

A Healthy Child

A healthy child exists and develops within the community in which that child lives. The care required for a healthy child is increasingly the responsibility of that entire community. However, that community duty does not displace the first line opportunity and responsibility of parents and extended family, when those caregivers are present and functioning.

The community supports parents and other adult caregivers and provides the environmental factors necessary for the development of healthy children.

A healthy child...

- ...has adequate nutrition.
- ...has primary medical care.
- ...has primary dental treatment.
- ...has primary optometric treatment.
- ...has necessary and appropriate mental health services.
- ...receives basic preventive care immunizations, screenings, physical examinations, etc.
- ...is free from abuse - physical, sexual and emotional.
- ...has adequate shelter.
- ...engages in self-care and adopts a healthy lifestyle.
- ...has sufficient self-esteem to avoid destructive behaviors.
- ...is most often born to a mother who has received adequate prenatal care and is free from chemical dependency.
- ...is not a parent.
- ...has caring adults involved in her/his life.
- ...is prepared for and responds positively to educational opportunities.

Make It Click.....

It's the Law

Kansas law requires passengers of all ages to use seat belts. Small children must be placed in a child safety seat belt restraint to hold them in.

For your safety.....

Children can no longer travel in the bed of a pickup truck. As of July 1, 1992, police can ticket drivers for allowing "any person under the age of 14 years to ride on any vehicle or upon any portion thereof not deigned or intended for the use of passengers when the vehicle is in motion." This law was designed to make sure children aren't ejected from pickups when those vehicles are involved in accidents.

This new law won't apply to youngsters whose jobs require them to work in the rear of moving trucks. For example, youth hauling hay bales or delivering newspapers on their routes are exempt. Pickups traveling on county or township roads are excluded from the law. The new law applies within corporate city limits or on state and federal highways.