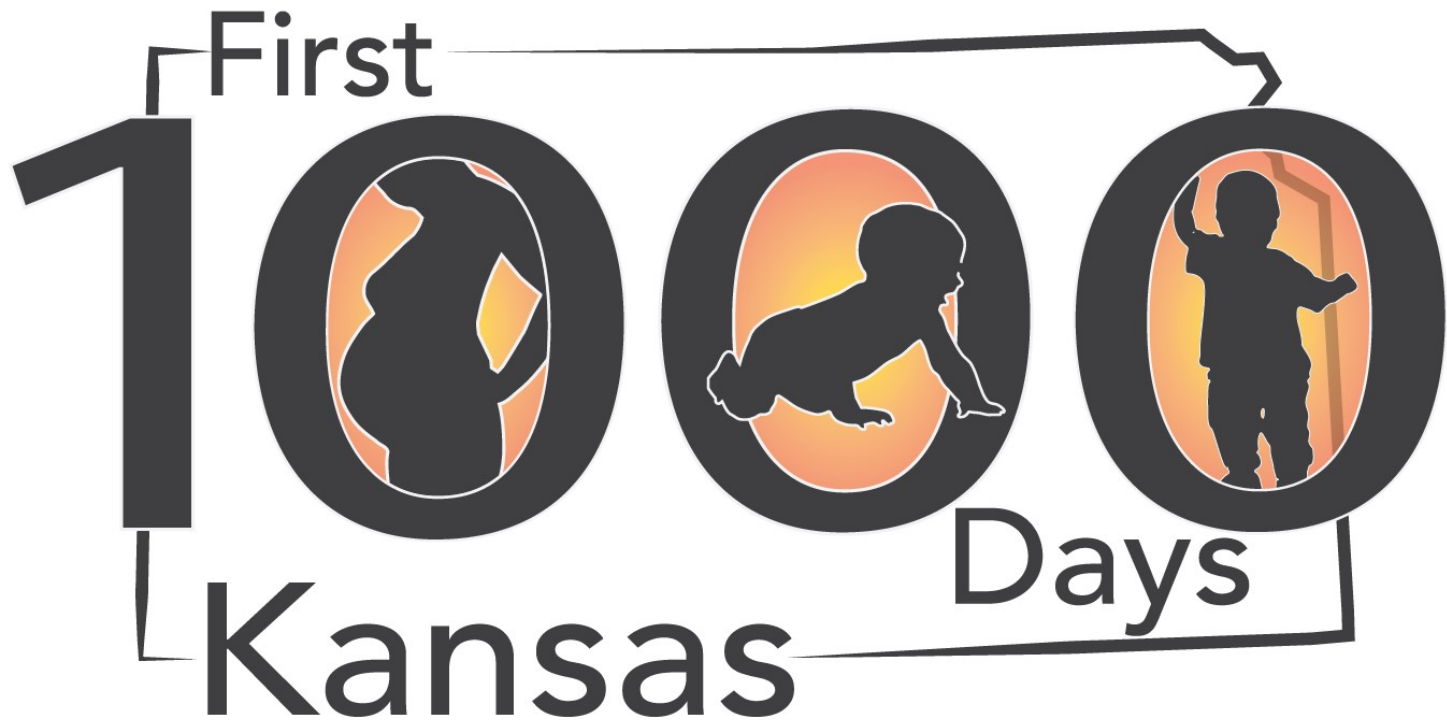




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# Welcome!



# **Federal Policy Spotlight**

**Paid Family and Medical Leave**

Presenter:

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Paid Leave Policy and Strategy  
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# KanCare Expansion and the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

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# The Case for KanCare Expansion

- **23,000** new jobs
- **165,000** Kansans expected to gain coverage
- Strengthen **hospitals** and **healthcare providers** throughout the state
- Support **rural hospitals** and **help them stay open**
- Improve services for **mental health** and **substance use disorders**
- Boost our **state economy**

CORNER TO CORNER  
**KANSANS NEED  
MEDICAID  
EXPANSION**



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# Talking Points

- **Current income eligibility limits for KanCare are too low.** For example, a single parent with two dependent children earns too much to qualify if they make more than **\$8,345 per year** (or \$695.42 per month).
- **Rural healthcare is at stake.** KanCare expansion would strengthen our state's rural healthcare system.
- **We are all paying the price for not expanding KanCare.**
- Expanding KanCare will help **tens of thousands of hardworking, low-wage Kansans** who are currently in the coverage gap.
  - ★ Invite folks to **sign the petition** and to **attend the next Healthy Kansas Advocacy Community meeting!**





# Advocacy

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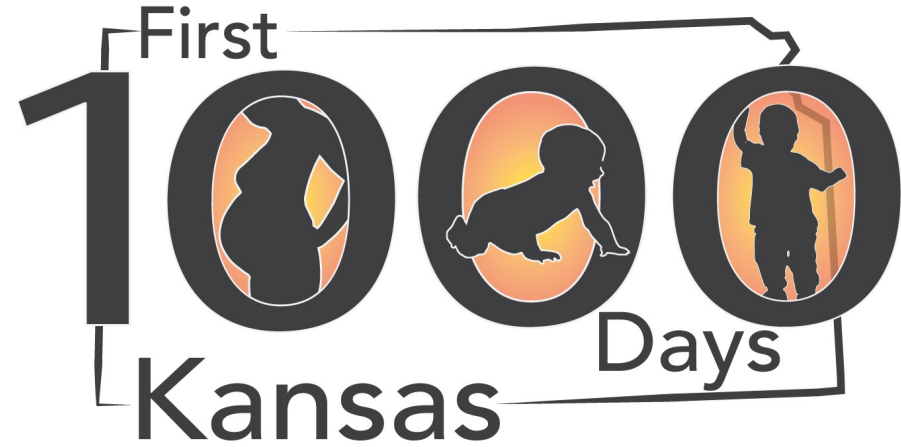


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**Next Step**

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