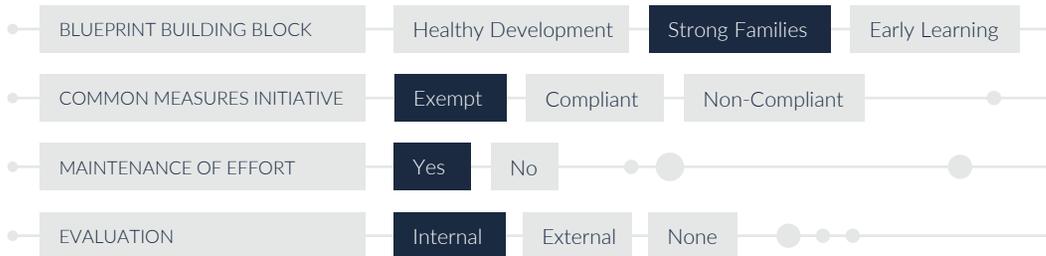


Family Preservation Services

Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)

Intensive in-home services for families at-risk

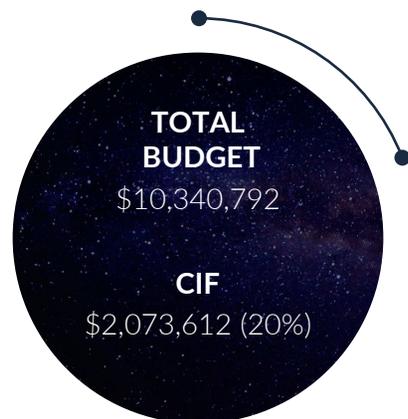
Keeping children out of foster care has been shown to reduce problems later in life. By helping families cope with a range of issues—from economic to social—that might otherwise lead to child abuse and neglect, Family Preservation Services (FPS) offers families the tools they need to stay together. FPS includes making a formal assessment of the family’s situation; developing a step-by-step plan to achieve family well-being; and guiding families toward community-based resources and supports. Families are active participants throughout the process, from identifying obstacles to selecting services that address identified needs.



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THE NEED

Removing children from their families is traumatic for everyone involved. In addition to the immediate financial cost of foster care, there are often long-term consequences that will require further intervention down the road, from teen pregnancy and homelessness to mental health treatment and incarceration. By providing in-home services and supervision, FPS protects at-risk children without breaking up families. Although not every case can be resolved without recourse to foster care, FPS greatly reduces the number of kids forced to leave behind their home, family, school, and community, helping break the cycle of abuse and neglect.



OUR SOLUTIONS



COUNSELING AND EDUCATION

Case management services offer families tools to cope with stressful situations before they lead to abuse or neglect.



CHILD CARE AND RESPITE CARE

In-home support helps diminish the risk of harm to the child to avoid removing a child from the home.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Flex funds provide emergency goods and services during crisis situations.

“Families have strengths and can learn to successfully parent their children and ensure their safety ...if they have the adequate support and resources that they need.”

~Candace Moten, Family Preservation Services

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OUTCOMES

Children and families who participated in Family Preservation Services



Children maintained at home
(Performance Standard of 90%)

FY 2017

83%
n = 2,628

FY 2018

83%
n = 2,631



Families who did not experience maltreatment within 90 days
(Performance Standard of 95%)

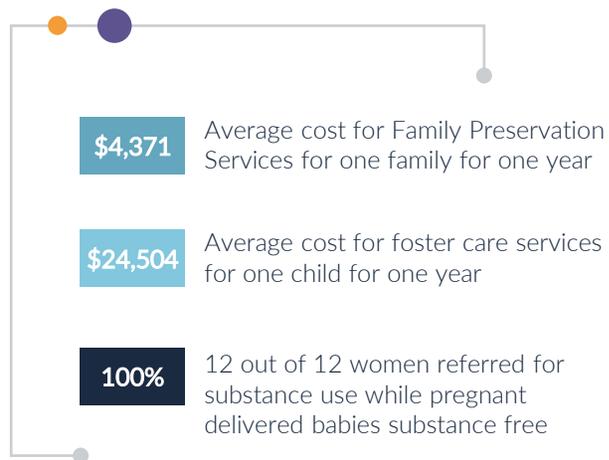
99%
n = 2,541

99%
n = 2,730

Family Preservation Services exceeds their Performance Standard of 95% for families who did not experience maltreatment within 90 days of referral.

FY 2018 POPULATION SERVED

Total Children	8,946
Prenatal to Age 2	1,194
Ages 2-5	1,482
Ages 5-12	3,535
Ages 12-18	2,654
Ages 18+	81
Caregivers	5,706
Professional Development	223



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LOOKING BACK

WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

Met with children individually on a monthly basis, completed ongoing safety assessments, and reduced caseloads for case workers, as part of the 2015 Program Improvement Plan (PIP)

Referred all children ages 0-3 years who have been affirmed or substantiated for abuse or neglect to Part C Early Intervention services

Implemented policies to ensure all parents, including non-custodial parents, are located and assessed to determine service needs, and to be included in the case planning process

LOOKING FORWARD

WHERE WE'RE HEADED

Reducing caseloads to allow for more intensive services and increased supervisory oversight

Beginning July 1, 2019, implementing trauma-informed assessments and case plans as part of the Kansas Assessment and Permanency Project (KAPP)

Beginning July 1, 2019, providing pregnant women addicted to opioids with medication-assisted treatment to decrease the negative effects on a baby's development

Continuing to enhance quality of services to reduce the number of children being placed in foster care

Evaluation Practices: Family Preservation Services conducts quarterly case reads to assess quality of standards, improve performance, and meet federal guidelines for in-home services. Program administrators continually monitor program outcomes, as data are gathered and reconciled monthly with FPS providers. The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure standards for program outcomes are being met. Program evaluation findings and program outcome reports are disseminated on the Department for Children and Families (DCF) website and outcomes are shared and discussed with the Family Preservation Advisory Workgroup and Provider Leadership Workgroups quarterly.

Evidence Base: Strong Evidence. Multiple studies have found a statistically significant positive effect of receiving services compared to a control group, and at least one study has found effects at least one year beyond the end of services.