The majority of post-partum mothers are only covered by their Medicaid benefits for 6 weeks after having their baby?
Could you imagine going to the dentist a week or two after having a baby?

How many medical or dental conditions do you believe go undiagnosed due to this time limit?
Our Mission...

To increase the level of awareness of the need to expand Medicaid benefits to 12-18 months post-partum.
What could increasing the benefits do?

• Positively promote the Family First concept by taking care of families' medical and oral health needs which can create a healthier environment
• Better address incidence of postpartum depression that often manifest more than 6 weeks after a baby is born
• Decrease rate of child abuse and neglect reporting
• Address medical or oral health needs
• Provide substance use treatment post 6 weeks to ensure strong family
• Improve employability and/or retention rate (not missing work)
Cost Effectiveness

Dental Care (Per Appt.)
Medicaid Reimbursement
~$172

Sedative Dental Care (Per Appt.)
Medicaid Reimbursement
~$5-$20,000

Cost for one year of Foster Care Placement
~$27-$30,000

**THE MORE CARE THEY CAN GET THE LESS EXPENSIVE IT IS IN THE LONG RUN**
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Work with your local partners, coalitions, medical providers and advocacy groups to help increase the awareness of the need to expand Medicaid benefits to 12-18 months post partum.

Organizations we thought of...

• Head start March of Dimes
• Kansas Academy of Pediatrics (KS-AAP)
• KDHE
• Local Health Departments
• Dept of Children and Families
• Alliance for Healthy Kansas
• Kansas Action for Children
• Oral Health Kansas
• Health Families
• Dental Champions