

Did You Know?



The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) began the Kentucky Health Information Data Sharing (KHIDS) in an effort to improve outcomes for youth in Kentucky's out-of-home care system.

In 2021, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) granted its workers access to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) through a linked data system used by its workers referred to as the "Kentucky Health Information Data Sharing Project", or KHIDS Project. In early 2022, DCBS administered a survey to its workers on the utilization and opinions surrounding the KHIDS System.

Among the workers that responded to the survey, the largest percentage (35%) of workers were ongoing social service workers. The next most common worker types were central office staff (24.7%), family services office supervisors (20.5%), and investigative social workers (17.0%). Service region administrative associates and service region clinical associates only made up 2.8% of respondents to the survey.

Kailyn L. Conner, PhD, MPH; Darby Todd, MS; Cameron Bushling, MS; Matthew T. Walton, PhD, MSSW provided the results of their survey which can be found in the [Survey of Social Workers on Impressions of the KHIDS System brief](#). They also published a [research article in the Journal of Public Child Welfare](#) earlier this year.

Interested staff may participate in [KHIE training through the ECU-Moodle portal](#).

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