



Senate Public Health and Welfare

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Informational briefing on the Department for Children and Families

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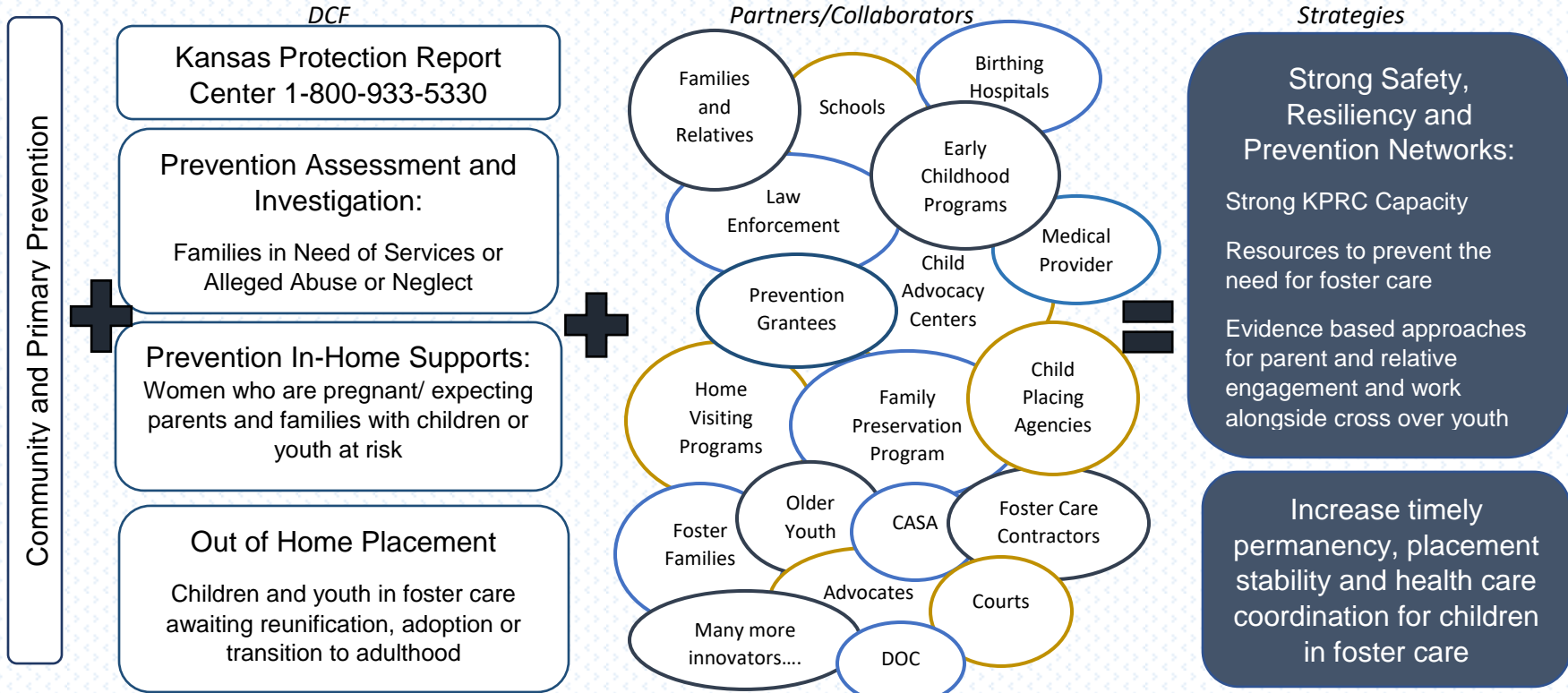
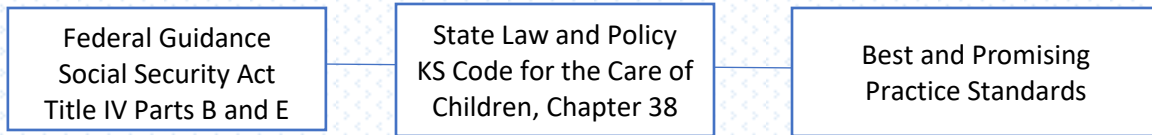
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Child Welfare Overview




Strong Workforce: Recruit and Develop Child Welfare Workforce Partnerships and Practice Implementation

Informed Decisions: Outcomes Based, Safety and Data Informed Alongside Families in Communities

Evidence-Base Practice that Engages Families: Mental Health, Substance Use Parent Skill Building Kinship Navigation

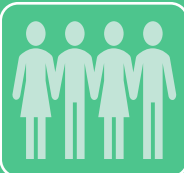


2018 Snapshots




KPRC

- 72, 683 Child Reports Received: @ 200 daily
- Call Sites: KC, Topeka and Wichita



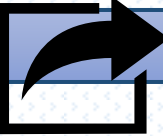
Child Protection Assessment & Investigation

- 475 Frontline staff went out on 40,623 assigned reports
- 96% of reports have timely response to the family either the same day of report or within 72 hours



Prevention

- 2,692 Families served in Family Preservation (FPS)
- 83% of families served in FPS do not have a child enter care



Goals and Success Factors



Timely and consistent KPRC report screening with support and business redesign by Soval Solutions and add additional positions. Begin assessment of resources required for integrated child welfare information system.



Consistent safety assessment and planning alongside families with evidenced based and promising approaches and tools. Amplify university partnership for practicums and increase recruiting and job advertisement media.

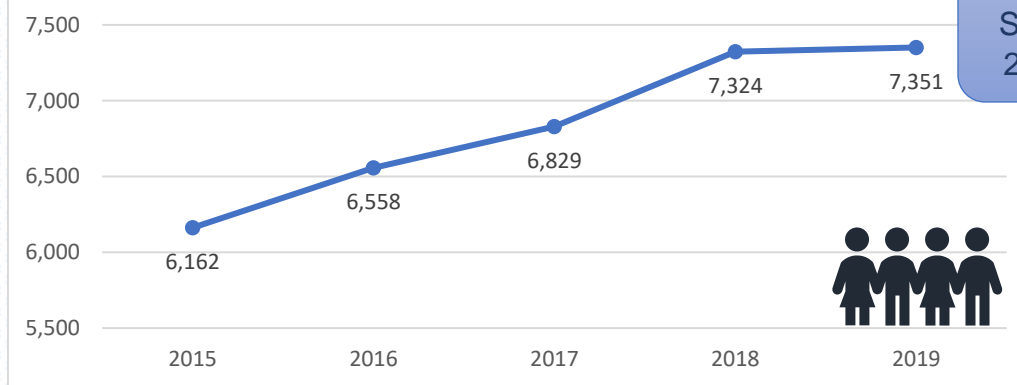


Increase evidence-based prevention programs through grant Requests For Information, Proposal and award related to Families First Prevention Services Act guidance and resources. Support families and relatives to navigate service systems for access to meaningful resources. Increase the number of children placed with relatives. Use innovations such as Rapid Permanency Reviews and other tools to collaborate with court and service providers to remove barriers to legal permanency for children in care.



Statewide Children in Care Snapshots

Children in Care Over Time on January 31



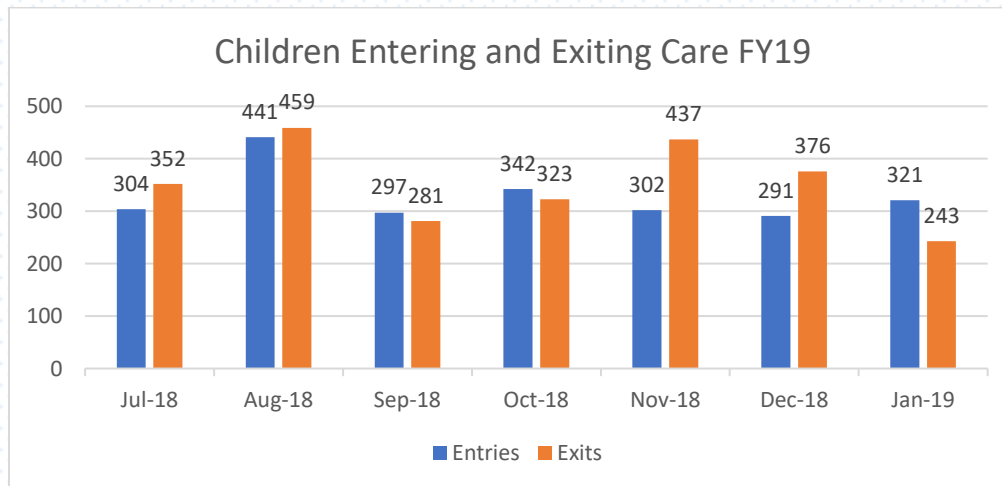
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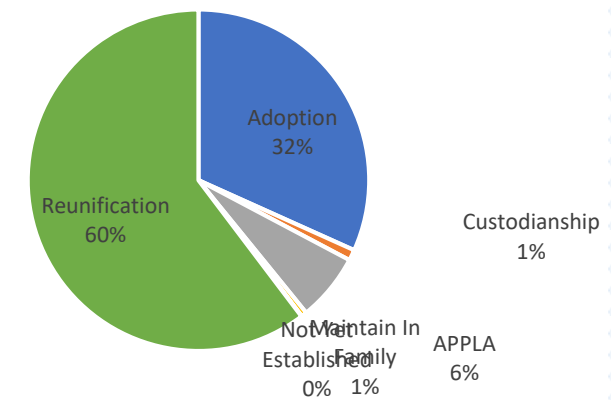
9 Years Old

Avg. Age

Children Entering and Exiting Care FY19



Permanency Goal 1/31/2019



Placement Type 1/31/19

