

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HANDOUTS

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE



and Families Strong Families Make a Strong Kansas

Kansas Child Welfare Factsheet

Adoption Statistics*

Awaiting Adoption

Currently, 458 children in Kansas are registered on the Adoption Exchange with no identified adoptive resource. For more information, visit: www.adoptkskids.org

Adoption Finalizations

In FY 2017, **758** children were adopted. Of the 758, **47.5%** percent were adopted by a foster parent; **49.7%** percent were adopted by a relative.

Special Needs

Special Needs include physical disability, sibling group, developmental disabilities, medical condition, guarded prognosis, emotional disabilities and age. The largest represented group is "guarded prognosis," which makes up **35** percent of children adopted.

Family Preservation Statistics

In FY 2016, **2,598** families received in-home family preservation services. Of this number, the presenting situations in the family included:

Non abuse/neglect	40.1%
Physical abuse	20.1%
Physical neglect	10.6%
Other maltreatment	29.1%

Currently, **82.6** percent of families referred for family preservation services do not have a child placed outside of the home into foster care during a one-year referral period.

Currently, **98.7** percent of families do not experience substantiated abuse or neglect during the first 90 days of family preservation participation.

Currently, more than **94.8** percent of families do not experience substantiated abuse or neglect between the time of referral and one year.

Abuse/Neg	glect	Non Abuse/Negleo	ct		PERCENT	TOTAL	PER
Physical Abuse	15%	Parental Drug Abuse	10%	Reunification	58.71%	4,281	PERMANENCY
Physical Neglect	17%	Parental Meth Use	5%	Custodianship/	1.41%	78	ICY GO
Lack of		Child's Behavior Problem	5%	Guardianship	1.4170	10	DALS
Supervision	16%	Caretakers Inability to Cope	5%	OPPLA	5.90%	399	FOR
Emotional Abuse	8%	Incarceration of Parents	3%		0.400/		GOALS FOR CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY
Sexual Abuse	4%	Inadequate Housing	2%	Maintain in Family	0.40%	30	REN
		Runaway	2%	Adoption	33.57%	2,404	N DC
Abandonment	5%	Not Attending School	1%				FCU
Medical Neglect	2%	Adult Alcohol Abuse	1%				STOD
					*As of June 3	0, 2017.	

Foster Care Statistics

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7,192 children in foster care in Kansas. Of all the counties, Sedgwick has the most children in out-of-home placement, **1,043** (14.5 percent).

Length of Stay in Foster Care

The average length of stay in foster care for children reunited with their families is nine months; for children adopted is 36 months; and 37 months for children who age out, as of June 30, 2017.

Foster Care Licensing

Foster parents play a vital role in the child welfare process. Kansas currently has **2,755** licensed foster homes. In July 2015, Foster Care Licensing was transfered from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).

Foster Parents

In 2014, DCF created the position of Foster Parent and Youth Ombudsman to help foster parents navigate the child welfare process and to ensure their voices are heard when child placement decisions are made. The Foster Parent and Youth Ombudsman can be reached at 1-844-279-2306 or by email at fosterparent@ks.gov.

June 2017

Family Foster Home	3,998
Relative	2,335
Group Residential	513
Pre-adoptive	207
Independent Living	56
Runaway	78
Maternity	5

Child Protective Services Process

When a report of child abuse or neglect is made, DCF makes an initial assessment.

If the report meets the criteria for agency involvement, the case is investigated by a social worker or special investigator. Law enforcement may also investigate.

If it is determined that a child is unsafe, then a recommendation is made by Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement to the court regarding what action should be taken.

The court then makes a decision. It is ultimately responsible for deciding when a child should be removed from a home.

The child may be placed in foster care or in the

Privatization

Since 1996, Kansas has been one of only a few states to privatize the majority of its child welfare services.

On July 1, 2013, foster care, adoption and reintegration services contracts were awarded to the following:

- DCF East and Kansas City Regions: KVC Kansas
- DCF West and Wichita Regions: St. Francis Community Services



* DCF Service Center

Kansas Child Welfare Goals:

- Help struggling families at the first sign of trouble, while children can safely be kept in the home, in an effort to reduce the number of children placed in out-of-home care
- Provide a more stable environment for children in out-of-home care by avoiding multiple transfers of custody and school placements
- Provide permanency for children in a shorter time period, whether through reintegration back into their home or, if needed, adoption

care of a relative. CPS must weigh the emotional harm to the child of removal against the likelihood of harm that the child could endure if he/she remains in the home.

In cases of non-abuse or neglect, such as lack of proper parental control, runaways or truancy, families may be referred to family preservation services, allowing the child to remain in the home.

DCF will always support keeping a child with his/her family when that is a safe option.

Substantiated vs. Affirmed vs. Unsubstantiated

In 2016, DCF adopted a new findings structure to add clarity to the child welfare system process. After DCF's investigation is completed, the agency makes a finding regarding the allegations. The purpose of the finding is to determine if it's a valid report. A substantiated finding results in the alleged perpetrator not being allowed to work, reside or regularly volunteer in a child care facility regulated by KDHE or DCF. An unsubstantiated finding may still result in removal.

- An "unsubstantiated" finding means the facts and circumstances would conclude it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions do not meet the abuse and/or neglect definitions, per applicable Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.).
- An "affirmed" finding means that it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence) the alleged perpetrator's actions or inactions meet the abuse and/or neglect definition per applicable K.S.A. and K.A.R.
- When abuse and/or neglect of a child meets criteria to affirm, the facts and circumstances of the alleged incidents shall be evaluated to determine whether criteria for a "substantiated" case finding are met. A substantiated finding results in the perpetrator's name being placed on the Kansas Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry.

Parents Rights:

- To refuse to talk with DCF
- To know the DCF finding
- To know what was reported To request DCF services

To appeal a substantiated finding

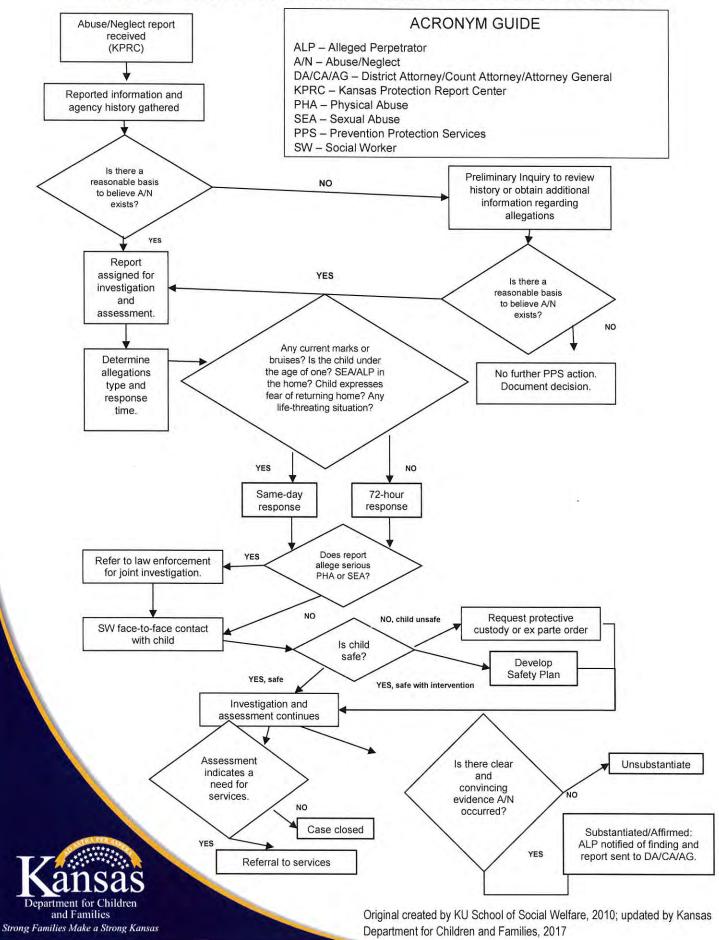
Kansas Child Welfare Enhancements and Improvements Progress Report

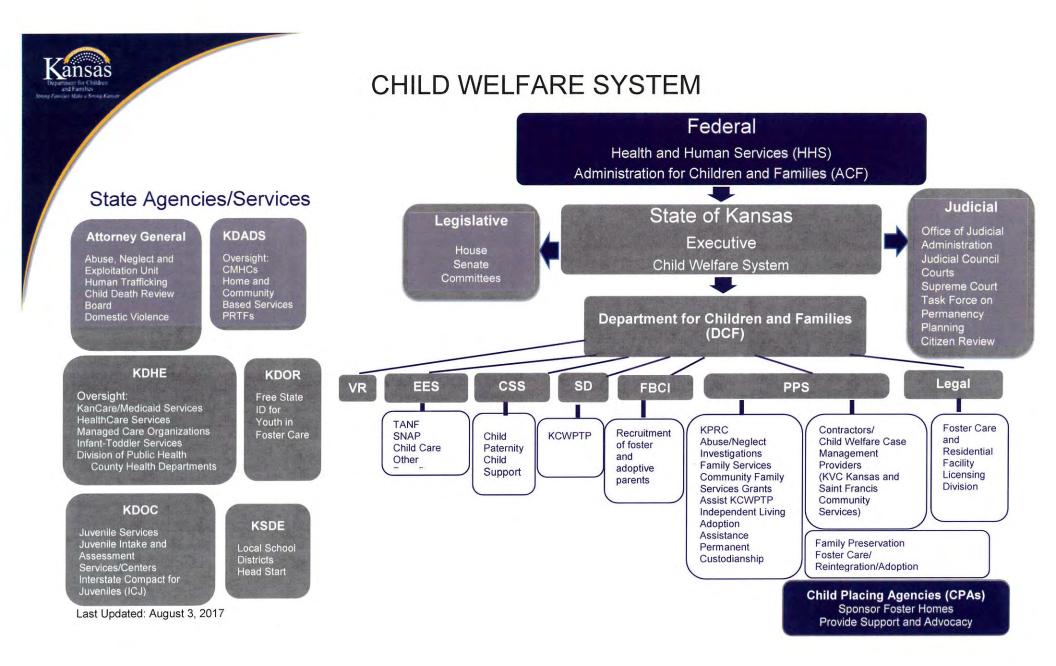
The Kansas Department for Children and Families is fully committed to its mission—to protect children, promote healthy families and encourage personal responsibility. Of the utmost importance is keeping children safe, especially when youth are in our care. In an ongoing effort to build upon our success as one of the safest child welfare systems in the country, DCF has developed an implementation plan that addresses the Legislative Post Audit recommendations.

Response to LPA	Implemented	July 2018
 Monthly In-Person Visits Review/revise policies. Create Child Welfare Compliance Unit for audit-level monitoring of contractors and staff. Implement best practices training on documentation. 	*	
 Background Checks Complete annual checks on everyone 10 and older in foster homes. Enact real-time notification of foster parent arrests/convictions. Implement fingerprinting/relative placement background checks. 	**	
 Kansas Protection Report Center Review policies and implement procedures to ensure timely assessments. 	~	
 Casey Family Programs Recommendations Use intervention practice model. Implement evidence-based family preservation. Hire skilled staff at KPRC. Review staffing levels at KPRC. Track investigations per case worker. Redefine abuse/neglect categories. Modify safety/risk assessment tools. Reduce subjectivity from findings. 	> >>>	✓✓✓
 Capacity/Sleeping Space Exceptions in Foster Homes Improve ability to match data on location/characteristics of children in foster care with location/capabilities of licensed homes 	~	
 Foster Parent Financial Resources Review and assess financial documentation during licensing and renewal. 	~	
 Safety Assessments Require Child Placing Agencies to assess safety of homes during visits. 	~	
 Contractor Corrective Action Require foster care contractors to submit a corrective action plan 	×	
 Temporary Permit Reform End the practice of granting temporary permits to foster homes before statutory/regulatory standards are met. 	~	
 Foster Home Inspections Annual foster home inspections to be conducted by DCF, instead of child placing agencies, because of financial conflicts of interest 		



ASSESSMENT & PREVENTION FLOWCHART





CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

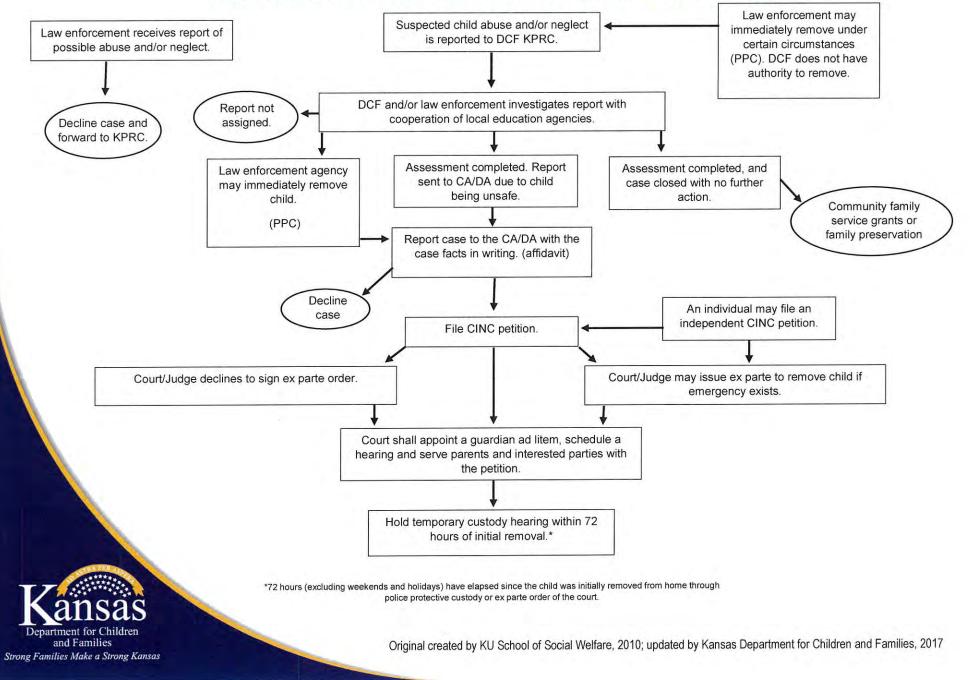
Other Entities/Organization Related to Child Welfare

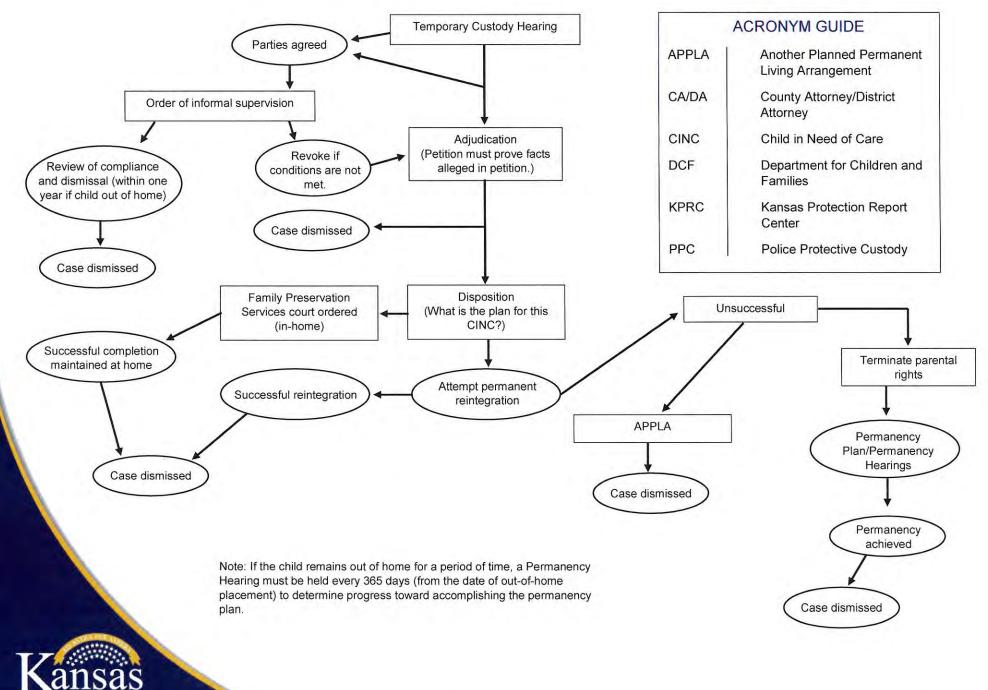
Law Enforcement (incl. Police Protective Custody and investigations)	Kansas Children's Services League	Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Amerigroup, Sunflower, United	Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)/ private therapists	
County/District Attorneys	Children's Alliance of Kansas	Healthcare		
Guardians Ad Litem	Kansas Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (KFAPA)	Hospitals, medical and dental providers	Regional Alcohol & Drug Assessment Centers (RADAC)	
Child Advocacy Centers (K.S.A 38-2227)	Kansas Family Advisory Network	County Health Departments	Substance Use Disorder treatment providers	
Multi-Disciplinary Teams (K.S.A 38-2228)	Kansas Youth Advisory Council (KYAC) Regional Youth Advisory	Community Developmental Disability Organizations	Other Community-based Organizations	
Resident Tribes/Tribal	Council (RYAC)	(CDDO)		
Courts	Universities	Home and Community	State and local inter-	
Military Bases	Research Grants/Projects	Based Services (HCBS)	agency standing committees and	
Other States ICPC and ICJ	Citizen Review Panels	Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence	workgroups	

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CHILD WELFARE IN KANSAS

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE CASE PROCESS (K.S.A 38-2201 et. seq.)





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KEY FOR CHILD WELFARE ACRONYMS

ACF/CB	ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES/CHILDREN'S BUREAU	KCWPTP	KANSAS CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM	
ANE UNIT	ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION UNIT	KDADS	KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY	
CAC	CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS		SERVICES	
CASA	COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE	KDHE	KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT	
CDDO	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION	KDOC - JS	KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS- JUVENILE SERVICES	
CFSP/APSR	CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PLAN/ANNUAL PROGRESS AND SERVICES REPORT	KFAN	KANSAS FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK	
CFSR	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES REVIEW	KFAPA	KANSAS FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION	
CMHC	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	- KPRC	KANSAS PROTECTION AND REPORTING CENTER	
CPA	CHILD PLACING AGENCY			
CRB	CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD	KSCDV	KANSAS COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	
CSO	COURT SERVICES OFFICER	KSDE	KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
CWCMP	CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDER	KVC	KVC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE, INC	
DCF-A&P	DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES- ASSESSMENT AND PREVENTION	KYAC/RYAC	KANSAS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/REGIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS	
DCF-CSS	DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN- CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES	TIPS-MAPP/DT	TRAUMA-INFORMED MODEL APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIPS IN PARENTING/DECIDING	
DCF-OCS	DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES -		TOGETHER	
	OFFICE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE	MCO	MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION (MEDICAID)	
ESSA	EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT	MDT	MULTI DISCIPLINARY TEAM	
HCBS	HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES	OAH	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS	
HTAB	HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADVISORY BOARD	OJA	OFFICE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION	
ICPC	INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF	PIP	PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN	
	CHILDREN	PPC	POLICE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	
JIAS	JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES	PRTF	PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES	
КАРР	KANSAS ASSESSMENT PERMANENCY PROJECT - 5 YEAR FEDERAL GRANT	RADAC REGIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSESSME CENTER		
KSSAF	KANSAS SERVES SUBSTANCE AFFECTED FAMILIES - 5 YEAR FEDERAL GRANT	SFCS	SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES	
KCSL	KANSAS CHILDRENS SERVICE LEAGUE			

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Prevention and Protection Services Child Welfare Reports and Resources/Public Website Links

State (DCF/PPS) & Federal (HHS/ACF/CB)

DCF Child Welfare Practice Model Link

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/KCWPTP/Pages/ChildWelfarePracticeModel.aspx

1. KANSAS PROTECTION REPORT CENTER (KPRC)

a. Reports Received

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRe ports/CPS/CPSintakereports_ReceivedFY17.pdf

b. Reports Assigned

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRe ports/CPS/CPSintakereports_AssignedFY17.pdf

c. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY

2. ASSESSMENT & PREVENTION

a. Reports assigned to Assess Alleged Maltreatment-SFY17 http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRe

ports/CPS/Rprttypes_MaltreatmentrsnFY17.pdf

b. Timely Contact with Victim / Family-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRe ports/CPS/Timely_Contact_FY17.pdf

3. IN-HOME

a. **FAMILY PRESERVATION**

i. Family Preservation In Home-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017 DataReports/InHome-FamilyPres/FPrefsum_DCFregFY1 7.pdf

ii. Presenting Situations for Family Preservation Referrals-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017 DataReports/InHome-FamilyPres/Pressituation_FamilyPr esFY17.pdf



b. FAMILY SERVICES

i. Family Services Cases Initiated-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/InHome-FamilyServices/FamilyServices_FY1 7.pdf

ii. Presenting Situations for Family Service Referrals-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/InHome-FamilyServices/Pressituation_Family ServicesFY17.pdf

c. COMMUNITY BASED FAMILY SERVICES

i. Children Remain at Home During Community Based Family Services (During Open Case) SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/InHome-FamilyServices/ChildrenRemainAtHo meDuringCommunityBasedFamilyServicesFY2017.pdf

ii. Children Remain at Home During Community Based Family Services (365 days Post Conclusion) SFY17 http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/InHome-FamilyServices/ChildrenAtHomePost ClosureCommunityBasedFamilyServicesFY2017.pdf

iii. Families referred to Community Based Family Services will not be Referred to Family Preservation Services (180 days) SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/InHome-FamilyServices/CommunityBasedFa milyServicesW_NoFP180dysFY2017.pdf

iv. Children are Safe from Abuse & Neglect by Parent or Caregiver (365 Days) SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/InHome-FamilyServices/ChildrenSafeAfterCo mmunityBasedFamilyServicesFY2017.pdf



4. FOSTER CARE

a. Removals, Exits and out of Home Report-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRep orts/FCAD_Summary/FACTSRemovalsExitsOOHSFY17.pdf

- b. Children in Out of Home by Placement Setting-SFY17 http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRep orts/FCAD_Summary/PlacementbyRegionFY17.pdf
- c. Children in Out of Home by Permanency Goal-SFY17 http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRep orts/FCAD_Summary/PlacementPermGoalFY17.pdf
- d. Children in Out of Home by Age and Gender-SFY17 http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRep orts/FCAD_Summary/AgeGenderReportFY17.pdf

e. Length of Stay and Reason for Ending Out of Home Placement-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRep orts/FCAD_Summary/LengthofstayFY2017.pdf

5. ADOPTION

a. Adoptions Finalized-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017DataRep orts/FCAD_Summary/adoptions_finalizedFY17.pdf

b. FFY 1995-2016 Adoptions Finalized Table

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/HistoricalFFYAdoption sFinalized.aspx

6. INDEPENDENT LIVING

a. Independent Living / Self Sufficiency Services Annual Report-SFY16

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2016DataRep orts/IndependentLiving/SSIS_AnnualReportSFY2016.pdf

b. IL Information Link on Public Website http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/IndependentLivingPro gram.aspx

c. NYTD Information Link on Public Website

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/NYTD.aspx



7. OUTCOMES (FEDERAL & STATE)

- a. Adoption Outcomes
 - i. Progress Towards Adoption (Adopted in Less than 12 months from Legal Freedom)-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/Adoption_LegallyFr ee_12months_FY2017.pdf

ii. Timely Adoption (Less than 24 months)-SFY17 http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/TimelyAdoption_24 months_FY2017.pdf

b. Permanency Outcomes

i. Permanency in 12 months for children entering Foster Care—SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/Permanencyin12M onths-EnteringCareSFY17.pdf

ii. Permanency in 12 months for children entering Foster Care 12 to 23 months—SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/Permanencyin12M onths-InCare12-23SFY17.pdf

iii. Permanency in 12 months for children entering Foster Care 24 months or longer-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/Permanencyin12M onths-InCare24OrLongerSFY17.pdf

c. Well-Being Outcomes

i. Children Live with Relatives-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/LiveswithRelative_ FY17.pdf

ii. Sibling Placement-SFY17

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2017D ataReports/FCAD_ContractOutcomes/SiblingPlacement_ FY17.pdf



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8. FEDERAL MONITORING

a. IV-B Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) & Annual Progress & Services Report (APSR)

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/Other/TitleIVBSta tePlan.pdf

b. Title IV-E STATE PLAN

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/Other/IVESTATE PLAN.pdf

c. AFCARS

This report covers program review for Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Our Federal Partners (ACF) collect case level information through AFCARS on all children in foster care for whom State child welfare agencies have responsibility for placement, care or supervision and on children who are adopted under the auspices of the State's public child welfare agency. AFCARS also includes information on foster and adoptive parents. ACF utilizes AFCARS data for a number of reasons such as Adoption Incentives Programs, Child Welfare Outcome Reports, Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) and Title IV-E Eligibility Reviews. States are required to submit AFCARS data semi-annually to ACF.

d. ROUND III Child & Family Services Review (CFSR)

i. CFSR State Assessment

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/Other/Fin alVersionSWAssessment_February2015.pdf

ii. CFSR—Final Report

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/CFSR/KS _CFSR_Final_Report_2015.pdf

iii. CFSR—Program Improvement Plan (PIP)

http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/CFSR/Ka nsasCFSRRound3PIP.pdf



RESOURCES

Public Website Link to PPS Reports http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/PPSreports.aspx Public Website Link to Program Service Reports http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/PPSservices.aspx Link to PPS Policy and Procedural Manual http://content.dcf.ks.gov/PPS/robohelp/PPMGenerate/ Historical Federal Child Welfare Legislation http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/otherpubs/majorfedlegis.cfm

National Child Welfare Case Process (Overview) https://training.cfsrportal.org/section-2-understanding-child-welfare-system/3008

