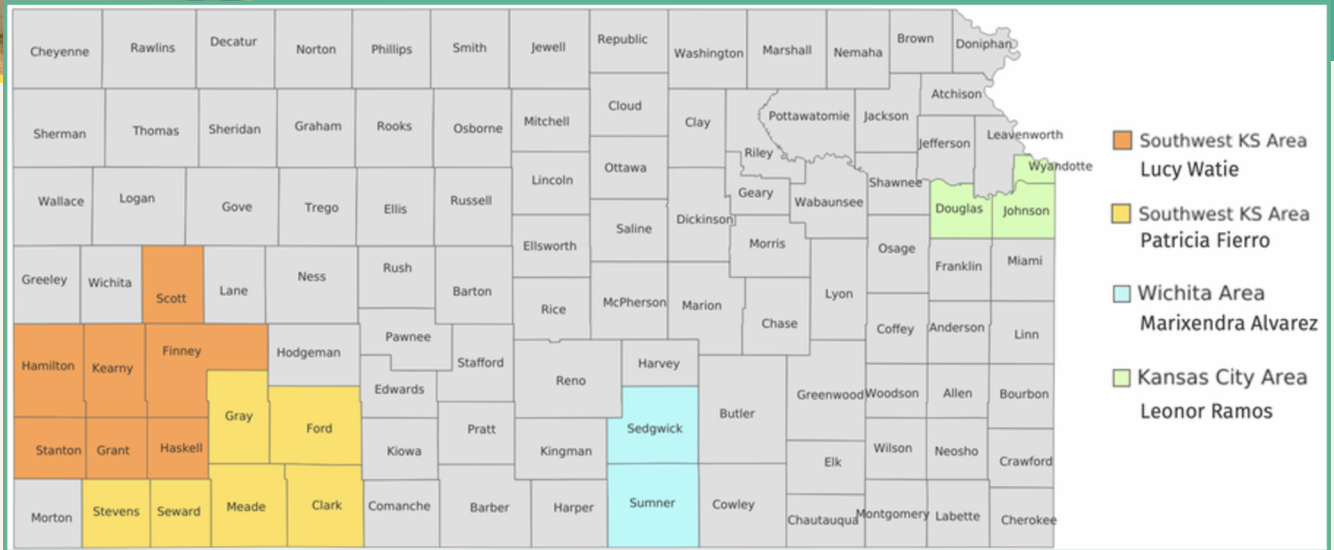
Partnering with Walgreens Pharmacy and Local Workplaces



Community Health Specialist, Patricia Fierro connected with the local Walgreens in Liberal, KS to host a mobile vaccine clinic. Seeking out those who were uninsured or underinsured, Patricia contacted the business owner of R&E Tire Shop, LLC, and the manager of Heifer Source Dairy to encourage their participation in a vaccine clinic at their workplace. Both employers were excited about the event as it would not only be convenient for their employees, but also prepare them for the upcoming flu season.



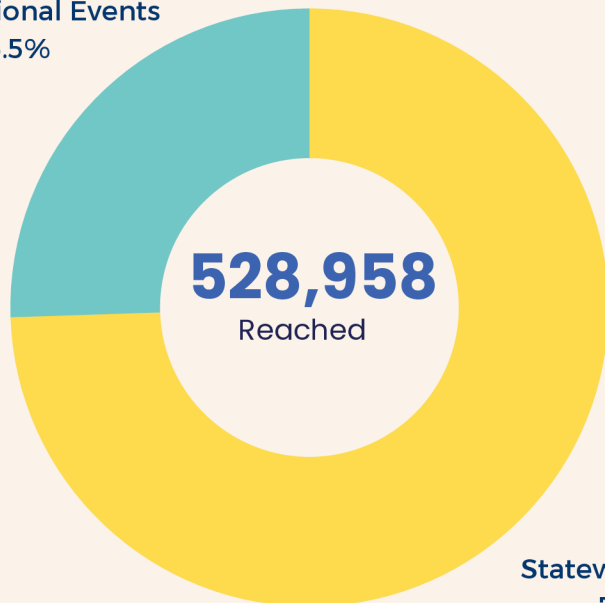
Working in collaboration, Walgreens and IKC vaccinated 35 employees at both mobile vaccine clinics that possibly would not have received their vaccinations due to their work schedules.



Total Reach of In-Person Events

- Statewide Events
- Local/Regional Events

Local/Regional Events
25.5%



Statewide Events
74.5%



VACCINATE YOUR FAMILY

The Next Generation of Every Child By Two

Engaging in Vaccine Confidence Workshops

IKC was the first state to pilot the Vaccination Community Navigator Trainings: a new program created by national partners, Vaccinate Your Family (VYF). This spring, Immunize Kansas Coalition's Community Health Specialists connected and trained community members across the state.

Trainings featured different education modules, highlighting key concepts to enhance knowledge of vaccines, ultimately building confidence among participants.



Attendees of the trainings left enthused as they strengthened their knowledge of vaccines, learned how to encourage vaccination in their communities, and were taught locations to navigate people for vaccination services.

10 Vaccination Community Navigator Trainings

140 People trained as Vaccine Community Navigators



I am so thankful for the tremendous support in education IKC has provided to KCSL case managers, community health workers, and others in different departments. We all serve different communities in Sedgwick County.

Rosa Cisneros
Bilingual Advocate and
Coordinator of Prevent
Child Abuse Kansas

Building Equity Through Statewide Events

Dia de La Mujer Latina and Entre Mujeres: The Health of Women

IKC took the next step in building health equity through the Dia de La Mujer Latina and Entre Mujeres: The Health of Women conferences.

In October of 2023, IKC hosted Dia de La Mujer Latina in Liberal and Garden City, KS. The conferences focused on the crucial role the HPV vaccine has in preventing HPV-related cancers. After seeing the impact of the events and turnout of over 275 women attending, partners across the state requested we take the conference to Kansas City!

Entre Mujeres: The Health of Women, hosted in late April, was the first Spanish-predominant conference in the KC metro area. Built on the foundations of Dia de La Mujer, the Entre Mujeres event expanded to additional initiatives in women's health; speakers highlighted prenatal and infant care initiatives, and cancer prevention screenings. The single-day event brought in 200 people across Kansas and reached tens of thousands with media coverage and digital campaign efforts.



“ I am inspired to continue to share and be a catalyst for change. ”



18 Event Partners and Sponsors
475+ Attendees
26,639 Total Reach
from IKC Initiatives

Building Equity Through Partner Collaborations

Learning from national leaders

Geovannie Gone, IKC Executive Director and Leonor Ramos-Salamanca, IKC Community Health Specialist, attended the Community Catalyst's 2023 Vaccine Equity and Access Program (VEAP) Conference. The national conference allowed IKC to share successes from our Community Catalyst Grant, some of which included our Dia de Latina Conferences in Southwest, KS. Sessions during the event focused heavily on vaccine equity, aiming to create awareness and promote adult immunization initiatives to improve health outcomes in marginalized communities.

In January, Geovannie was invited to attend the "National Health Equity Heroes: Advocates Making A Difference" Conference in Washington, D.C. Representing Kansas, Gone had the opportunity to learn from leaders in health equity across the country as they shared how to improve healthcare access for people with the greatest needs and minimal access to resources.

As a coalition, we are dedicated to learning from others nationwide on how to better support health equity efforts across Kansas.



Geovannie Gone, IKC Executive Director, selected for the Equity in Immunization Award at the National Conference for Immunization Coalitions and Partnerships (NCICP)

"What a journey this last year has been!! I feel so humbled to have been recognized nationally with the Equity in Immunization Award. This award has definitely put our state of Kansas in the eyes of all other 500+ national partners allowing us to further our reach and be recognized as innovators in health equity," she shared.

11 Articles submitted to Immunize.org's Network News

5 National Presentations



Connecting, Collaborating, and Building Partnerships

Working to strengthen the immunization community



IKC continues to reach immunization community members through organizing coalition meetings, attending conferences, hosting exhibit tables at community gatherings, sending email newsletters, building new partnerships, writing articles for Immunize.org's Network News, participating and speaking in state and national meetings, educational events, and more.



Kansas attendees at NCICP, April 2024

In April of 2024, IKC staff and members attended the annual National Conference for Immunization Coalitions and Partnerships (NCICP). Kansas represented well on the national level as we had 12 members and partners attend, with three speakers across two breakout sessions! Geovannie Gone, IKC's Executive Director was also selected for the Equity in Immunization Award!



Geovannie Gone, Amanda Applegate, and Heather Simpson at IKC's exhibit table.

In May of 2024, IKC members and partners attended the annual Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Kansas Immunization Conference. Two speakers, nationally well-known in the immunization community, Sharon Humiston, MD, MPH, FAAP, Director of Research at Immunize.org, and Heather Simpson with Back to the Vax, shared about collaborative efforts with IKC. Resources featured throughout the presentations included IKC's vaccine education modules and the popular Vaccine Fears Overturned By Facts (VFOF) booklet.

*"As IKC Chair for the FY2024 year, it has been my privilege to promote **#CommunityImmunity**. Our **Immunization Neighborhood** functions best through **collaboration, coordination, and communication** among immunization stakeholders dedicated to meeting the immunization needs of the patient and protecting the community from vaccine-preventable diseases."*

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IKC Chair, Amanda Applegate, PharmD, BCACP



32 IKC
Updates
Emails



8 Coalition Meetings
held across the state

336
Members

256
New
Members

*With updates
to bylaws

781
Engaged Individuals
+200 since previous year



132
Events + webinars
shared on the IKC
Google Calendar



IKC x KFMC Collaborate with Long-Term Living Facilities

KFMC and IKC joined forces to increase flu, COVID-19, and pneumonia vaccination rates in long-term care facilities across Kansas. IKC's Community Health Specialists collaborated with long-term care facilities to determine how best to support them, which could include educational presentations, one-on-one conversations, information booths, and more.

In the Kansas City Metro area, our Community Health Specialists went to long-term care facilities and held a town hall for residents and family members with 30 individuals in attendance. Throughout the day, they conducted interactive presentations for 100 staff members and set up informational booths for additional questions to ensure everyone was on the same page.



Resource Development

Creating relatable digital and print materials in English and Spanish

Over the past year, we have expanded our areas of focus and vision statement, with a particular emphasis on health equity. After discovering significant gaps in resource coverage for non-English speaking communities, we have made it a top priority to ensure that our digital and print materials are translated into multiple languages. These resources are available in languages such as Arabic, Dari, Haitian Creole, Pashto, Spanish, and English.

Our translated resources include: the back-to-school campaign for National Immunization Awareness Month, Vaccine Highlight Cards for Pregnant Women, Honest Conversations Campaign for Hispanic Heritage Month, a new approach to our Kansas Fights Flu campaign, outreach materials for respiratory season, and our Bridge Access Program Insert



Key Resources

The Key Resources page serves as a quick reference for IKC materials, campaigns, and other resources. Content will be updated frequently depending on current initiatives.

Can't find what you're looking for? Reach out to IKC directly via email. We'll do our best to connect you with someone who can answer your question.

Want to order printed copies of IKC's Key Resources? Download, complete, and send your [order form](#) to IKC Executive Director Geovanie Gove.

Respiratory Virus Resources

- IKC's Bridge Access Program Insert
- IKC's Respiratory Season Brochure
- IKC's Respiratory Season Brochure - Spanish

Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochures

- Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochure
- Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochure - Spanish
- Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochure - Dari
- Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochure - Pashto
- Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochure - Arabic
- Protecting Kansas with Immunization Brochure - Haitian Creole

New! Key Resources Webpage

We have created a new hub that features key resources! The webpage serves as a quick reference for IKC materials, campaigns, and other featured resources. Some of which include our vaccine highlight cards, brochures, and Vaccine Fears Overturned by Facts materials.

The page is continuously updated to reflect current initiatives.





Continuing Honest Conversations Campaign

This fiscal year, we have continued to build off of our Honest Conversations Campaign. Additional sets of videos feature immunization stories from the faith community’s perspective and conversation surrounding the importance of flu vaccines during respiratory season.



The campaign was also promoted during Hispanic Heritage Month as we highlighted perspectives from members of the Hispanic community across Kansas.

One shared, “As a mother, it’s important to vaccinate our kids to protect them from diseases, especially those that cannot be seen by the naked eye.”



9 New Honest Conversations Videos



Protecting Kansans with Immunization

53 Translated Resources

Made available in various languages including Arabic, Dari, Haitian Creole, Pashto, and Spanish.

Protegiendo a Kansas con vacunas

Pwoteje Kansas ak Vaksinasyon

**واكسين كولو سره د
كنساس ساتنه**

18 Vaccine-Preventable Disease Posters and Graphics created for IKC Advocacy Day

9 Education Module PowerPoints created for community presentations

Vacunas para mi bebé durante el embarazo



Updating Tried and True Resources

Maintaining and revamping key resources from previous fiscal years

Throughout the years, we have created many prominent resources for our members and partners to utilize in the community. An important component of creating such resources is ensuring that they are up-to-date with the most recent information.

IKC staff continues to revamp and update popular resources like our education modules, School Exclusions Policy, Protecting Kansans one-pager, and more. This year, we also created a series of PowerPoints for Community Health Specialists to use when presenting in their communities. Each presentation was created to outline our 11 education modules, bringing emphasis to important components of each module. During this fiscal year, our Vaccine Fears Overturned by Facts webpage had the highest views overall with 9,047 visitors, showcasing the true impact of our booklet and resources spread throughout Kansas and beyond!

8,019

Reached through IKC's Education Modules

2,592

Kansas Fights Flu webpage views

90

Downloads of IKC's Model School Exclusion Policy

**Additional copies were handed out at various conferences*

394 Downloads of Protecting Kansans One-Pager

1,671 Views of IKC's Data Dashboard



These Stories are the Reason for Our Mission

Heather Braum

IKC Policy Chair, and Health Policy Advisor, Kansas Action for Children

I am the daughter of a retired small town Kansas funeral director, and my Dad also manages his town's cemetery. I've walked through that cemetery numerous times, and noticed something. In the older sections of the cemetery, prior to 1950-1960, there are so many infant and child graves throughout, many without names or dates listed. If dates are listed, the number of years are far too short. The newer sections of the cemetery don't have these graves. Why? One of the reasons – childhood vaccines. These vaccinations are one of the most important health tools of the modern era, and have allowed so many children to grow up to be healthy, thriving adults. Vaccine requirements have become an accepted part of living in a collective society. As Kansas public health pioneer Dr. Samuel Crumbine says, "The health of each of us depends on the health of all of us."



Pictured: Children's headstone at a Kansas cemetery

Martha Hodgesmith

Polio Survivor

I am here today to share my journey that reflects the story of vaccines in 20th and 21st America. My generation of Baby Boomers achieved prevention from polio through developing the long sought for polio vaccines. The nation wide vaccination process achieved success and represented the historic partnership of science, public health, individual, and community commitment.

I experienced polio only because my health prevented vaccination. Life as a polio survivor and advocate for persons with disabilities gives me a voice to insure that vaccines of all types for all ages becomes the bedrock of fully accessible and healthy communities.

As I took each vaccination opportunity during the Pandemic, I committed to carrying the message that choices of all of us depend on the commitment to make vaccination happen.



Pictured: Martha Hodgesmith speaking at IKC Advocacy Day

Protecting Immunization Policies

Advocating for policies that keep all Kansans healthy

During the 2024 legislative session, no vaccine-related bills of concern became law. Over 100 immunization advocates gathered in the state capitol during the legislative session to call on lawmakers to maintain existing vaccine policies in the state.

Even so, we yet again saw hearings on multiple bills that would undermine or even eliminate existing public health and vaccine policies. SB 390 targeted the ability of employers, schools, healthcare entities, and other public settings to enforce immunization requirements. SB 391 threatened the ability of local public health officials to proactively collaborate with state health officials to stop the spread of infectious diseases.

However, immunization and public health champions showed up to testify in person and in writing about the harm both of these bills would cause. Eight immunization supporters spoke at the hearing against SB 391, and dozens of advocates submitted a total of 61 pages of testimony for this hearing.



Only SB 391 passed out of the Senate health committee and later, the Senate floor. However, neither these bills or other related policies came up again in public legislative discussions.

Yet another year and the Kansas immunization policies remain unchanged. Through Advocacy Day, our legislative lunch, press conference, email, written and in-person communications, IKC and partners across the state continue to be a voice for Kansans.



IKC advocacy social media campaign highlights ways members and partners can advocate for immunizations during the legislative session.



IKC members, partners, and those across Kansas share why immunizations are important to them utilizing postcards sent to lawmakers.



Disease posters were displayed in the Capitol Rotunda to showcase the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases and the importance of routine immunization.

Advocacy Day, Legislative Lunch, and Press Conference

We hosted our IKC Advocacy Day at the Kansas State Capitol in late January. Over 100 coalition members, partners, and community advocates joined together to share with lawmakers the vital role immunization plays in protecting Kansans against vaccine-preventable diseases.

The day kicked off with a mock-role play training session prepared by IKC Chair, Amanda Applegate, and Policy Chair, Heather Braum, on how to effectively speak with Kansas lawmakers. After the session, advocates felt confident and energized. They ventured to the Capitol to share educational literature with their senators and representatives about the benefits of immunization and built relationships along the way.

Later, IKC hosted a legislative lunch, allowing lawmakers to engage in conversation and meet their constituents – with over 150 in attendance! Following the lunch, the coalition held a press conference featuring esteemed speakers with diverse perspectives on how vaccines play a role in protecting those we love. IKC Executive Director, Geovannie Gone, LMAC, MPH, welcomed speakers and guests: two representatives, John Eplee, MD, and Melissa Oropeza, DNP, APRN-BC, followed by Senator Kristen O’Shea, M.Ed; a representative of the faith community, Rev. Dr. Annie Ricker; and polio survivor, Martha Hodgesmith, JD.

As she spoke, Martha, reminded us how far we have come as she shared her perspective as a polio survivor, "I am here today to share a journey that reflects the story of vaccines in 20th and 21st century America; that story is grounded in the partnership of science and public health."

At the end of the event, Dr. Ximena Garcia, the Governor’s Senior Advisor for Vaccine Equity, honored IKC by presenting a Governor’s Proclamation to Geovannie Gone, Executive Director, for the continuous immunization work IKC puts forth in protecting Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.



5 Advocacy Emails
and Action Alerts

55 IKC Advocates submitted
written and verbal
testimony against SB 390



150+ In attendance at IKC Advocacy Day,
legislative lunch, and press conference





Expanding Our Impact through Partnerships

We thank our grant funders and partners, donors, event sponsors, and exhibitors for all they do to support IKC's mission of protecting all Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Aetna	Kansas Immunization Program	P.A.V.E
AmeriCorps	Kansas Department of Health and Environment	PayPal Giving Fund
Be Immune KS	KFMC	Pfizer
Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas City	Kansas Hospital Association	REACH Healthcare Foundation
CDC Foundation	Kansas Health Institute	Segura Marketing
Community Catalyst	Kansas Interfaith Action	Sunflower Health Plan
El Centro	Kansas State Research and Extension	Te Lo Cuento News
Future KC	Kansas Pharmacists Association	UFCW Local 2
GSK	Marlene's Kaleidoscope	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
Heart To Heart International	Masonic Cancer Alliance	University of Kansas Medical Center
Increase the Reach	Merck	Vaccinate Your Family
Jessica Piedra Law	Moderna	Vax Care
Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics	Next Stage Clinical Research	Voices For Vaccines
Kansas Academy of Family Physicians	Novavax	Wichita State University
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments		Wyandotte County Public Health Department

Thank you to individual donors and other supporters!

We thank those listed above and those not listed who have contributed to our mission this fiscal year. To financially support IKC's work, contact Executive Director, Geovannie Gone (ggone@immunizekansascalition.org) or donate online using the QR code.



Engage with IKC

Working together to protect all Kansans from vaccine-preventable diseases.



Who We Are

The Immunize Kansas Coalition is a group of engaged organizations and individuals including healthcare providers, public health professionals, researchers, educators, healthcare payers, associations and nonprofits, vaccine producers, school nurses, pharmacists, parents, grandparents, and more who bring their expertise to support our mission.

Become a Member

Anyone who supports our mission can become a member of IKC! There are no membership dues. We only ask that our members attend at least one meeting or event per year and stay up-to-date on IKC events and happenings through our email newsletter.

Connect with Us

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2023-2024 Fiscal Year

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Program Manager



Monique Garcia, MBA

Community Health Specialists



Marixendra Alvarez



Leonor Ramos



Lucy Watie



Patricia Fierro



Yadira Soltero

*Through March 1



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Contracted Staff Team with EnVisage Consulting, Inc.



Connie Satzler
Senior Operations
Manager



Paige Lewis
Social Media +
Communications



Greg Gwynn
Web Development
+ Support

View additional
information about
the IKC Team!



2023-24 Board of Directors

Thank you for your service this past fiscal year



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