2021

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

USD 470 COWLEY COUNTY HEAD START

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

USD 470 Head Start is funded for 147 students. There are 75 full day spots and 72 half-day. In Winfield, USD 465 we have 32 full day students and in Arkansas City we have 43 full day spots.

Head Start Performance Standards require a community needs assessment be completed once within each five year grant cycle, and an update annually. Community assessment data is collected from a variety of local, state and national sources.

The data collected helps to paint a picture of the strengths, needs and resources in Cowley County to ensure that we continue to provide services that are meeting the needs of our community, building on community strength, and accessing local resources. Data is used in program strategic planning and budget development for the USD 470 Head Start program.

Mission Statement

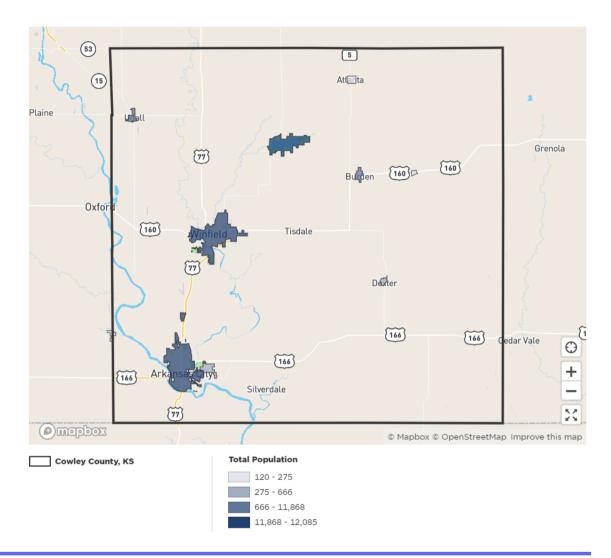
USD 470 Head Start will provide a child focused, family-centered environment that prepares each child and family for a lifetime of learning.

Vision Statement

USD 470 Head Start will build a greater community by preparing children to succeed in school while strengthening families.



GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES



Arkansas City Locations

Adams Elementary 1201 North 10th



IXL Elementary 6758 322nd Road



C-4 Elementary 11945 292nd Road



Jefferson Elementary 131 Osage



Frances Willard Elementary 201 North 4th



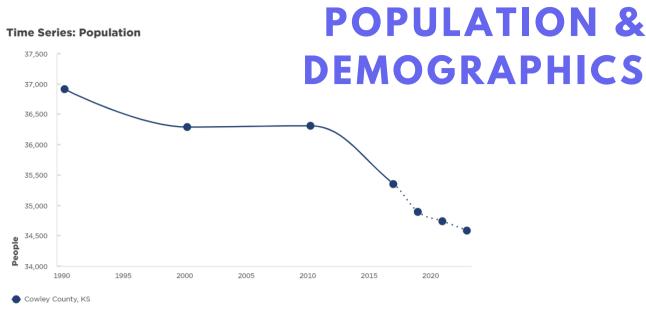
Roosevelt Elementary 300 North B



Winfield Location

Winfield Early Learning Center 509 East 8th Avenue





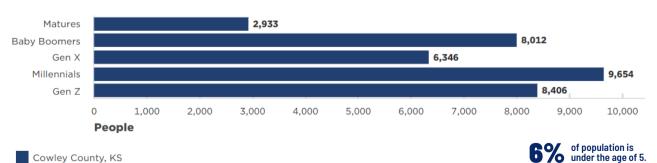
Sources: DC 1990, 2000, 2010, ACS 2015

35,351
People
Total Population
Cowley County, KS

7,196
People
Minority Population
Cowley County, KS

Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

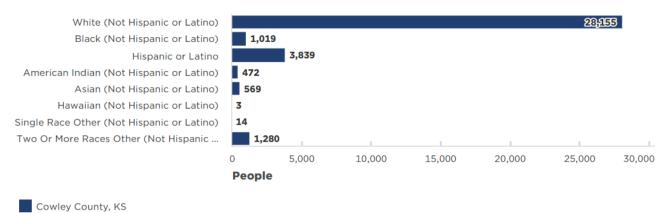
Generations



source: Kansas Health Matters

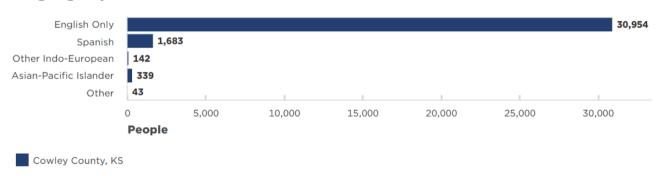
Sources: US Census ACS 5-year; The 5 generations are matures (age 70 and over), baby boomers (age 50 through 69), generation X (age 35 through 49), millennials (age 19 through 34), and generation z (age 18 and under).

Race/Ethnicity Totals



Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

Language Spoken at Home



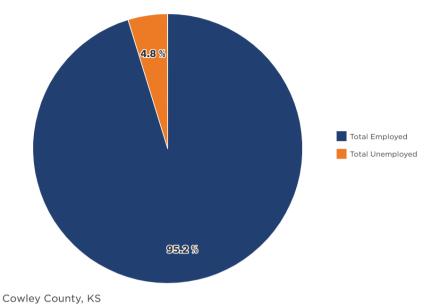
Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

ECONOMIC TRENDS

\$50,102 USD Median Household Income Cowley County, KS \$24,726 USD Per Capita Income Cowley County, KS

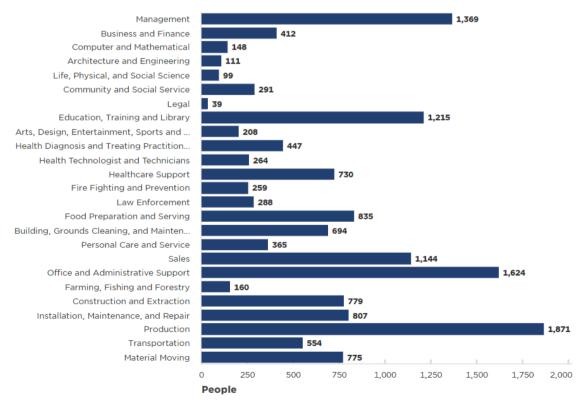
Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

Employment Status



Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

Civilian Employment by Occupation



Cowley County, KS

Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

Living Below Poverty

Cowley County

846
Families

21.6%

of children in Cowley County

4675

People

source: South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Kansas Kids Count

HOUSING

16,168
Housing units
Total Housing Units
Cowley County, KS

2,669
Housing units
Vacant Housing Units
Cowley County, KS

Cowley County, KS

Median Home Value \$89,000

Median Home Rent \$694

Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

Housing Affordability

Cowley County, KS

| Percent of Income Spent on Housing - Low Income Individuals | 59.9% |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Percent of Income Spent on Housing - Median Income Families | 26.2% |
| Excessive Renter Housing Costs - Gross Rent 30 Percent or More of Income | 1,467 Occupied housing units |
| Excessive Owner Housing Costs - 30 Percent or More of Income | 1,482 Occupied housing units |

Sources: US HUD & DOT, LAI; US Census ACS 5-year

source: South Central Kansas Economic Development District

51 Cowley County children are experiencing HOMELESSNESS

TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION

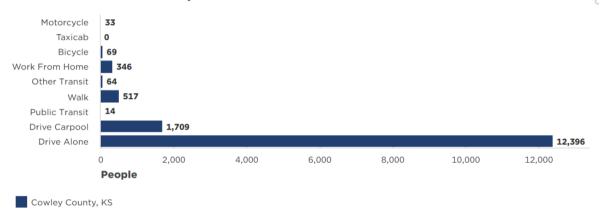
Transportation Affordability

Cowley County, KS



Sources: US HUD and DOT; US HUD & DOT, LAI

Commute Means of Transportation



Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

source: South Central Kansas Economic Development District

Public Transportation

Cowley County

Cowley County has a limited availability of Public transportation. Arkansas City has 1 cab service. The General Transportation service, which is funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Cowley County mill levy, has a low cost shuttle available on a limited basis for county residents to use.

Computer & Internet Use

Cowley County

87.6%

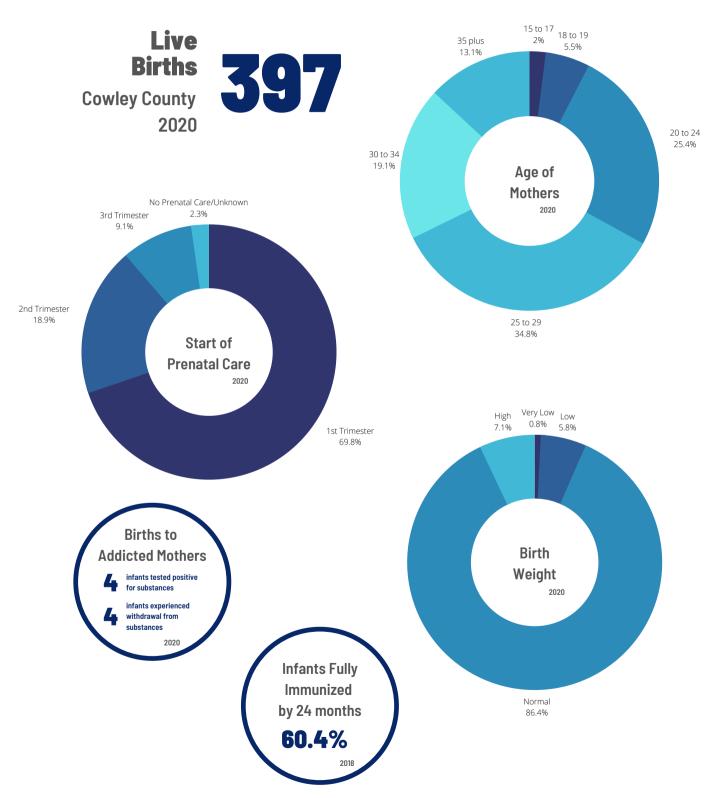
households with one or more computing device

75.6%

households with an internet subscription

source: United States Census Bureau, 2019

HEALTH & NUTRITION



Child Care Availability

Cowley County 2020

2020 KIDS COUNT Data | Cowley County

CURRENT RATE

Rate per 100, unless otherwise noted, for the most recent year data is available the most recent year data is available

TREND RATE

| | | , | | | , | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EDUCATION INDICATORS | COWLEY | PEERS | KANSAS | COWLEY | PEERS | KANSAS |
| EARLY HEAD START Number of Early Head Start slots available per 100 children (0-3 years of age) below 100% of poverty. Current data from Fiscal Year 2019. | 0.00 | 15.32 | 9.86 | 0.00 | 0.87 | 0.42 |
| HEAD START Number of Head Start slots available per 100 children (3-4 years of age) below 100% of poverty. Current data from Fiscal Year 2019. | 78.51 | 63.48 | 42.77 | -0.42 | 0.04 | -0.85 |
| PRE-KINDERGARTEN Percent of elementary schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten or 4-Year-Old At-Risk programs. Current data from 2019-20 school year. | 69.23% | 53.33% | 63.38% | 3.19% | 2.49% | 3.76% |
| ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN Percent of elementary schools that offer all-day and every day kindergarten. Current data from 2019-20 school year. | 100.00% | 88.67% | 93.93% | 0.00% | 2.40% | 1.64% |
| READING PROFICIENCY Percent of 3rd through 8th graders meeting standards, exceeding standards or scoring exemplary on reading assessments. Current data from 2018-19 school year. | 65.90% | 68.21% | 71.36% | -2.96% | -2.72% | -2.28% |
| HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION Percent of public school students enrolled in the 2015-16 school year who graduated in 2019. Current data from 2018-19 school year. | 84.70% | 88.30% | 87.26% | 0.30% | -0.11% | 0.02% |
| CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (Not depicted as a rate.) Average monthly children participating in the Kansas Child Care Assistance Program. Current data from Fiscal Year 2020. | 216 | 1,335 | 9,429 | 3 | 1 | -450 |
| CHILD CARE CENTER* (Not depicted as a rate.) Number of child care centers. Current data from Fiscal Year 2020. | 3 | 70 | 630 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| FAMILY CHILD CARE* (Not depicted as a rate.) Number of Licensed Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes. Current data from Fiscal Year 2020. | 51 | 754 | 3,540 | -4 | -46 | -259 |
| $^{\circ}$ The trend rate of the Child Care Center and Family Child Care indicators is based on the most recent four years of data available. | | | | | | |

source: Kansas Kids Count

Data gathered by the Early Literacy Initiative in USD 470 Arkansas City, indicated that there has been a decrease in the number of in-home licensed childcare centers in our area.

17% decline of in-home childcare since 2018 For every one child care spot available in Cowley County there are 21-30 children ages 0-3 waiting for care.

source: USD 470 Early Literacy Initiative

Kansas Department for Children and Families Major Services

Cowley County

FY 2020

| TANF Cash Assistance | Avg. monthly persons | 213 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| TANF Employment Services | Avg. monthly adults | 67 |
| Child Care Assistance | Avg. monthly children | 232 |
| Food Assistance (SNAP) | Avg. monthly persons | 4060 |
| Energy Assistance | Persons | 560 |
| General Assistance | Avg. monthly persons | 0 |
| Vocational Rehabilitation Services | Avg. monthly persons | 132 |
| Family Preservation | Persons | 31 |
| Reintegration/Foster Care | Avg. monthly children | 116 |
| Adoption Support | Avg. monthly children | 187 |

source: Kansas Department of Children and Families, 2020

Food Distribution

Cowley County

Local Food Pantry/Distribution Programs

Ark City

- Angels in the Attic
- Manna Ministry
- Northside Baptist
- St. Paul United Methodist Church
- Shepherd's Grace Church
- Ark City Recreation Center

Burden

• Joseph's Storehouse

Dexte

• Eastern Cowley County Resource Center

Udal

• Udall United Methodist Church

Winfield

- First United Methodist Church
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Winfield Food Pantry

School-aged Children

- In 2019, 286 families received food from the Backpack Program from the Kansas Food Bank.
- School districts have participated in the Summer Food Program and provided FREE meals to all students due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.
- During hybrid and remote learning meals were available for pick up and some were even delivered to families in need. In November 2020, USD 470 provided 410-450 FREE meals each week.

DISABILITIES

Children Receiving Disability Services

Cowley County

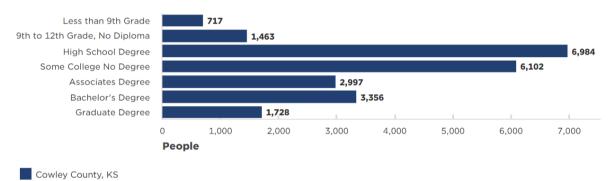
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| REACH (age 0-3) | | 75 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------|
| Preschool (age 3-5) | | 168 |
| Autism | 3 | |
| Developmental Delay | 63 | |
| Hearing Impairment | 3 | |
| Other Health Impairment | 3 | |
| Speech/Language | 96 | |
| School-age (age 5-21) | | 1720 |
| Autism | 73 | |
| Developmental Delay | 301 | |
| Emotional Disturbance | 45 | |
| Hearing Impairment | 12 | |
| Intellectual Disability | 41 | |
| Learning Disability | 585 | |
| Multiple Disabilities | 19 | |
| Other Health Impairment | 147 | |
| Orthopedic Impairment | 1 | |
| Speech/Language | 282 | |
| Traumatic Brain Injury | 2 | |
| Vision Impairment | 6 | |
| Gifted Only | 206 | |

EDUCATION

Adult Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment



Sources: US Census ACS 5-year

source: South Central Kansas Economic Development District

School District Data

Cowley County 2020

| Community | Economically Disadvantaged | Graduation Rate | Drop Out Rate | Students with Disabilities | English Language Learners | Total Student Population |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arkansas City | 62.17% | 86% | 2.2% | 24.78% | 15.62% | 2884 |
| Burden | 62.38% | 100% | 2% | 18.01% | 0% | 311 |
| Dexter | 50.23% | 95% | 1.4% | 31.46% | 0% | 213 |
| Udall | 38.70% | 100% | 0% | 28.24% | 0% | 348 |
| Winfield | 53.48% | 85.8% | 2.2% | 22.6% | 4.42% | 2290 |

source: Kansas Department of Education Data Central, 2020





Office of Head Start - Head Start Services Snapshot

Arkansas City Schools-USD 470 (2020-2021)

This Head Start Services Snapshot summarizes key data on demographics and services for preschool-age children served by this grantee. The data in this Snapshot is a subset of the grantee's annual Program Information Report (PIR) submission to the Office of Head Start. The full set of PIR questions and information to access the whole PIR report can be found at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/mr/pir. Grantees that run both Head Start and Early Head Start programs report on each program separately.

General Information

Grantee Name: Arkansas City Schools-USD 470

Grantee Address: 1201 N 10th St

Arkansas City, KS 67005-1950 Grantee Website Address: http://www.usd470.com

Grantee Phone: (620) 441-2075

Funded Enrollment

Number of enrollment slots the program is funded to serve.

| | # of funded enrollment slots | % of funded enrollment slots |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Funded Enrollment | 147 | 100.0% |

Funded Enrollment by Program Option

| | # of funded enrollment slots | % of funded enrollment slots |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Center-based | 147 | 100.0% |
| Home-based | 0 | 0% |
| Family Child Care | 0 | 0% |
| Locally Designed | 0 | 0% |

Detail - Center-based Funded Enrollment

| | # of center-based funded enrollment slots | % of center-based funded enrollment slots |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Number of slots equal to or greater than 1,020 annual hours for Head Start preschool children or 1,380 annual hours for Early Head Start infants and toddlers | 75 | 51.0% |
| Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day and full-calendar-year | 0 | |
| Number of slots with fewer than 1,020 annual hours for Head Start preschool children or 1,380 annual hours for Early Head Start infants and toddlers | 72 | 49.0% |
| Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for 128 days | 72 | |
| Of these, the number that are available for a full working day | 0 | |

Total Cumulative Enrollment

Actual number of children and pregnant women served by the program throughout the entire program year, inclusive of enrollees who left during the program year and the enrollees who filled those empty places. Due to turnover, more children and families may receive Head Start services cumulatively throughout the program year (all of whom are reported in the PIR) than indicated by the funded enrollment numbers.

| | # of participants | % of participants |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total Cumulative Enrollment | 138 | 100.0% |

Participants by Age

| | # of participants | % of participants |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Year Old | 0 | 0% |
| 2 Years Old | 0 | 0% |
| 3 Years Old | 40 | 29.0% |
| 4 Years Old | 98 | 71.0% |
| 5 Years Old | 0 | 0% |

Homelessness Services

| | # of children | % of children | ı |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year | 10 | 7.2% | |

Foster Care

| | # of children | % of children | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Total number of enrolled children who were in foster care at any point in the program year | 9 | 6.5% | |

Prior Enrollment of Children

Children who were enrolled previously in Early Head Start, Head Start, or some combination for at least half of the time that classes or home visits were in session.

| | # of children | % of children |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| The second year | 23 | 16.7% |
| Three or more years | 0 | 0% |

Ethnicity And Race

| | # of Hispanic or Latino Origin participants | % of Hispanic or Latino Origin participants | # of Non- Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants | % of Non- Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin participants |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0% | 9 | 6.5% |
| Asian | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Black or African American | 0 | 0% | 1 | 0.7% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 1 | 0.7% | 3 | 2.2% |
| White | 3 | 2.2% | 75 | 54.3% |
| Biracial or Multi-Racial | 7 | 5.1% | 6 | 4.3% |
| Other Race | 33 | 23.9% | 0 | 0% |
| Unspecified Race | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

Primary Language of Family at Home

| | # of children | % of children |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| English | 112 | 81.2% |
| Of these, the number of children acquiring/learning another language in addition to English | 6 | |
| Spanish | 24 | 17.4% |
| Central American, South American, or Mexican Languages | 0 | 0% |
| Caribbean Languages | 0 | 0% |
| Middle Eastern or South Asian Languages | 0 | 0% |
| East Asian Languages | 0 | 0% |
| Native North American or Alaska Native Languages | 0 | 0% |
| Pacific Island Languages | 2 | 1.4% |
| European or Slavic Languages | 0 | 0% |
| African Languages | 0 | 0% |
| American Sign Language | 0 | 0% |
| Other Languages | 0 | 0% |
| Unspecified Languages | 0 | 0% |

Health Services

| Services to All Children at Beginning of Enrollment Year Compared to End of Enrollment Year (based on Cumulative Enrollment) | # at Beginning of Enrollment Year | of | # at End of Enrollment Year | % at End of Enrollment Year |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Children with health insurance | 125 | 90.6% | 127 | 92.0% |
| Children with accessible health care | 117 | 84.8% | 122 | 88.4% |
| Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt | 109 | 79.0% | 128 | 92.8% |
| Children with accessible dental care | 104 | 75.4% | 121 | 87.7% |

Disabilities Services

| | # of children | % of children |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), indicating they were determined eligible to receive special education and related services | 58 | 42.0% |

Family Services

| | # of families | % of families |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Number of Families | 131 | 100.0% |

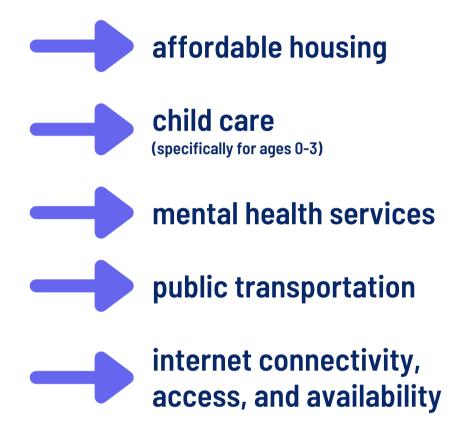
| | # of families | % of families |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Families Who Received at Least One Family Service | 131 | 100.0% |

Specific Services

| | # of families | % of families |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Emergency or Crisis Intervention | 82 | 62.6% |
| Housing Assistance | 4 | 3.1% |
| Asset Building Services | 1 | 0.8% |
| Mental Health Services | 11 | 8.4% |
| Substance Misuse Prevention | 0 | 0% |
| Substance Misuse Treatment | 1 | 0.8% |
| English as a Second Language (ESL) Training | 27 | 20.6% |
| Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program | 12 | 9.2% |
| Research-based parenting curriculum | 11 | 8.4% |
| Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress | 122 | 93.1% |
| Supporting transitions between programs | 109 | 83.2% |
| Education on preventive medical and oral health | 131 | 100.0% |
| Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use | 14 | 10.7% |
| Education on nutrition | 130 | 99.2% |
| Education on postpartum care | 2 | 1.5% |
| Education on relationship/marriage | 0 | 0% |
| Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals | 0 | 0% |



The community data continues to show a need for additional resources for young families.



Through the challenges of the pandemic, many of these became an even greater challenge.

While there is a lack of adequate data related to mental health needs in Kansas, anecdotal data and experiences indicate that this is a growing concern in our area. There is an effort county wide to have providers begin using the Ages and Stages Screening tool to help identify the needs and delays in your children in order to connect them with more early intervention services.



Our early childhood providers, our blended preschool programs, coordinated efforts in Kindergarten transitions and professional development are a strength in our community. We are able to coordinate preschool enrollment efforts, transitions from birth to 3 programs, and special education services to meet the needs of our community.

We have an active local interagency coordinating council that includes our health advisory committee that are working to share knowledge, resources, professional development and partnerships that support early learning.

There is a renewed effort in our community to provide additional services for families through the local efforts to obtain a community health clinic in Arkansas City, that is a partner program of the Winfield clinic. The efforts were delayed due to the pandemic, but plans are once again moving forward.

Through the work of the Early Literacy Grant in Arkansas City, there is now a community conversation that has begun related to literacy and lack of resources and connecting families to the resources available. These efforts are improving through partnerships with the public schools, health department, recreation center, early intervention services, and our local library.

Through Rise Cowley County, we have another coordinated effort to collect all resources in one location, and provide a core team to share the resources available in our community as well as identifying areas of needs.



A collaborative effort between local agencies will improve the quality of the services and programs that we offer in Cowley County. Local agencies will continue to strengthen partnerships and combine resources to support our community.

USD 470 Head Start will provide a child focused, family-centered environment that prepares each child and family for a lifetime of learning. USD 470 Head Start will build a greater community by preparing children to succeed in school while strengthening families.

Through our program planning process USD 470 Head Start developed four goal areas to focus on over the next five years.





- Cowley County Department of Children and Families
- Cowley County Special Services Cooperative
- Kansas Action for Children, Kansas KIDS COUNT
- Kansas Department of Children and Families
- Kansas Health Matters
- Kansas Information for Communities, Vital and Health Statistics
- Kansas State Department of Education, Data Central
- K-State Research and Extension
- Office of Head Start, Head Start Services Snapshot, Program Information Report (PIR)
- South Central Kansas Economic Development District
- USD 465
- USD 470
- USD 470 Early Literacy Initiative