

KANSAS PRACTICE MODEL



What it means and how it works

The Kansas Practice Model provides a consistent and customized framework to support engagement, safety planning and decision-making to guide our work alongside families, children and youth. With family voice and practice approaches, practitioners use their skills to engage the family and assist with needed services to support family safety and well-being.

The Kansas Practice Model integrates aspects and tools from multiple practice approaches with promising evidence research and best practices to come alongside families, their natural supports and community on a journey toward improved safety and family well-being.



The Foundation of Our Practice

The selected practice approaches and tools from Team Decision Making, Family Finding, Signs of Safety, Structured Decision Making, Solution Focused Questions and the Resolutions Approach comprise the foundation of the Kansas Practice Model. These practice approaches, along with practitioners committed to using these new tools, are moving us forward in working alongside families to improve safety and family well-being.



Family and Community Prevention Networks

Prevention, support and safety networks are vital to the Kansas Practice Model framework. Practitioners focus on helping families expand their support system with assistance in identifying individuals who support them and who want the family to experience the best outcomes. By working alongside families to build stronger networks for support and safety, the Kansas Practice Model helps families stay together or reunify safely and improve the well-being of all family members.



Permanency and Stability

One of the most critical goals of the Kansas Practice Model is to establish and support lasting safety for families. Practitioners and families work together to identify and implement solutions that support stability, security and permanency. While these may look different for every family, whether it is maintaining children safely in the home, early reunification or alternatives identified with the family, practitioners using the framework of the Kansas Practice Model are focused on working alongside families to identify their goals and maintain lasting safety.



Healthcare and Well-Being Coordination

The Kansas Practice Model puts the well-being of the family and safety of the children at the forefront of every step in the process. This model supports practitioners in their work alongside families with a goal of meeting the needs of parents and caregivers, who in turn, are better able to meet the needs of their children. Practitioners help families discover ways to integrate self-care, enjoyment and passion in their lives and access needed healthcare services and community supports.