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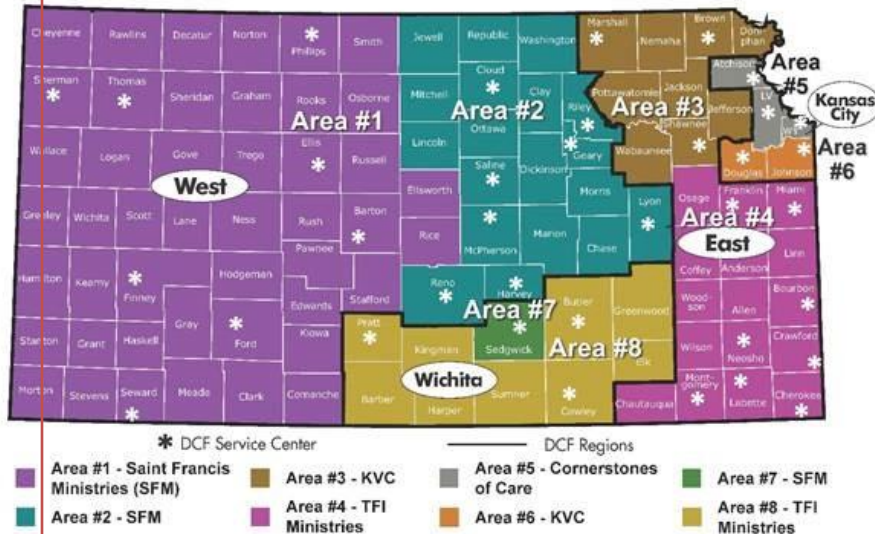
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DCF Regions and Foster Care Catchment Areas



Who We Are

KVC Kansas is a private, nonprofit organization that serves 30,000 Kansas children and adults each year. We provide foster care case management, family reunification services, foster family recruitment and support, adoption, aftercare, outpatient therapy and more.



Who We Are





We'll Cover...

- Child Abuse & Neglect in Our Community
- Statistics for Black Foster Children & Families
- How the Foster Care System Works
- 4 Powerful Ways You Can Help
- Next Steps

Child Abuse & Neglect In Our Community

- Over **35,000** reports of child abuse and neglect each year
- **6,780** children in the state's care
- **580+** children in Johnson County in foster care or needing foster parents.
- **200+ beds needed!**



Statistics for Black Foster Children

- 2x more likely to enter foster care than white children
- **15% of the population, but more than 30% of the foster children population in the U.S.**
- Remain in foster care for longer periods, less likely to get adopted, and experience lower family reunification rates than white children
- 25% prison population are black foster children

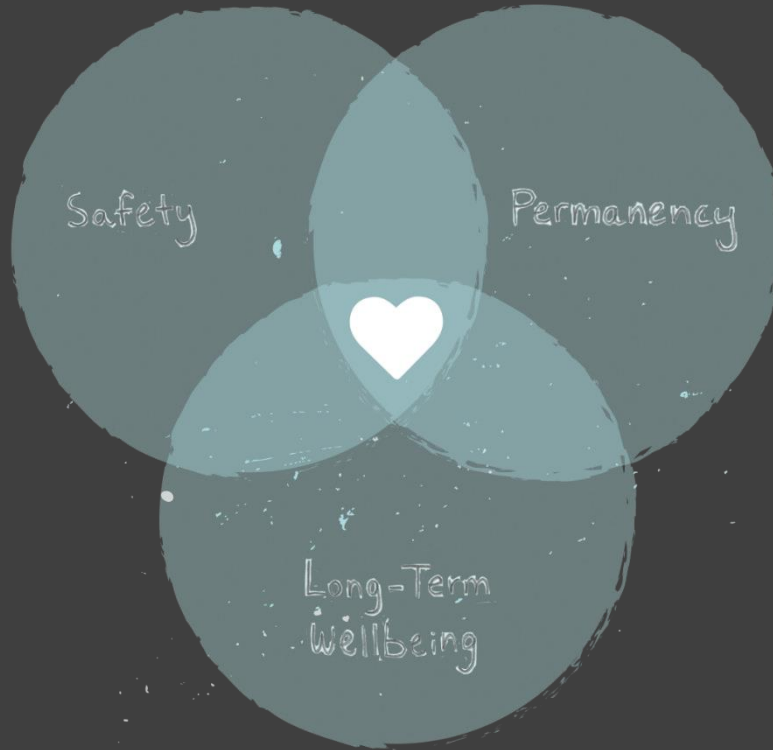


How the Foster Care System Works

- The state investigates a claim of abuse then tries to keep family together through preservation services.
- At last resort, if the home isn't safe, the youth will be placed in temporary foster care
 - Relatives or non-related kin whenever possible
 - Keep children in their community whenever possible
 - A safe place that gives the child and birth family an opportunity to resolve conflicts/disruptions and learn healthy skills
 - **More than half** of children return home safely
 - Goal is to reintegrate within 1 year



How the Foster Care System Works



If it is no longer safe for a child to return home, adoption is sought

Most children are adopted by relatives or foster parents

Some children have no relatives or foster parents that are able/willing to adopt them. We work to locate an adoptive family for them through our website and advocating in the community.



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Child Abuse & Neglect In Our Community

Nearly **400** Kansas children waiting to be adopted by a loving family



Ryan - 15 years old



Tino - 14 years old



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Jamond - 15 years old



Josiah - 10 years old



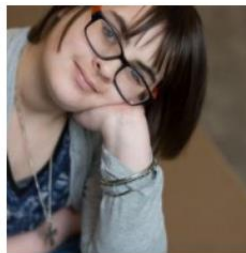
Skyla - 6 years old



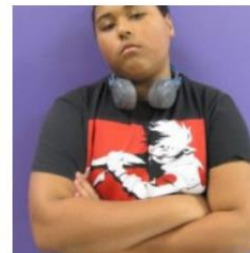
AKiyrah - 13 years old



Taniya - 14 years old



Lexi - 14 years old



JaeShawn - 14 years old



Jacob - 15 years old



Austin - 16 years old



4 Powerful Ways YOU Can Help

#1 – Become a Foster Parent

- First step is the FREE 30-hour (virtual) training class!
- Basic requirements
 - 21+ years old
 - Basic income guidelines
 - Provide adequate bedroom space
 - Reliable transportation
 - Standard background check
- Keep children in their school / district / community
- Staying connected is critical for kids
- You'll be filled with a sense of purpose!





#1 – Become a Foster Parent

We'll Support You the Whole Way

- If you're considering becoming a foster parent, KVC Kansas is here to guide you every step of the way. We will provide you with:
- Free ongoing training and support 24/7, 365 days/year
- 24-hour phone support
- Health insurance for the child
- Assistance finding local resources
- A fun weekend away at our Resource Family Conference, which provides a fantastic learning experience for parents and children
- Monthly reimbursement to meet the child's needs plus assistance with back-to-school supplies and holiday gifts.



#1 – Become a Foster Parent

#2 – Volunteer

When you choose to volunteer with KVC, you will be the catalyst for change in your community and help the thousands of children and families we serve. We are always looking for volunteers to help with programs, events and other fulfilling experiences!

- Providing childcare
- Participate in celebrations and events
- Coordinate donation drives
- Support our social workers



#3 – Donate Needed Items

- Monetary Donations
 - One-time and Monthly

In-Kind Donations

- Basic hygiene items
- Items for teens
- School supplies (July)
- Holiday gifts (November)



Collect hygiene products, undergarments, gloves, socks and shoes for children in foster care



#4 – Become an Advocate

- Share our content!
 - Blog, Facebook, join our email list
- Administrators, teachers and coaches
- Parents and PTAs
- Partner organizations
- Special meeting or meeting topic about foster care or child trauma





Your Thoughts?

**What is one way
you can respond
in order to help
youth?**

Thank You!

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