

How Does It Work?

The purpose of the Kansas Rural Health Works program is to provide a process by which community residents can evaluate their health system. The process leads to increased use and expansion of health services and helps to ensure the continued existence of local health services. Rural Health Works engages community residents in local health care decision making by showing them the importance of the health care sector to their local economy.



The Rural Health Works includes:

- Local economic impact analysis
- Community data and information compilation
- Local health care services survey and analysis
- Materials and templates for local media campaigns
- Materials and instruction for local health care strategic planning



Kansas Rural Health Options Project (KRHOP) is a partnership of the Office of Local and Rural Health and Environment, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, and the Kansas Medical Society. KRHOP is dedicated to assuring quality health care delivery in rural Kansas through the promotion of collaborative systems of care.

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Impact of Local Healthcare Systems



It's obvious that healthcare has a big impact on rural economies. But, exactly how big? Rural Health Works is designed to help community residents understand the impact of healthcare on their economy. Through the collection of data and information, communities are able to make informed decisions to enhance the viability of local healthcare. The importance of, and necessity for, sustainable healthcare is continually increasing.

Therefore, it is imperative to make the public aware of the current issues in healthcare. Rural Health Works has many programs to ensure rural communities have knowledge and resources in order to develop sustainable healthcare strategies. By educating communities, affordable, quality healthcare can be attained in rural areas. Kansas Rural Health Works offers a variety of information resources for rural communities.

Our Goals

Kansas Rural Health Works (KRW) provides a program by which community residents can evaluate their healthcare system. Our goal is to educate rural community members on the importance of their local healthcare services. Through our program we assist community leaders in making informed decisions to enhance local healthcare services, to become active decision makers in implementing a plan of action to deal with current issues, and to develop a vision for future services.



Community Engagement

A Community Health Engagement Process works with rural hospitals and the community members they serve to:

- Identify their healthcare needs
- Examine the social, economic, and political realities affecting the local delivery of healthcare

- Determine what they want and realistically can achieve in a healthcare system to meet the community's needs
- Develop and mobilize an action plan based on their analysis and planning.

Research & Analysis

Our products are designed to enhance our programs and may be requested for any Kansas rural community. These products include the following:

- Health Services Directory
- Community Assessment Survey
- County Data and Information Reports
- Health Care Services and Business Feasibility Studies

Our program enables communities to make informed decisions about health services and economic development, recruitment, retention, and health services.

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