

GIS Applications to Planning Health Care Safety Net Services

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Abstract

In a collaboration between county government and academia, GIS was utilized and maps were created as strategic planning tools for a local Health Department serving a population of 452,869. Client eligibility data were extracted from the 2000 United States Census. A database was generated combining program data and U.S. census data. Analysis of data included demographics of clients served vs. clients eligible and market share calculations by program. Analysis identified target populations with greatest need of health care safety net services thus allowing strategic planning efforts to focus on the development and implementation of programs for these populations. This project served to emphasize the importance of academic and practice linkages within an ecological framework of healthcare.

Sedgwick County Kansas

- Located in south-central Kansas
- Most populous of Kansas's 105 counties
- Population estimated at more than 460,000 persons
- Sixteenth largest in area with 1008 square miles
- Reportedly has the second highest per capita wealth among Kansas's counties.

Sedgwick County Health Department (SCHD)

Mission Statement:

“To promote and protect the health of Sedgwick County residents through education, prevention, surveillance and treatment using public health functions of assessment, assurance and policy development.”

SCHD Programs

- Dental Program
- Child Primary Care
- Adolescent
- Adult PH Home Visit
- Healthy Babies Inc.
- Maternal & Infant
- Epidemiology
- Women, Infant and Children (WIC)
- Immunization
- Family Planning
- Sexually Transmitted Disease
- Migrant Health Program
- Tuberculosis
- Well Child
- Refugee Assessment

Project Purpose

Through the analysis of populations that *utilized* SCHD services and those *eligible* for services, populations with greatest need of health care safety net services are identified. GIS software provides visual tools which will play an integral part in the development of a strategic plan to target clinical services for those individuals with the greatest need.

Background:

- Graphical information is often more quickly and easily understood.
- Graphical information can impact decision-making.
- Collaboration between county government and academia can build capacity.

Methods

- SGHD defined client eligibility by program, according to Federal Poverty Level.
- Eligibility data was extracted from the 2000 U. S. Census (zip code and census tract level data).
- Consulted Sedgwick County GIS Analyst to determine appropriate geographical area to utilize.
- Developed a mapping template with Sedgwick County GIS Analyst to be used for all maps created for the project.

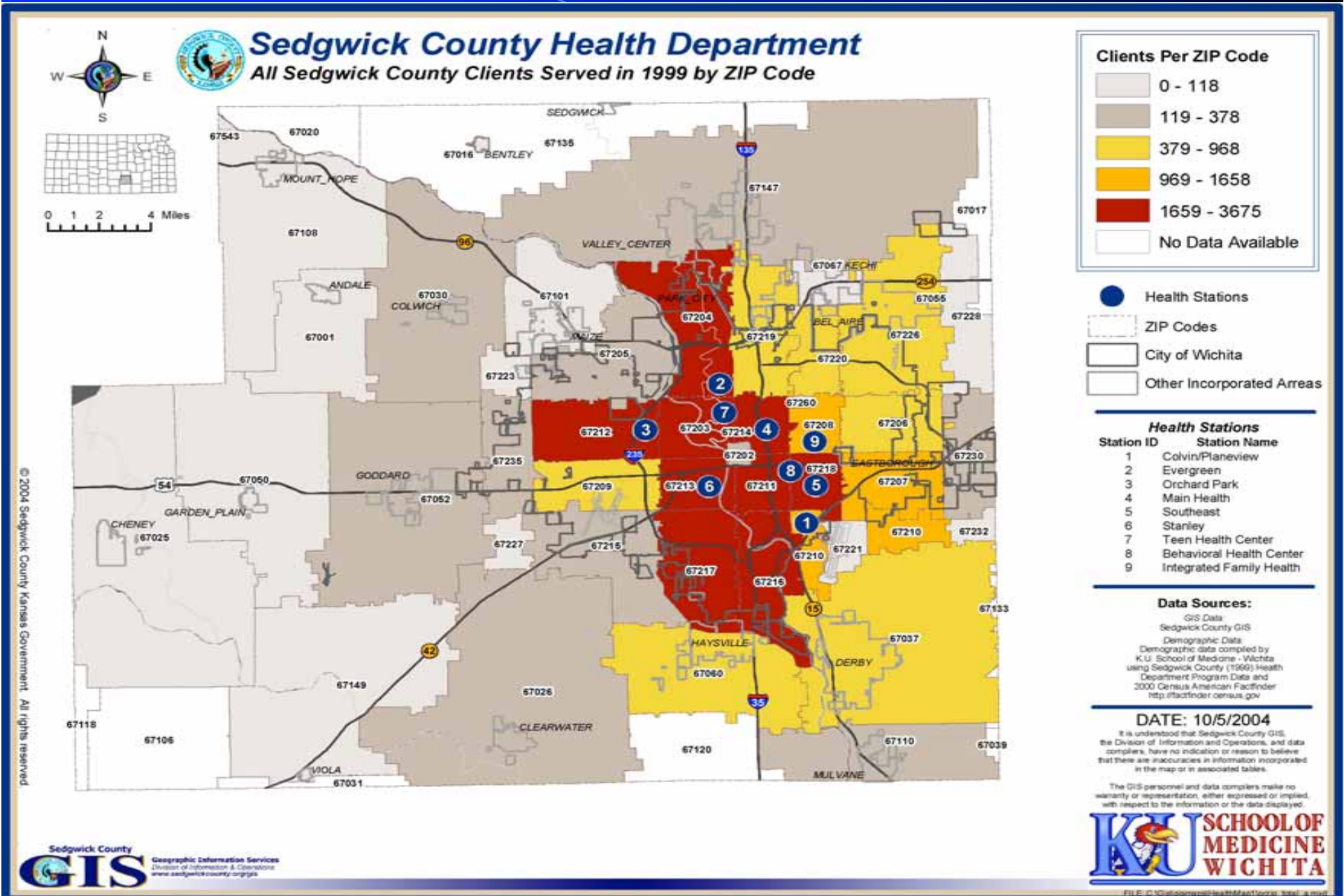
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- Obtained SCHED program data for 1999.
- Database created combining program and census data.
- Analysis of data completed including market share calculations.
- Results of analysis prepared in excel spreadsheets and delivered to Sedgwick County GIS Analyst.
- Maps and overlays were created by the Sedgwick County GIS Analyst.

Results

- GIS maps were created by SCHD program showing clients served in 1999 by Zip Code.
- GIS maps were created showing all clients served by the SCHD in 1999 by age group by Zip Code.
- GIS maps were created by Zip Code showing poverty prevalence rates.
- GIS overlay maps were created to display U. S. Census eligibility data and political boundary information.

Program Maps



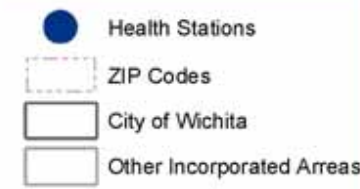
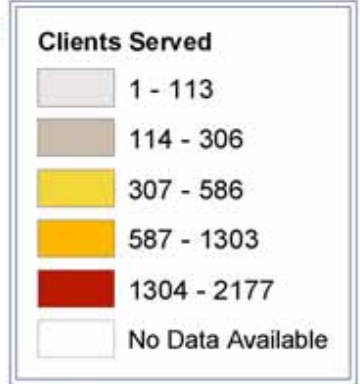
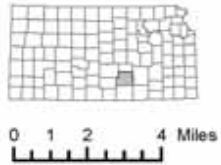
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Sedgwick County Health Department - Immunizations Program

Number of Sedgwick County Clients Served in 1999 by ZIP Code



Health Stations

Station ID	Station Name
1	Colvin/Planeview
2	Evergreen
3	Orchard Park
4	Main Health
5	Southeast
6	Stanley
7	Teen Health Center
8	Behavioral Health Center
9	Integrated Family Health

Data Sources:

GIS Data:
Sedgwick County GIS

Demographic Data:
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using Sedgwick County (1999) Health
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2000 Census American Factfinder
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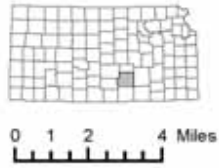
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Sedgwick County Health Department - WIC Program

Number of Sedgwick County Clients Served in 1999 by ZIP Code



Number of
Individuals Under
5 Years of Age in
1999 Below 100%
Poverty Level

Clients Served

- 0 - 49
- 50 - 167
- 168 - 514
- 515 - 1061
- 1062 - 1658
- No Data Available

● Health Stations

--- ZIP Codes

□ City of Wichita

□ Other Incorporated Areas

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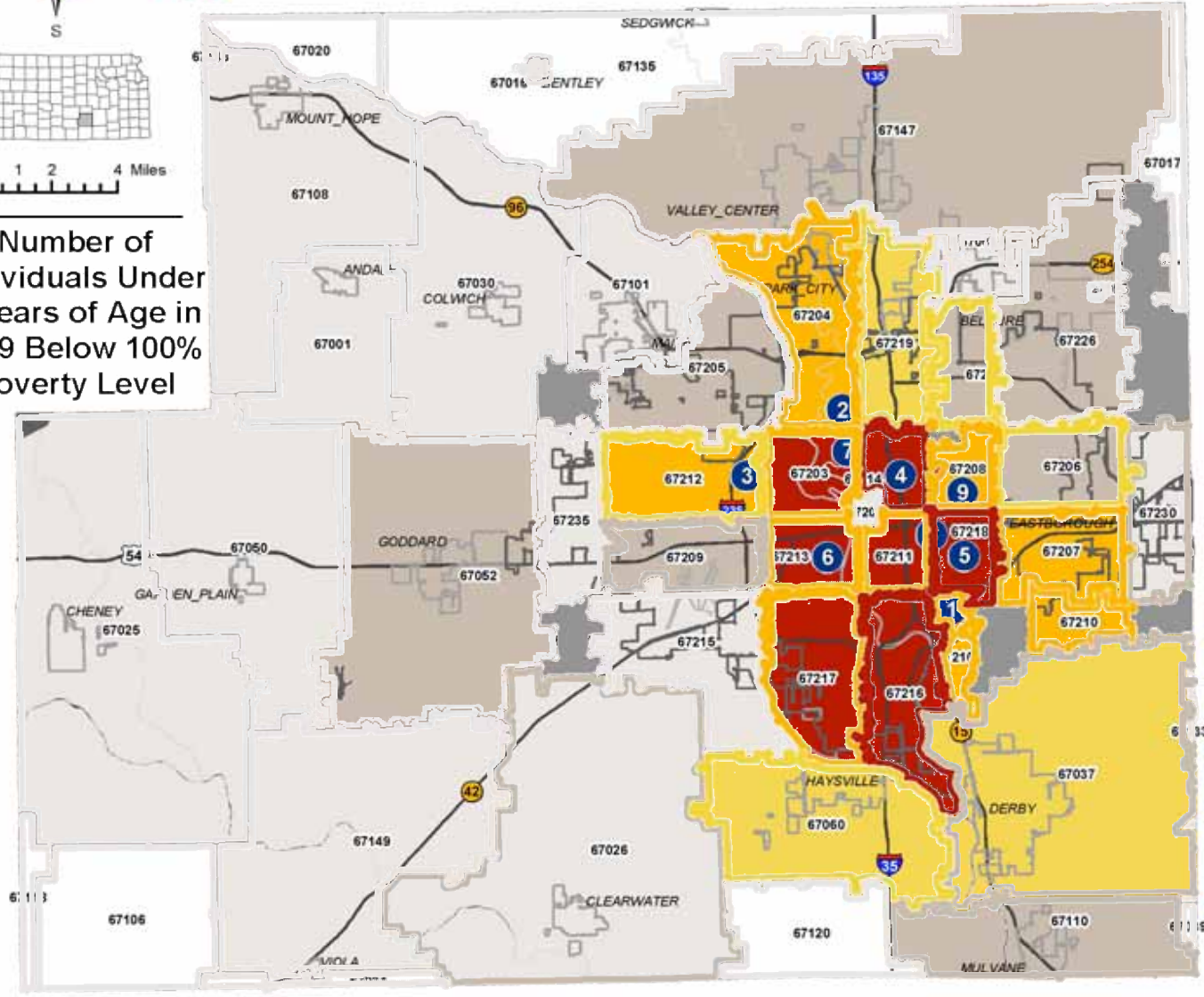
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Number of Individuals

- 0 - 21
- 22 - 67
- 68 - 179
- 180 - 411
- 412 - 656
- No Census Data Available

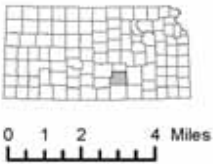


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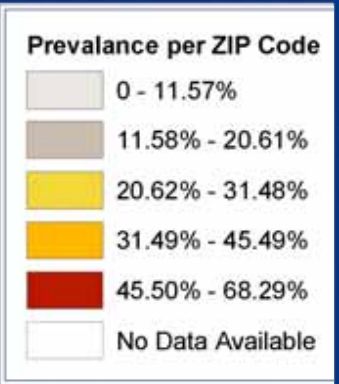
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1999 Prevalence of Children under 5 Years of Age Below 185% Federal Poverty Level



0 1 2 4 Miles

Sedgwick County Board of County Commission Districts



- Health Stations
- ZIP Codes
- City of Wichita
- Other Incorporated Areas

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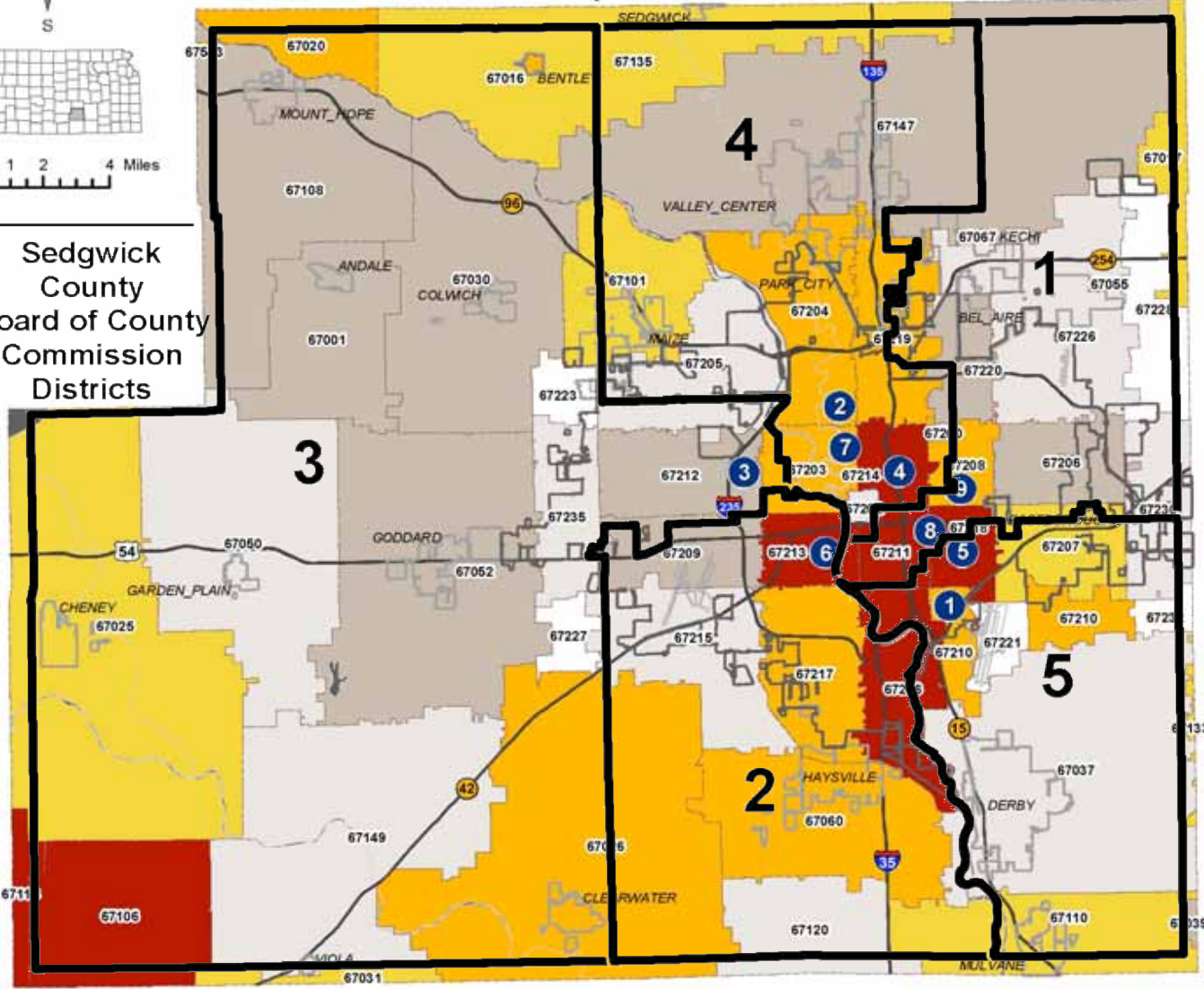
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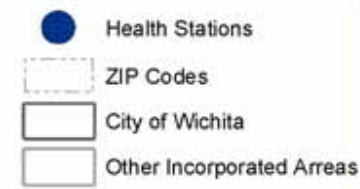
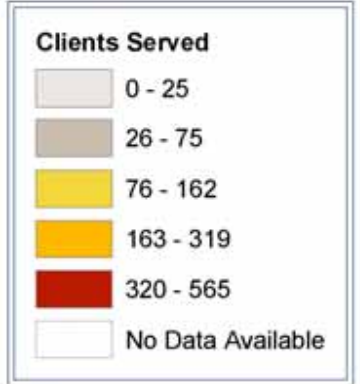
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Number of Sedgwick County Clients Under Age 5 Served in 1999 by ZIP Code



0 1 2 4 Miles

Number of
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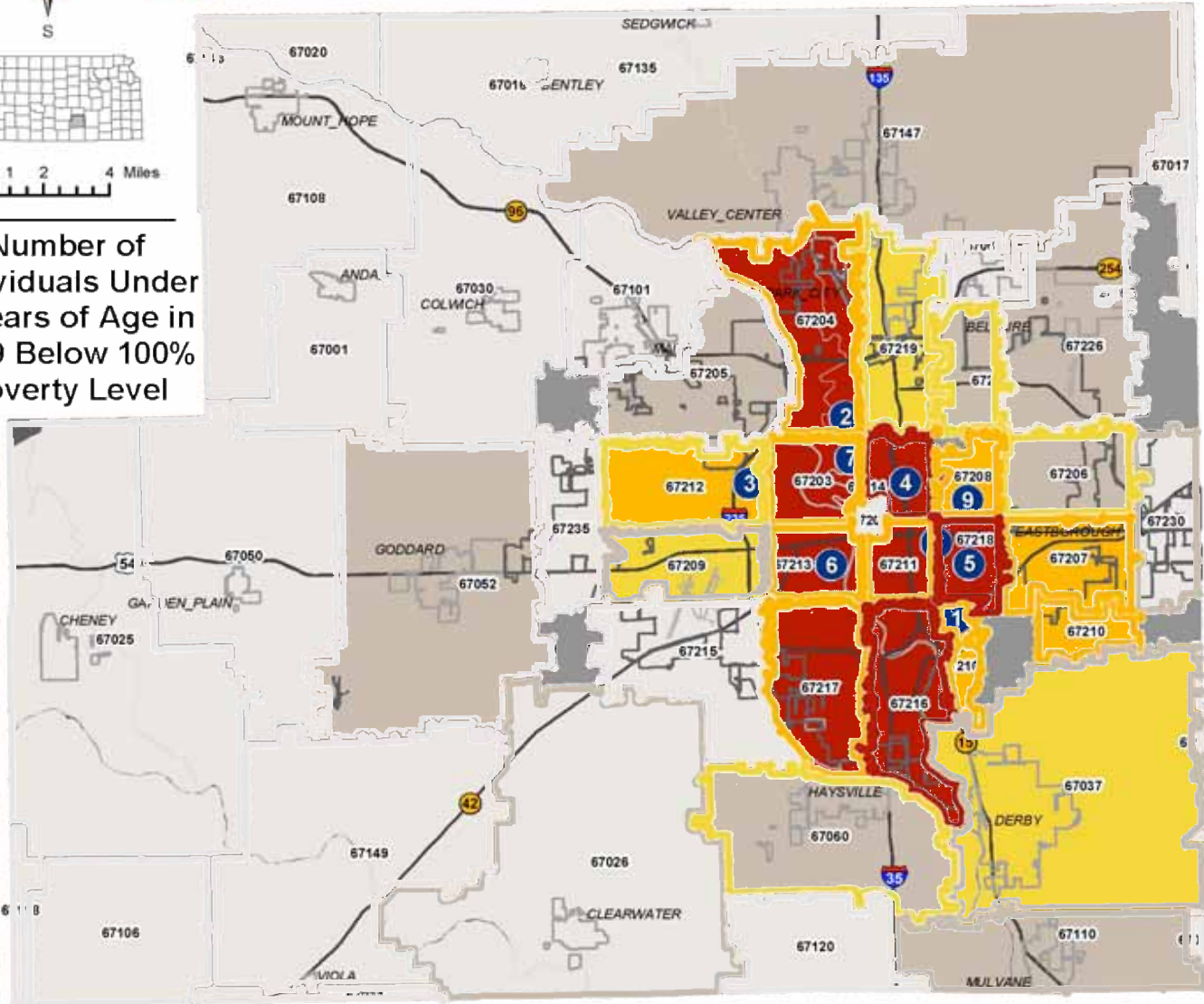
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Conclusions

This GIS project:

- emphasized the importance of academic and public health practice linkages.
- demonstrated that partnerships accrue additional resources, techniques and personnel.
- produced visual tools necessary to strategically plan the development and implementation of SCHED programs for the populations with the greatest need.

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