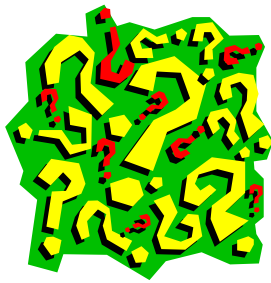


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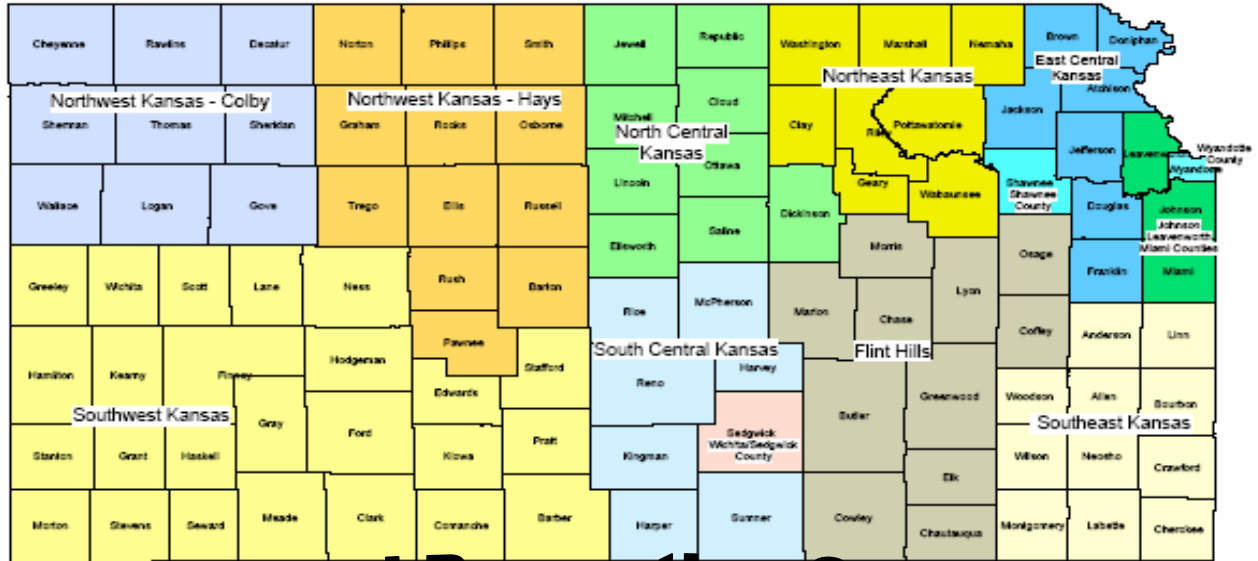


Just as medical researchers have found risk and protective factors for heart disease and other health issues, research has identified factors that are facing children, families and communities at risk for interrelated problems.

The Regional Prevention Center Association of Kansas, funded by SRS Addiction and Prevention Services, is a comprehensive infrastructure based system utilizing prevention science. The Prevention Centers support research-based practices, data driven processes and outcome-based planning and evaluation. The system was established in 1987 and has concentrated specifically on three statewide outcomes:

- 1) reduce the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs by youth**
- 2) increase the age at which children try illegal substances for the first time**
- 3) increase the perception of risk and harm with the use of illegal substances**

All 105 counties in the state are served by one of the 13 Regional Prevention Centers which provide comprehensive science-based technical assistance, support and training to community coalitions, task forces and partnerships.



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Every child has inside him an aching void for excitement and if we don't fill it with something which is exciting and interesting and good for him, he will fill it with something which is exciting and interesting and which isn't good for him.

-Theodore Roosevelt



**What is a
Community?**

A place or geographically bound location where people live that are most effectively impacted if they work together

**What is a
Coalition?**

An organized group with collaborative leadership and multiple partners, has in place or has the potential to implement a planning process that includes a vision, a mission, prioritized risk & protective factors and a strategic plan that is revisited at least annually for progress



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