

Kansas Project LAUNCH: Mental Health Consultation in Finney County

Mental Health Consultation helps children and their families lead happy, healthy lives.

Mental health consultation involves professionals working together with childcare, educational, and home systems to help prevent, identify, and respond to childhood mental health issues.

Why is Mental Health Consultation important?

- Provides support for parents, providers, early educators, as well as children
- Helps children grow-up emotionally and socially healthy
- Increases early identification of mental health problems in young children

What does Mental Health Consultation look like in Finney County?

Approximately 1,000 children have benefitted from Mental Health Consultation in Finney County. Through Project LAUNCH, access to services has increased and children and families are receiving the support they need.

What does Mental Health Consultation look like?



Mental Health Consultation looks different for everyone and is based on the needs of the child, family, and educators working with the child, so:

- It might be a professional going into the home to help support the family and child
- Or, a professional may observe and provide consultation in the classroom setting
- And, professionals also may visit home day care settings
- Ultimately, it is about providing the service, where it is needed, and in a way that best helps children and their families

How do you find out more?



Check out Kid Crew:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kid-Crew/529801137034411>

- an Early Childhood Program of Area Mental Health Center
- informed by the latest research on child development, attachment, and parent-child interaction
- AND delivers effective, evidence-based strategies to promote optimal social and emotional wellness.

Number of Staff and Children Receiving Mental Health Consultation Services						
	Year 2 2010-11		Year 3 2011-12		Year 4 2012-13	
	Oct-Mar	Apr-Sept	Oct-Mar	Apr-Sept	Oct-Mar	Apr-Sept
Number of Settings	10	11	24	18	19	TBA
Number of Providers	22	60	92	128	127	TBA
Number of Children	158	544	779	990	985	TBA

For more information contact Area Mental Health Center 620-276-7689