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2025 FACILITY RECOGNITIONS



KANSAS NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM

Pictured: Kansas Department of Health and Environment Laboratories

About Kansas Newborn Screening Annual Recognition Program

As the Kansas Newborn Screening Program continues to grow and evolve, we are excited about the opportunities ahead to strengthen the services provided to Kansas families. The dedication and collaboration of our health care partners remain at the heart of this work, helping ensure every newborn has access to timely, high-quality screening, follow-up, and care.

Over the past several years, the Kansas Newborn Screening Program has continued to expand the number of conditions included on the state's screening panel. Each new condition represents more than an additional laboratory test, it also requires the systems, partnerships, and coordination necessary to ensure infants with an abnormal screening result receive timely follow-up, diagnostic evaluation, and connection to appropriate care and services. This continued expansion reflects our shared commitment to identifying treatable conditions as early as possible and giving infants and their families the opportunity for the best possible outcomes.

The success of newborn screening in Kansas depends on the collective efforts of birthing facilities, midwives, health care providers, laboratory and follow-up teams, and, most importantly, Kansas families. In collaboration with the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) and the Kansas Midwives Alliance (KMA), we are proud to recognize the facilities and midwives who demonstrated excellence in newborn screening throughout **2025**.

The achievements recognized in this booklet reflect the commitment of partners across our state to providing Kansas newborns and families with the best possible start. We are grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to building on this work together.

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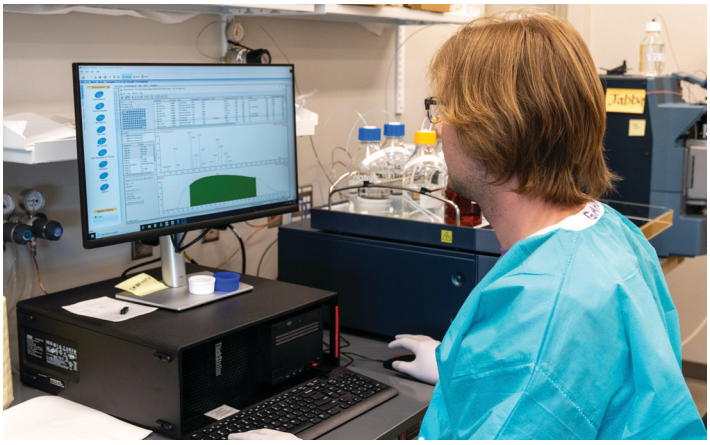
About the Cover

The new Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories facility was chosen for the cover of this year's booklet because it represents an exciting investment in the future of newborn screening and public health in Kansas. Every newborn screening blood spot specimen collected in Kansas is tested at the state laboratory, where advanced technology and testing help identify infants who may be at risk for serious but treatable conditions.

The new state-of-the-art facility expands laboratory capacity and provides the infrastructure needed to support newborn screening as it continues to grow and evolve. Together with timely follow-up, care coordination, healthcare providers, and families, this work helps ensure that infants identified through screening are connected to the evaluation, treatment, and services they need.

Featuring the new laboratory on this year's cover recognizes both an important milestone for Kansas and the critical role laboratory services play within our broader newborn screening system.

The cover was designed in collaboration with Krystal Neuhofel.



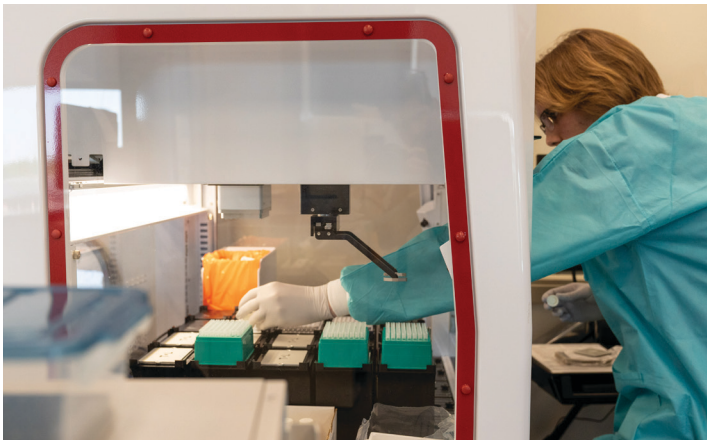






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What Recognition Means

To earn recognition means that your facility clearly demonstrated a consistent effort to meet or exceed state screening goals in 2025. State Newborn Screening goals are:

Critical Congenital Heart Defects (CCHD)

- Screening status reported for 100% of infants born

Hearing Loss

- 100% of babies born are screened within one month of age
- Diagnostic evaluation complete within three months of age
- Infants with hearing loss receive early intervention services within six months of age
- Facility referral rates remain within the expected range for their screening equipment

There are two types of screened equipment used: OAE and AABR. No more than 8% of babies screened with OAE equipment should be referred for diagnostic testing. No more than 4% of babies screened with AABR equipment should be referred for diagnostic testing. Higher than expected referral rates indicate that the screeners may not have consistently used correct screening procedures or technique.

Metabolic and Genetic Conditions

- 1.30% or less of all specimens submitted to the Kansas Health and Environment Laboratory (KHEL) are rejected as “Unsatisfactory”
- Average collection age for specimens is 24 hours of age
- Average elapsed time from collection to delivery at KHEL, “transit time,” is 24 hours
- 100% of specimens have complete and correct demographic information

Meeting these goals requires a dedication to higher screening standards and continuous improvement. Birthing facilities and newborn providers must employ consistent training, efficient protocols, and effective internal communication to meet these goals. Facilities and providers named in these recognitions demonstrate their dedication to higher quality newborn screening through meeting screening goals, showing improvement over time, or exceeding state average performance rates.

Recognition Categories and Awards

There are six award categories. Each category is described based on what would qualify a facility.

Category 1: Complete Demographics Recognition

Complete demographics information is necessary to accurately interpret screening results and report them to health care providers in a timely manner.

Category 2: Hearing Screening

Early hearing loss detection provides babies the best possible chance at healthy development.

To make this category as equitable as possible, we evaluated health care professionals, birthing hospitals and midwives based on the number of babies who received screenings (as opposed to the number of babies born). This prevents exclusion bias caused by families who do not consent to screening. This number was then compared to the number of infants who were screened within one month. Neonatal intensive care unit and transfer status were also accounted for and did not negatively impact the resulting screening rates. Health care professionals meeting the criteria were further evaluated for their referral rates with Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) and Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) screening equipment. Those meeting both criteria received recognition.

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To receive recognition in this category, all babies screened have been screened within one-month of age and referral rates remain within the expected range for the type of equipment used.

Category 3: Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)

About one in every four babies born with a heart defect has a critical congenital heart defect (critical CHD, also known as critical congenital heart disease). Babies with a critical CHD need surgery or other procedures in the first year of life.

Awards in this category were given to facilities with 100% screening rate or the top performing facility in their respective size category.

Recognition Categories and Awards

Category 4: Collection Age

Collection age is critical to achieving timely and accurate results. When a specimen is collected before the baby is 24 hours of age, the specimen can be affected by the mother's analytes. These additional analytes can cause a false positive or false negative when the laboratory completes the test, which may result in the baby needing a repeat screen.

To achieve in this category, the average age at time of collection for initial screens should be between 24 and 30 hours of age. NICU babies collected before 24 hours of age were excluded from this analysis. For the categories that do not have any locations meeting this criterion, the top performer was determined the winner.

Category 5: Transit Time

Transit time is an important factor in ensuring the specimen is optimal for testing. The goal is for the specimen to arrive at the state lab within 24-hours from the time of collection. Overnight mail services or couriers are recommended to meet this standard.

To be recognized in this category, facilities must have an average transit time of less than 36 hours or the top performer of their respective size category.

Category 6: Unsatisfactory Rate

The unsatisfactory rate is the percentage of specimens submitted that meet testing requirements. An unsatisfactory determination can result from a number of factors, some of which include: quantity not sufficient, blood spots per calibrated circle, blood on the coverlet, wrinkled or abraded spots, or uneven saturation of the filter paper.

Low unsatisfactory rates yield better testing results and places less burden on baby and family when having to repeat the screen.

To be recognized in this category, facilities must have an unsatisfactory rate of 1.3% or less or be the top performer of their respective size category.

Recognition Categories and Awards

Gold Recognition



Qualification Criteria:

Providers must earn recognition in three or more categories to earn this designation.

Awardees will receive:

- A recognitions plaque.
- Enhanced media kit including a press release template, an email or article template, sample social media content and an exclusive digital award badge that can be used on their website or other digital sites.

Silver Recognition



Qualification Criteria:

Providers must earn recognition in two categories to earn this designation.

Awardees will receive:

- Custom printed certificate.
- Enhanced media kit including a press release template, an email or article template, sample social media content.

Midwife Winners

Complete Demographics

Criteria	Demographic information was 100% complete for every month.

- Bethany Page Midwife
- Blessed Event Birth Services Inc.
- Blessing Birth Midwifery
- Bloom Midwifery and Lactation
- Blossom Midwifery and Wellness
- Choice Midwifery
- Created for Praise Midwifery
- Dreaming Tree Women's Care/Darci Mendenhall
- Fruitful Vine/Brandi Brace
- Lawrence Birth and Wellness
- Lily Mason Midwifery
- Morning Star Midwives
- Natural Birth KC
- No Greater Love Midwifery
- No Place Like Home Birth
- Rachel Andresen Midwife
- Simply Midwifery/Jennifer Wood - Declined Future Awards
- Truly You Midwifery/Rebecca Whistler
- Woven Leaf Holistics



Midwife Winners

Hearing Screening

Criteria	100% of babies screened, were screened within the first month of life **and** referral rates remained at or below the recommended rate for the equipment used in all four quarters of 2025.

- Baby Blessings and Beyond LLC
- Bloom Midwifery and Lactation
- Blossom Midwifery and Wellness (Screener)
- Cheryl Gates - CPM
- Created for Praise Midwifery
- Dreaming Tree Women's Care/Darci Mendenhall
- Fruitful Vine/Brandi Brace
- Glory Birth
- Lawrence Birth and Wellness
- Life Center Clinic
- Midwife KC
- Midwife Partners in Women's Wellness LLC
- Miracle Moments Midwifery
- Morning Star Midwives
- Natural Birth KC
- Rachel Andresen Midwife
- Sacred Song Homebirth
- Truly You Midwifery/Rebecca Whistler
- Wichita Birth Assistance
- Young Beginnings

Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)

Criteria	Screening status reported for 100% of infants born.

- Baby Blessings and Beyond LLC
- Bethany Page Midwife
- Bloom Midwifery and Lactation
- Blossom Midwifery and Wellness
- Choice Midwifery
- Created for Praise Midwifery
- Crowned With Good Midwifery
- Earthside Midwifery
- Fruitful Vine Midwives
- Immanuel Birth Co.
- Labored With Love: Birth and Lactation Services
- Lawrence Birth and Wellness
- Life Center Clinic
- Lily Mason Midwifery
- Midwife KC
- Midwife Partners in Women's Wellness LLC
- Miracle Moments Midwifery
- Morning Star Midwives
- No Greater Love Midwifery
- No Place Like Home Birth
- North Rock Maternity
- The Blessing Mother's Clinic
- Truly You Midwifery
- Woven Leaf Holistics

Midwife Winners

Collection Age

Criteria	Year to date average is less than 30 hours.

- Lily Mason Midwifery

Transit Time

Criteria	Year to date average is less than 36 hours.

- Lily Mason Midwifery

Unsatisfactory Rate

Criteria	Year to date average is equal to or less than 1.3%.

- Barefoot Midwifery
- Blessed Event Birth Services Inc.
- Blessing Birth Midwifery
- Bloom Midwifery and Lactation
- Blossom Midwifery and Wellness
- Companion Midwifery and Fertility Services
- Fruitful Vine/Brandi Brace
- Glory Birth
- Lawrence Birth and Wellness
- Lily Mason Midwifery
- Morning Star Midwives
- No Place Like Home Birth
- Simply Midwifery/Jennifer Wood - Declined Future Awards
- Truly You Midwifery/Rebecca Whistler

Unsatisfactory rate was based on the count of unsatisfactory specimens divided by the total number of specimens received in 2025. Specimens that had multiple rejection codes were only counted once. Rejection code 981 (specimen was wet when received) was excluded, as this is caused by shipping issues, not collector error. Average collection age and transit times were calculated using **initial** specimens only.

Birthing Hospital Winners

Birthing Hospital size classes are as follows:

Very Small	**=**	**5 - 100**
Small	**=**	**101 - 500**
Medium	**=**	**501 - 1,000**
Large	**=**	**more than 1,001**

Complete Demographics

Full and complete demographic information on the blood spot collection form is critical to ensuring timely reporting and interpretation of results when complete.

Criteria	Demographic information was 100% complete for every month or is the top performing facility in their respective size category.

Large Facilities

- Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc. (St. Joseph)

Medium Facilities

- Menorah Medical Center

Small Facilities

- Amberwell Health Atchison

Very Small Facilities

- Cheyenne County Hospital
- Coffey County Hospital
- Sabetha Community Hospital
- Smith County Memorial Hospital
- Washington County Hospital

Birthing Hospital Winners

Hearing Screening

Criteria	100% of babies screened, were screened within the first month of life **and** referral rates remained at or below the recommended rate for the equipment used in all four quarters of 2025.

Large Facilities

- Adventhealth Shawnee Mission
- Ascension Via Christi Hospital Manhattan, Inc.
- Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph
- The University of Kansas Health System – Olathe Hospital
- Overland Park Regional Medical Center
- Stormont Vail Health
- The University of Kansas Health System
- Wesley Medical Center

Medium Facilities

- Adventhealth South Overland Park
- Menorah Medical Center
- NMC Health Medical Center
- The University of Kansas Health System – St. Francis Campus

Small Facilities

- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center
- St. Catherine Hospital – Dodge City
- Hutchinson Regional Medical Center
- Labette Health
- Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center
- Newman Regional Health
- Pratt Regional Medical Center
- Stormont Vail Health Flint Hills Campus
- Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital
- The University Of Kansas Health System Great Bend Campus

Very Small Facilities

- Adventhealth Ottawa
- Clay County Medical Center
- Coffey County Hospital
- Community Healthcare System, Inc.
- Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems
- Morris County Hospital
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Republic County Hospital
- Rice Community Health
- Sabetha Community Hospital
- Scott County Hospital
- Smith County Memorial Hospital

Birthing Hospital Winners

Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)

Criteria	Screening status reported for 100% of infants born or is the top performing facility in their respective size category.

Large Facilities

- The University of Kansas Health System

Medium Facilities

- Southwest Medical Center

Small Facilities

- Citizens Health
- Kearny County Hospital
- McPherson Center for Health
- Stormont Vail Health Flint Hills Campus

Very Small Facilities

- AdventHealth Ottawa
- Clay County Medical Center
- Coffey County Hospital
- Community Healthcare System, Inc.
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Republic County Hospital
- Sabetha Community Hospital
- Scott County Hospital
- Smith County Memorial Hospital
- Washington County Hospital

Birthing Hospital Winners

Collection Age

Criteria	Year to date average is under 30 hours.

Large Facilities

- Ascension Via Christi Hospital Manhattan, Inc.
- Salina Regional Health Center
- Stormont Vail Health
- Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc. (St. Joseph)
- AdventHealth Shawnee Mission

Medium Facilities

- NMC Health
- Irwin Army Community Hospital
- AdventHealth South Overland Park
- Mercy Hospital Pittsburg, Inc.
- Southwest Medical Center
- LMH Health
- The University of Kansas Health System – St. Francis Campus



Birthing Hospital Winners

Collection Age

Small Facilities

- McPherson Center for Health
- Amberwell Health Atchison
- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center
- Citizens Health
- Labette Health
- William Newton Hospital
- The University of Kansas Health System – Great Bend Campus
- Pratt Regional Medical Center
- Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center
- Kearny County Hospital
- Stormont Vail Health Flint Hills Campus
- Newman Regional Health
- St. Catherine Hospital – Dodge City

Very Small Facilities

- AdventHealth Ottawa
- Sabetha Community Hospital
- Scott County Hospital
- Coffey County Hospital
- Washington County Hospital
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Amberwell Hiawatha
- Clay County Medical Center



Birthing Hospital Winners

Transit Time

Criteria	Year to date average is equal to or less than 36 hours.

Large Facilities

- Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc. (St. Joseph)

Medium Facilities

- Southwest Medical Center

Small Facilities

- Amberwell Health Atchison

Very Small Facilities

- Coffey County Hospital



Birthing Hospital Winners

Unsatisfactory Rate

Criteria	Year to date average is equal to or less than 1.3% or is the top performing facility in their respective size category.

Large Facilities

- The University of Kansas Health System – Olathe Hospital

Medium Facilities

- NMC Health

Small Facilities

- Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center

Very Small Facilities

- Sabetha Community Hospital
- Community Healthcare System, Inc.
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Morris County Hospital



Screening Facility Winners

Complete Demographics

Full and complete demographic information on the blood spot collection form is critical to ensuring timely reporting and interpretation of results when complete.

Criteria	Demographic information was 100% complete for every month or is the top performing facility in their respective size category.

- Allen County Regional Hospital
- Holton Community Hospital
- Hutchinson Clinic
- Vibrant Health Central
- Vibrant Health Children's Campus
- Vibrant Health Wyandotte: Meeks
- West Wichita Family Physicians, P.A.



Screening Facility Winners

Unsatisfactory Rate

Full and complete demographic information on the blood spot collection form is critical to ensuring timely reporting and interpretation of results when complete.

Criteria	Year to date average is equal to or less than 1.3% or is the top performing facility in their respective size category.

- Holton Community Hospital
- The University of Kansas Health System KU MedWest
- The University of Kansas Health System Medical Pavilion
- Vibrant Health Children's Campus
- West Wichita Family Physicians, P.A.

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Combined List of Winners

Gold Winners

- AdventHealth Ottawa
- Amberwell Health Atchison
- Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc. (St. Joseph)
- Bloom Midwifery and Lactation
- Blossom Midwifery and Wellness
- Clay County Medical Center
- Coffey County Hospital
- Community Healthcare System, Inc.
- Created for Praise Midwifery
- Fruitful Vine Midwives
- Lawrence Birth and Wellness
- Lily Mason Midwifery
- Morning Star Midwives
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center
- NMC Health
- No Place Like Home Birth
- Sabetha Community Hospital
- Scott County Hospital
- Smith County Memorial Hospital
- Southwest Medical Center
- Truly You Midwifery
- Washington County Hospital Medicine



Combined List of Winners

Silver Winners

- AdventHealth Shawnee Mission
- AdventHealth South Overland Park
- Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan
- Baby Blessings and Beyond LLC
- Bethany Page Midwife
- Blessed Event Birth Services Inc.
- Blessing Birth Midwifery
- Choice Midwifery
- Citizens Health
- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center
- St. Catherine Hospital – Dodge City
- Dreaming Tree Women's Care/Darci Mendenhall
- Glory Birth
- Holton Community Hospital
- Kearny County Hospital
- Labette Health
- Life Center Clinic
- McPherson Center for Health
- Menorah Medical Center
- Midwife KC
- Midwife Partners in Women's Wellness LLC
- Miracle Moments Midwifery
- Morris County Hospital
- Natural Birth KC
- Newman Regional Health
- No Greater Love Midwifery
- Pratt Regional Medical Center
- Rachel Andresen Midwife
- Republic County Hospital
- Simply Midwifery/Jennifer Wood - Declined Future Awards
- Stormont Vail Health
- Stormont Vail Health Flint Hills Campus
- The University of Kansas Health System
- The University of Kansas Health System – Great Bend Campus
- The University of Kansas Health System – St. Francis Campus
- The University of Kansas Health System – Olathe Hospital
- West Wichita Family Physicians, P.A.
- Woven Leaf Holistics
- Vibrant Health Children's Campus

Partnerships

Implementing these annual awards required commitment and contribution from the entire Kansas Newborn Screening team and our partners. Thank you to all who collaborated on this project and promoted awareness of its publication!

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