



### Response to Child Welfare Task Force Inquiries – August 2017

At the initial meeting of the Kansas Child Welfare Task Force (CWTF) on August 4, 2017, questions were asked related to (1) number of children experiencing stays in SFCS and KVC offices; (2) number of one-night placements where waiver granted to allow placement of a child for one night placement in a full foster home; and (3) number of children experiencing one-night or short-term placements rather than long-term placements.

KVC provides the following information:

#### (1) Overnight stays in FY2017

The below details the number of overnight office stays for FY17.

Month	Number of Overnight Office Stays	Number of Children Staying in Offices	Notes
July	0	0	NA
August	0	0	NA
September	1	1	Child with aggressive behaviors including assault, vandalism and fire starting; child with numerous juvenile offense charges.
October	4	3	Children with a history of numerous PRTF and acute psychiatric hospital screens; children with physical and sexual aggression.
November	3	3	Children with aggressive behaviors including assault, sexual aggression; children with juvenile offense charges; children at risk for running from placement; children with a history of suicidal and self-harming behaviors.
December	3	3	Children with aggressive behaviors including assault and sexual aggression; children with a history of numerous PRTF and acute screens.
January	8	7	<b>2 children with PRTF screens waiting for a PRTF bed to open</b> ; late new referrals; child that returned from being on the run late in the evening; and a parent whose child was in aftercare that refused to pick child up from JIAC.

February	6	7	<b>3 children with PRTF screens waiting for a PRTF bed to open;</b> late new referrals; children with aggressive behaviors including assault; sexual aggression; children with juvenile offense charges; children at risk for running from placement; children with a history of suicidal and self-harming behaviors. *Emergency removed 6 youth from Lakeside at the direction of DCF.
March	6	9	<b>3 children with PRTF screens waiting for a PRTF bed to open;</b> children with aggressive behaviors including assault; sexual aggression; children with juvenile offense charges; children at risk for running from placement; children with a history of suicidal and self-harming behaviors.
April	8	8	<b>2 children with PRTF screens waiting for a PRTF bed to open;</b> children with aggressive behaviors including assault; sexual aggression; children with juvenile offense charges; children at risk for running from placement, children with a history of suicidal and self-harming behaviors; children that refused placement; child picked up from being on the run late in the evening.
May	11	12	<b>2 children with PRTF screens waiting for a PRTF bed to open;</b> children with aggressive behaviors including assault; sexual aggression; children with juvenile offense charges; children at risk for running from placement; children with a history of suicidal and self-harming behaviors; children that refused placement; children that emergency disrupted from their placement late in the evening.
June	15	15	<b>2 children with PRTF screens waiting for a PRTF bed to open;</b> children with aggressive behaviors including assault; sexual aggression; children with juvenile offense charges; children at risk for running from placement; children with a history of suicidal and self-harming behaviors; children that refused placement. *Emergency removed 4 children from Passages at the direction of DCF. *Elm Acres closed its YRC facility, resulting in a need to place 19 youth who were previously stable as well as reducing available beds for higher-needs children.

KVC tracks the reasons that providers cannot accept children for children awaiting placement. Here are the primary reasons provided as reflected in our records:

- No options for child's behaviors
- No options for child's age
- No options for sexually acting out behaviors
- No options can meet the child's high level of needs
- Placement is full
- No openings for teens
- No openings available based on placement type needed (age, sex, level of care, etc)
- No openings for emergency placement
- No openings for high-needs child for long-term placements

**(2) Number of one-night placements where waiver granted to allow placement of a child for one night placement in a full foster home**

KVC did not request or require any exceptions for one night placements during FY17.

**(3) Number of children experiencing one-night or short-term placements**

The following information is related to the number of children experiencing one-night or short-term placements as of the end of FY2017.

In June 2017:

- Short-term placements impacted 153 children.
- Of the 153 children that experienced short term placement, 111 would have benefited from a higher level of care than what was available.
- The remaining 42 children experienced short term placement due to a lack of resources -- they were not children with high needs, there simply were not enough foster homes / beds available.
- Short-term placements were made in a variety of placement settings: foster care, shelter, acute, PRTF or youth residential facilities.

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