The Kansas Practice Model

The Kansas Practice Model provides consistent, evidence-based tools centered on the child and family experience. These practices enable the Kansas Department for Children and Families and our partners to equip caregivers for success, maintain safety for children and promote overall family well-being.

The pillars of KPM:

Best Practice

KPM draws from **evidence-based approaches** such as Team Decision Making, Family Finding, Signs of Safety, Solution-Focused Questions and the Resolutions Approach to help practitioners support child safety and family wellbeing.

Support Networks

Family, kin and community members can become strong support networks for families. Practitioners **help families identify supportive individuals** committed to their success and the safety of the child(ren).

KPM helps families stay together, reunite safely, and thrive by building strong support and safety networks.

Lasting Safety

KPM **looks beyond immediate concerns** to ensure long-term child safety. Practitioners and families collaborate on plans to promote safety and stability.

When children cannot stay safely at home, timely reunification or another permanent home is prioritized.

Well-Being

KPM prioritizes child safety and family well-being by **assessing strengths, needs, and protective factors** to sustain positive change.

When necessary, families are connected to community resources, with progress measured through meaningful improvements in safety and daily functioning.

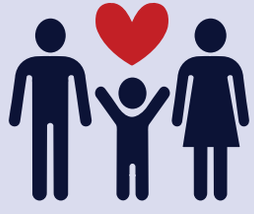
Workforce

A skilled workforce is the foundation of KPM.

KPM Practitioners use **shared practices and evidence-based tools** to support family engagement, safety assessment, decision-making, and planning.

An approach that walks alongside families...

The Kansas Practice Model (KPM) provides consistent, evidence-based tools centered on the child and family experience. By integrating approaches that support families, their natural supports and communities,



KPM enables the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) to equip families for success while prioritizing child safety, family stability, permanency, and overall well-being.