Kansas Department for Children and Families: Kansas Foster Care System

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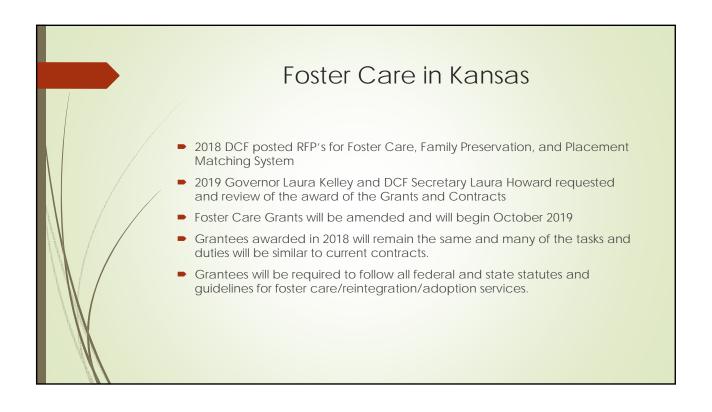
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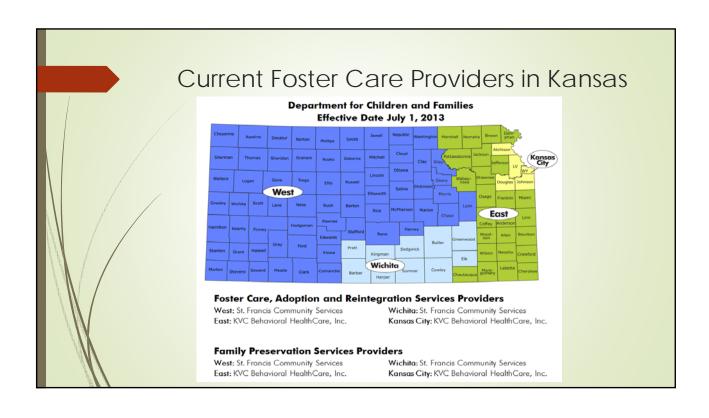
History of Department for Children and Families

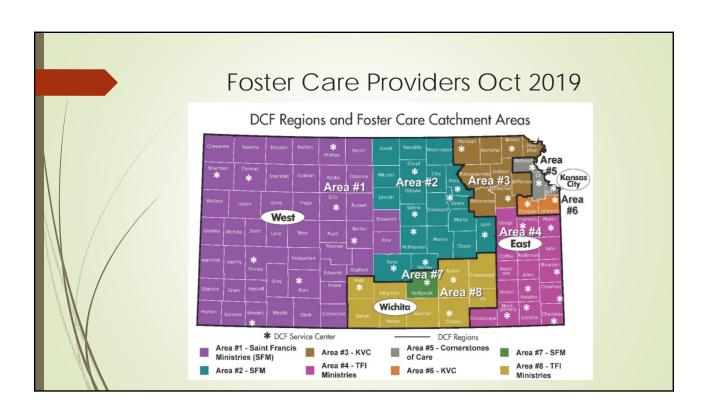
- 1937 State Welfare Department in Kansas was created
- 1973 Kansas Legislature created the State Agency of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
- 1973 Welfare offices were County and Township Public Offices (total of 105)
- 1976 SRS Organized into 17 Areas
- 1989 Reorganized to 15 Areas
- 1990 Reorganized to 12 Areas
- 1999 Reorganized to 11 Areas
- 2003 SRS Reorganized to 6 Regions and closed many smaller offices

History of Department for Children and Families 2012 Department for Social and Rehabilitation Services were renamed to Department for Children and Families During the reorganization DCF reduced to 4 Regions *DEF Service Center*

Foster Care in Kansas 1996 State of Kansas Privatized Family Preservation Services and 1997 Foster care based on the Kansas Child Welfare Reform which started in 1994 Contracts have been awarded in: 1997 2000 2005 2013 Current Foster Care Contracts will begin in October 2019 Contracts are currently awarded for four years with two one year extensions







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- Foster care services are for children and families in cases when a court has found the child to be in need of care and the parents are not able to meet the safety needs of their child. Most children who require foster care have been abused or neglected, and they can have major developmental, physical and emotional needs that require a variety of services and care.
- Some children who are not abused or neglected may be placed in foster care for reasons such as out-of-control behavior, failure to attend school, overwhelmed parents and running away from home. Foster children are most often placed with relatives or in qualified family foster homes, but some children need more structured settings such as a group home or a residential center. Kansas contracts with private agencies that are responsible for providing foster care services including case planning, placement, life skills and foster parent recruitment and training.
- DCF is responsible to monitor the safety and wellbeing of the children who are in foster homes and monitor the progress they are making toward being able to return to their family home or finding another permanent home.

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- There are multiple child placing agencies in Kansas who work with DCF Licensing to recruit and maintain Foster Homes, Group Homes, Shelters, secure care, and Youth Residential Facilities for children who are in out of home placement.
- Foster Parents can choose which agency they want to sponsor them.
- All licensed facilities must meet all State Regulations and are subject to annual reviews and investigations of any reported abuse, neglect or regulatory violations.
- KDADS is responsible for the Licensing and monitoring of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities in Kansas

Kansas Foster Care by the Numbers January 2019, there are 7,352 Children in OOH Placement 2,332 Children with a case plan goal of Adoption 59.83% of children in out of home placement have a goal of reintegration. The most frequent abuse/neglect reason for removal into foster care is "Physical Neglect". SFY Statewide, 32.38% of children are placed with relatives. Statewide, 8.42% are placed in group or residential



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