

# Riley County Community Needs Assessment

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH FINDINGS

57%

of respondents are **SATISFIED** with the quality of the child care they receive while

41%

feel their child care is **NOT** affordable.

42% of respondents use childcare for their child/children.

**Afterschool/latchkey programs** are the most common type of child care used, followed by **child care centers** and **licensed day care homes**.



81%

of respondents are **SATISFIED** with the education their children are receiving.

### THE TOP RANKED NEEDS FOR CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO 12 ARE:

Child care for children 0-5

Afterschool programs

Financial assistance to families (for nutrition, childcare, housing, etc.)

Parenting skills development

Bullying prevention

57%



of respondents are **SATISFIED** with non-school activities for their children in their community.

### THE TOP RANKED NEEDS FOR YOUTH AGES 13 TO 18 ARE:

Mental health care

Workforce training for teens

Financial skills training

Employment opportunities for teens

Bullying/relationship violence prevention

20%



of respondents have had children afraid to attend school/other activities due to **BULLYING**.

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The 2020 Riley County Community Needs Assessment, conducted by Wichita State University Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, included the compilation of selected secondary data, administration of a community survey (n=1,229), key informant interviews, and focus groups with persons who were underrepresented in the survey.

A number of pieces of secondary data indicate that Riley County has higher numbers of residents with children receiving inadequate prenatal care as well as participating in WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). These numbers are likely a by-product of the elevated rates of poverty and issues with affordable/accessible healthcare in the community. In the survey, 34.2% of respondents identified as parents, with 3.3% indicating they are custodial grandparents. Most respondents reported being relatively satisfied with services and resources for children and youth in the community except related to child care affordability and options.

### *Selected data from secondary sources*

Children and Youth	Riley County	Kansas	Source
Percent of births with inadequate prenatal care, 2017	21.9%	16.6%	Kids Count via Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Rate of infant mortality (deaths underage 1 per 1,000 live births), 2017	3.4	5.6	Kids Count via Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Percent of single parent households (per 1,000), 2019	25.0%	29.0%	County Health Rankings
Percent of children under age 18 below federal poverty level, 2014-2018	12.2%	15.6%	Kansas Health Matters via American Community Survey
Percent of children under age 18 with no health insurance coverage, 2015	4.6%	5.1%	Kids Count via Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)
Child care assistance, average monthly children, 2018	86	9,263	Kansas Department for Children and Families
Percent of 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders who reported using cigarettes in the last 30 days, 2019	2.3%	3.0%	Kansas Communities that Care survey
Percent of 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders who reported binge drinking (having 5+ consecutive drinks on at least once occasion in the past 2 weeks) in the last 30 days, 2019	5.4%	8.8%	Kansas Communities that Care survey
Percent of 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders who reported using marijuana in the last 30 days, 2019	6.3%	7.2%	Kansas Communities that Care survey
Rate of children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health (per 1,000 children), 2017	5.4	5.9	Kids Count via Kansas Hospital Discharge Data

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