

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Child Welfare Philosophy of Care

The Kansas Child Welfare Philosophy of Care serves as a blueprint to describe the values underlying our work and partnership with families, providers and communities in the Kansas child welfare system. The mission of the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) is to protect children, promote healthy families and encourage personal responsibility. Prevention and Protection Services (PPS) promotes safe and healthy homes while strengthening children and families.

Kansas Child Welfare Values: Statements of what we believe drive what we do.



1. All children deserve to be protected and free from abuse and neglect.



7. Foster care is a temporary intervention, with the primary goal of reintegration and, if reintegration is not possible, a secondary goal is to attain another form of permanency, such as adoption.



2. Children should be maintained with their family whenever possible.



8. Kansas child welfare staff should demonstrate integrity, understanding and compassion when addressing and overcoming difficult issues with children and families.



3. Families are important to the health and wholeness of children.



9. Kansas child welfare staff should be committed, qualified, trained and skilled, and supported by an effectively-structured organization.



4. Children need consistent nurturing in a healthy environment to realize their full potential.



5. Children and families are to be understood within the context of their own family and history.



10. Parents have the primary responsibility for the child's safety and well-being. However, the entire community can contribute to helping families so children reach their full potential.



6. All children need and deserve healthy, enduring relationships that provide stability and belonging.



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