

**Progress Report on
Governor's Immunization Task Force Recommendations
May 11, 2006**

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<i>Develop an immunization registry</i>	The Immunization Registry is installed and working well for 56 providers with 45 additional providers in training.
<i>Change the Age for Administration of Fourth Dose of DtaP</i> (Changed the recommendation for the vaccination to an earlier period in a child's life to ensure the vaccination given in a timely manner)	Following consultation with the Ks Academy of Family Physicians and the Ks Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics notice was sent to physicians across the State in 2005.
<i>Expand Immunization Reminder Systems</i>	Kansas Immunization Program site visits are now targeted equally to private and public clinic sites. Immunization Nurse Consultants provide education to private providers regarding reminder/recall systems, and assist with clinic appropriate methods for their implementation.
<i>Expand the Current, Successful Medicaid Immunization Outreach Project</i>	The <i>Immunize, Win a Prize</i> project has been expanded statewide. Under the Government Performance Review Act (GPRA) evaluation, immunization rates among Medicaid children increased 19% statewide as of last summer. Kansas was one of only a handful of states honored at a national GPRA conference last week because of the innovation of this project.
<i>Expand Current WIC/KDHE Partnership</i>	Four counties now have WIC Linkage Projects: Sedgwick, Finney, Ford, and Wyandotte. With next year's federal grant funds (depending upon the amount of the award) and local foundation funds, we plan to expand to several more counties in the coming year.

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<i>Expand Access to Childhood Immunizations through the Child's Medical Home</i>	Through a contract and close working relationship with the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, the Kansas Immunization Program is regularly involved in educating this organization's 1200 members statewide about the importance of a child's medical home. In addition, changes are underway to improve the accessibility of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program so that more physicians will become a part of this. The federal grant application for the coming calendar year sets a goal of a 30% increase in VFC providers for 2006.
<i>Kansas Health Foundation Immunization Initiative</i>	The Kansas Health Foundation in partnership with the Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has developed a comprehensive intervention project which starts where the Governor's Task Force ended. It will involve all the relevant partners in immunization in Kansas, follow through on recommendations from the Governor's Task Force, and identify areas and interventions to increase immunization rates across the State.