

Approved: February 16, 2006
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 17, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimanio, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introduction

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to conceptually introduce the Governor's budget bills. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger referred the following bill to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee:

SB 340--Cap on employer retirement contributions for security officers employed by the department of corrections

Presentation on the Status of Foster Care:

The Chairman welcomed Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Service Delivery, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), who presented an update on the status of Foster Care (Attachment 1). She also distributed the following information:

- Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services' Children and Family Services Presents Child Welfare in Kansas: A Family Centered, Community Based System of Care, by Sandra Hazlett, Director of Children and Family Services, August 11, 2005 (Attachment 2)
- Child Welfare Community Based Service, Provider Performance at a Glance, July - September, 2005 Data and Executive Summary for July to September, 2005, Children and Family Services Data and Reports (Attachment 3)
- Community Stakeholder Meetings, Fall 2005, Leading Insights (Attachment 4)
- Child Welfare Issues, Federal and State Legislation (Attachment 5)

Ms. Shively explained that on July 1, 2005, the transition to new Child Welfare Community Based Service (CWCBS) Provider contracts was completed culminating a process that was begun in early 2003. Based on the feedback received she provided information in her written testimony some significant changes that were implemented. Ms. Shively noted that the restructuring of SRS and the CWCBS contracts has not been without

CONTINUATION SHEET

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challenges highlighting that staff turnover and difficulty filling empty position reflects the stress for staff in both the public and private sector.

Ms. Shively mentioned that SRS is aware of the need to support adoptive placements for children who are not able to return to parents, be placed with relatives or kin and at risk of aging out of foster care. She also reviewed the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services' Children and Family Services Presents Child Welfare in Kansas: A Family Centered, Community Based System of Care presentation with the Committee (attachment 2). Questions and discussion followed. In closing, it was noted that Kansas will be recognized on January 26, 2006, by the Child Welfare League of America as a national leader for the quality of its child welfare program and service delivery. The Chairman thanked Ms. Shively for appearing before the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2006.

**SENATE WAYS AND MEANS
GUEST LIST**

Date January 17, 2006

NAME	REPRESENTING
Julia Thomas	DOB
Syndra Haylett	SRS
Kyle Kersh	SRS
Melissa J. Ness	St. Francis Academy
Bruce Link	Children's Alliance
Sheli Sweeney	ACM HCK
Deirdre Hein	Hein Law Firm
Andy S. Law	KAC
Steve Solomon	TFI Family Services
John Peterson	Youthville
Beth Unnes	Hattles Govt Relations
Doug Bowman	Coordinating Council on Early Childhood
Steve HURBERT	The Mitchell Foster Family LLC
Garry Mitchell	Mitchell Foster Family
Bryan J. Schulz	Schulz Foster Family
Kim Schulz	" " "
BRYAN COOPER	FOSTER FAMILY
Albany Mattick	child in foster care
Camie Russell	Family & YOUTH ^{NO AGENCY}

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Gary J. Daniels, Secretary

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Update on Foster Care

Candy Shively

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Attachment 1

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Gary J. Daniels, Secretary

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Update on Foster Care

Chairman Umbarger and members of the committee, I am Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary of SRS. I come before you today to provide information on the status of foster care in Kansas.

On July 1, 2005 the transition to new Child Welfare Community Based Service (CWCBS) Provider contracts was completed culminating a process begun early in 2003. SRS, as a national leader in child welfare service delivery, took the time to review lessons learned with our providers, stakeholders and the communities we serve. Based on the feedback received some significant changes were implemented.

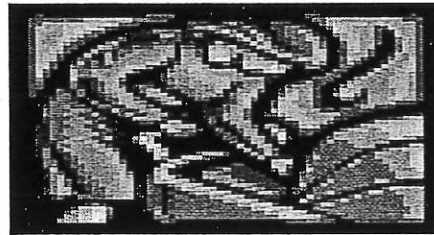
- When a family is referred for services to a CWCBS Provider, that provider remains responsible for services and there is never a transition to a different provider
- Resource families will, in addition to fostering the child, mentor the birth parents
- More frequent, less formal parent/child interactions replace visitation
- Family driven process emphasizing involvement of entire family, kinship placement, maintaining connections for child and developing natural supports for families
- Payment structure removes any financial incentive for delaying permanency and rewards up front service delivery
- A single adoption contractor focuses entirely on recruiting and supporting adoptive families for those children with no other resource
- Community stakeholder meetings gather feedback on what's working and ideas for improvement.

The first round of community stakeholder meetings were held across Kansas late in 2005 and will continue at least twice a year in every region of the state. These gatherings provide valuable insight into the actual issues on the front line; supplementing data, case reads, participant interviews and court oversight to insure Kansas children and families benefit from an ever improving child welfare system.

The restructuring of SRS and the CWCBS contracts has not been without challenges. Staff turnover and difficulty filling empty positions reflects the stress for staff in both the public and private sector. We are working with our providers and our communities to address working conditions and incentives to assure a full complement of well trained, competent professionals necessary to achieve our mission to protect children and promote adult self sufficiency.

At the same time we are working closely with other states and our federal partners to understand the shifts in federal policy impacting funding streams and service delivery. Federal foster care funds remain tied to the 1996 AFDC eligibility criteria and current interpretation of federal law and regulation result in an ever decreasing share of federal financial participation along with increased administrative costs. Despite these challenges in August 2005, Kansas passed the federal IV-E audit with no errors.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND
REHABILITATION SERVICES'
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
PRESENTS**



**Child Welfare in Kansas:
A Family Centered, Community Based
System of Care**

Sandra C. Hazlett, Director of Children and Family Services

785-368-6448

August 11, 2005

*Senate Ways and Means
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Attachment 2*

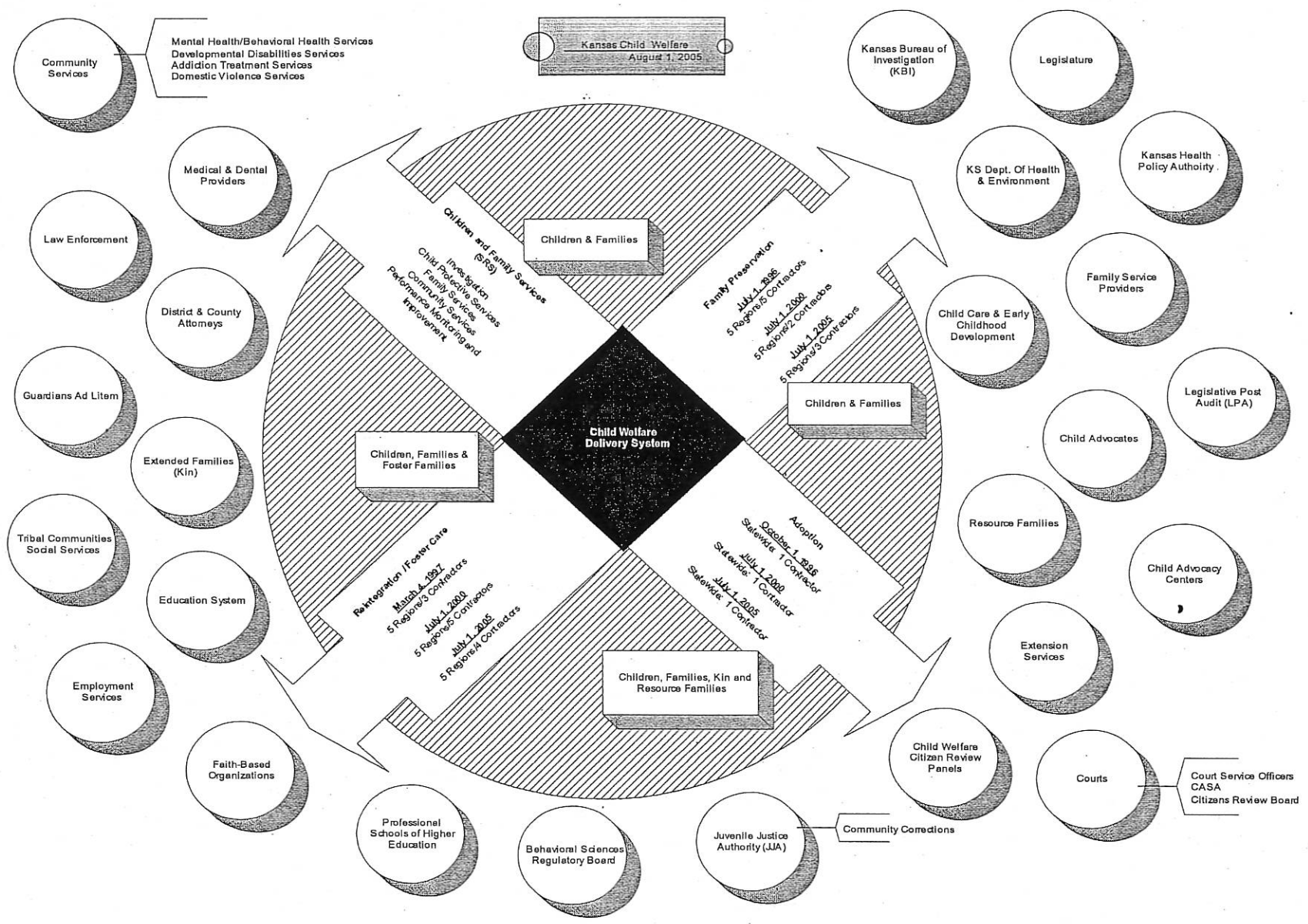


Integrating Service Delivery

In child welfare today, no one source:

- Has all the information needed
- Can provide all the needed services
- Has the financial means to provide all the needed services
- Can do it all

We all have different roles and responsibilities in order to meet child welfare needs in Kansas.



The Child Welfare Community Based Services (CWCBS) Contract

The CWCBS contract consists of the following:

- The initial RFP and three addendum
- The successful bidder's proposal--including various subsequent submissions before contract finalization
- The proposal clarification
- The contract document, which contains the signature of the vendor, the Secretary of SRS, and the Department of Administration's Director of Purchasing
- The entire "contract" is public information
 - If you have any questions, please contact SRS Children and Family Services (CFS), attention: Patti Dawson at pad@srskansas.org

Contracts were issued for:

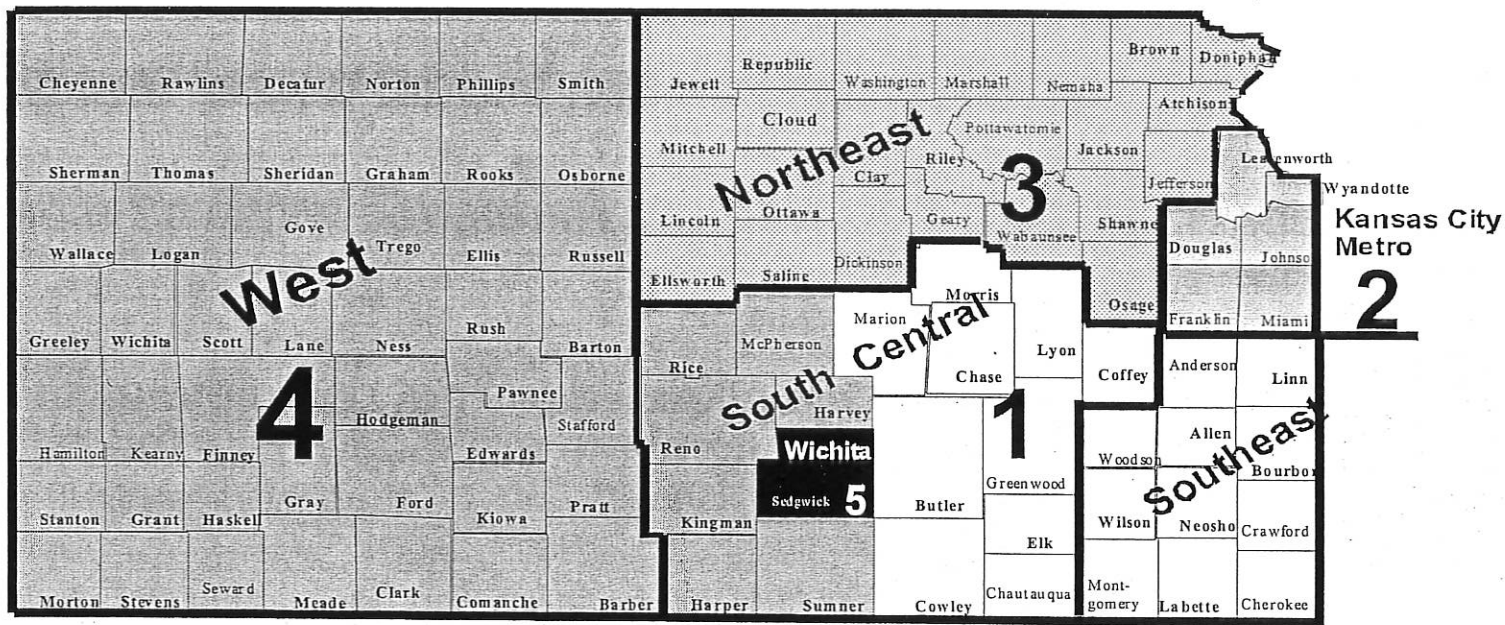
- Family preservation in five regions
- Reintegration/foster care in five regions
- Adoption - statewide

- The new contract, effective July 1, 2005, is for four years--with a two year renewal option, based on performance and financial stability, after the first four years of the contract are completed

Child Welfare Community Based Services Contract Awards

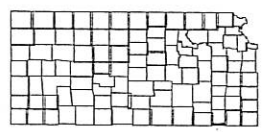
REGION	Award Effective July 1, 2005	Former Provider
Family Preservation		
Region 1: Southeast and Eastern Portion of South Central Region	DCCCA	DCCCA
Region 2: KC Metro	DCCCA	DCCCA
Region 3: Northeast	The FARM	DCCCA
Region 4: West and Western portion of South Central Region	St. Francis	St. Francis
Region 5: Wichita	DCCCA	DCCCA
Reintegration/Foster Care		
Region 1: Southeast and Eastern Portion of South Central Region	The FARM	The FARM
Region 2: KC Metro	Kaw Valley Behavioral Health	Kaw Valley Behavioral Health
Region 3: Northeast	Kaw Valley Behavioral Health	KCSL
Region 4: West and Western portion of South Central Region	St. Francis	St. Francis
Region 5: Wichita	United Methodist Youthville	United Methodist Youthville
Adoption		
State wide	KCSL	KCSL

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Child Welfare Community Based Services Provider Regions
 Children and Family Services; 785-296-4653
 Effective: July 1, 2005



- Region 1: Family Pres - DCCCA; Reint/Foster Care - The Farm
- Region 2: Family Pres - DCCCA; Reint/Foster Care - KVC Behavioral Health
- Region 3: Family Pres - The Farm; Reint/Foster Care: - KVC Behavioral Health
- Region 4: Family Pres, Reint/Foster Care - St. Francis
- Region 5: Family Pres - DCCCA; Reint/Foster Care -United Methodist Youthville
- Outlined areas represent SRS Management Regions:
Kansas City Metro, Northeast, South Central, Southeast, West, and Wichita

Adoption (Statewide) -
 Kansas Children's Service League





Family Preservation: Payment Structure for In Home Services

- 1/3 paid at referral; 1/3 paid at 45 days; and 1/3 paid at 90 days
- No additional payment if the family is re-referred within 12 months of last referral
- If family does not engage in services (does not complete case plan within 20 days), no additional payments are made after the referral payment
- If child enters out of home placement, family preservation in home payment stops and family preservation out of home payment begins

Family Preservation:

Payment Structure for Out of Home Services

- Tiered system
 - (a) Months 1-3 = 100% of monthly case rate
 - (b) Months 4-9 = 66% of monthly case rate
 - (c) Months 10 to permanency = 29% of monthly case rate
- **Tier 1 is paid for fewer months with the family preservation contract due to the fact that the provider has already been working with the family and received some payments for in-home family preservation services**
- A full month's payment is made for the month of referral while the month of permanency is prorated based on the number of days with the contractor in that month

Reintegration/Foster Care: Payment Structure for Out of Home Services

- Tiered system based on time in out of home services
 - (a) Months 1-6 = 100% of monthly case rate
 - (b) Months 7-12 = 66% of monthly case rate
 - (c) Months 13 to permanency = 29% of monthly case rate



Rate Structure for Out of Home Services

- Relative to the average monthly payment, based on the historic data, Tier 1 and Tier 2 are enhanced rates
- Tier 1 represents 190% of the historical average monthly rate
- Tier 2 represents 125% of the historical average monthly rate
- Tier 3 represents 55% of the historical average monthly rate
- The new contracts are expected to be cost neutral



Adoption: Contract Structure

The adoption provider must:

- recruit, assess, and prepare a pool of pre-adoptive families
- assist in matching an adoptive family with a child when no family resource has previously been identified
- provide 12 months of after care to these adoptive families

The adoption provider does not provide case management services to the child.

Payment structure

Year One: Flat monthly rate

Year Two through Four: 90% of the monthly case rate with the final 10% paid upon achievement of required outcomes



TRANSITION:

Family Preservation on July 1, 2005

- Family preservation cases open on June 30, 2005, stayed with the former family preservation provider
 - This provider has responsibility for these families for one year from the date of initial referral
- Beginning July 1, 2005, family preservation referrals began being made to the new family preservation provider



TRANSITION: Reintegration/Foster Care on July 1, 2005

- For families in the foster care aftercare period on June 30, 2005, the former provider is responsible for 12 months continuous aftercare
 - While in the aftercare period, if the family requires out of home (OOH) services, there will be a referral to the new reintegration/foster care provider
- The aftercare period for reintegration/foster care is 12 months

TRANSITION:

Adoption on July 1, 2005

- Children in the adoption contract with an identified resource whose adoption was not finalized prior to July 1, 2005, were referred to the new reintegration/foster care provider for that region
- Children in the adoption contract without an identified resource were referred to the reintegration/foster care provider for case management services, and SRS notified the new adoption provider of the need for their services to recruit, train and support resource homes for these children
- The adoption provider remains responsible for completion of the 12-month aftercare period under their former contract for all adoptions finalized prior to July 1, 2005



Contract Accountability

Family Preservation RFP Sections 6.19, 6.20 and 6.21

(These same requirements are contained in each RFP,
but might be in different Sections)

- Regional semi-annual stakeholder community meetings to discuss successes, areas needing improvement, and barriers to success
- Providers to manage consumer complaints and grievances
- Providers to conduct consumer satisfaction surveys

Contract Accountability

If providers do not meet outcomes, SRS will work with the provider to develop corrective action plans. SRS may withhold payment anytime the provider fails to meet outcomes, provide data in a timely manner, fails to work with other providers and community partners, or fails to meet other required elements of the contract.

Contract Outcomes

Safety	93.9% of children will not experience recurrent maltreatment (FACTS data)
	96% of children will not experience maltreatment during (90 days) or after (365 days) of being engaged in FPS services. (FACTS data)
	99.43% of children will not experience maltreatment by a foster parent or employee at facility. (FACTS data)
	95% of children will not experience maltreatment after reintegration, guardianship or adoption (FACTS)
Permanency	91.4% of Children will not re enter custody (FACTS data)
	86.7% of children in OOH less than 12 months will have 2 or fewer placements (FACTS data)
	95% of children will have goal that meets their needs (case reads)
	95% of children will have timely permanency hearings (FACTS data)
	90% of youth leave custody with one positive role model contractor data (contractor data)
	75% of children will be placed with either relative, sibling, or in same school as prior to removal. (FACTS data)
	32% of children adopted will be adopted in 24 months (FACTS data)
	76.2 % of children reintegrated will be reintegrated in 12 months (FACTS data)
	90% of children will have placement in home like setting (FACTS data)

Contract Outcomes

Well being	60% of families report enhanced capacity to meet needs (customer response)
	50% of stakeholders report services provided enhance families capacity to meet child's needs (survey)
	90% of youth will increase life skills (Ansell-Casey data)
	50% of children maintain academic performance equal to or greater than the time of entry into care (case reads)
	90% of children have regular school attendance (case reads)
	90% of children served are without negative law enforcement contact (FACTS data)
	95% of families engaged in services FPS services (FACTS data)
	85% response that services were provided using family centered principles (customer response)

The Use of FACTS Data System

The Family and Child Tracking System (FACTS) data is now entered the “same day.”

- The use of FACTS to verify data quality will lead to more efficient and effective program decision and better monitoring of individual cases
- Family preservation, reintegration/foster care and adoption providers now have access to live SRS child welfare system information for the families they serve
 - Providers will have access to a secure site to retrieve an automated electronic file of key referral information to load into their respective system as needed for their business processes



Family Centered Systems of Care

Guiding Principles

- ***Preservation of families*** is the first priority if the child's safety needs can be met.
- ***Rapid reintegration*** if out of home placement is necessary to assure the child's safety.
- ***Services focused on the needs of the family*** and not just the child.
- ***Engagement of the family*** in the assessment and planning process.
- ***Involvement of extended family, kin and communities*** in meeting the needs of the family.
- ***Utilization of resource families*** as part of the team that supports rapid reintegration.
- ***Timely permanency*** if reintegration is not possible.

Services Based on Family Needs

Family Preservation RFP 6.6.3

- The family is to be treated as an entire unit
- SRS and/or the provider are responsible for accessing services needs with the family to prevent the removal of the child or achieve rapid reintegration; and for providing help to the family in accessing these needed services
- The case plan must be developed with the family and individualized to meet the specific needs of the family; it cannot be developed by SRS or the provider and presented to the family
- The court will determine whether reasonable efforts were made
- Families will be connected to natural supports in the community; future interactions with the child welfare system may be avoided if the family has a source of local support in times of crisis



Original Case Manager Through the Life of the Case

Family Preservation RFP 6.3.2 A

- The original provider remains responsible for the child/family throughout the life of the case
- The child remains assigned to the same case manager throughout the life of the case
- These changes should reduce any delays caused by changes in providers or case managers



Placement Expectations

Family Preservation RFP 6.3.1 G

- The CWCBS provider is expected to place a child:
 - In a relative's home whenever possible
 - If this is not possible, it is expected the child will be placed in the same community and be able to attend the same school
 - With siblings, if a sibling group is removed
 - The child's best interest will be the deciding factor, if a choice must be made

Resource Family Homes Fully Shared by Providers

Family Preservation RFP 6.15.2

- Providers are allowed to recruit across the state
- If another provider has a resource home in the child's community and the placing provider does not, providers are expected to fully share homes as needed
- Agreements are required to be signed among providers prior to July 1, 2005
- SRS will be reviewing these agreements



Resource Family as a Mentor/Role Model

Family Preservation RFP 6.15.3

- Temporary caregivers, whether they are kin or a more traditional resource family, will be expected to work with the birth family as a mentor and role model
- This is a big change and will require refocusing recruitment and training for resource families
- Not all resource families will be comfortable with this change
 - There will still be a need for these families
 - Some may be more comfortable being respite families or mentoring older youth exiting the system
- The court is an important ally in this transition and process



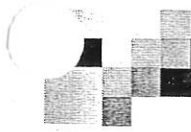

Immediate Initial Meeting Required in Reintegration/Foster Care

Family Preservation RFP 6.6

- When a child is placed out of home, a face to face meeting with the family must be held within **24 hours of referral** to the CWCBS provider

Goals of the initial meeting

- The **family** must be encouraged to invite participants who they believe are important to the process
- The family's perspectives and concerns are heard
- The family plays a lead role in development of their case plan
- Roles/responsibilities of each team member are clarified
- The family is fully informed about the processes ahead, and the consequences of not following through with their plan

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- A plan is made for the continued gathering of assessment information that can support the initial case plan which is to be held within 20 days of the referral
 - If the child was not placed with relatives, non-related kin or same school, continue to gather information about these possible placement resources
 - A plan is made for parent/child interactions, child/worker visitation, and parent/worker visitation

Concurrent Case Planning

Family Preservation RFP 6.8.7

- An alternative to traditional child welfare practice of sequential planning
- Emphasizes reintegration, but establishes an “alternate” plan if the child cannot return home
- Promotes timely permanency for children
- Emphasizes candor, goal setting and time limits with birth families
- SRS seeks to practice concurrent case planning for every child placed in an out of home setting
- Concurrent case planning is a balance of respecting birth families, and at the same time realizing that time is of the essence in dealing with children and permanency

Visitation replaced with Natural Family Interactions

Family Preservation RFP 6.9.2

- Frequent, intense family interactions are clearly connected to successful and timely permanency
- More family interactions must take place in natural settings, e.g. at a child's baseball game, at a city park, eating meals together, visiting a friend
- Frequent and meaningful interactions are essential to preserving family bonds and serve as a constant motivation to make progress towards case goals
- At least **one family interaction per week face to face** for children in out of home placement is required



Life Skills Services

Family Preservation RFP 6.8.5 E

- All children will have developmental milestones assessed and services provided to address identified needs
- Children age eight and above will receive age appropriate life skills training as needs are identified with the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA) [www.caseylifeskills.org]
- Resource families will play a vital role and will help youth integrate activities into daily living activities



Need For a Mentor When a Child Leaves Reintegration/Foster Care

- We must ensure that children who age out of the system have at least one positive relationship with an adult who can serve as a mentor when they leave foster care
- A mentor will allow a child to develop young adult life skills in order to become a productive member of society

Services Paid by Medicaid

- Medicaid funding is not contained in the CW/CBS Provider's payment from SRS
- Medically necessary services will be billed directly to the Medicaid Program by the Medicaid provider
- This will not result in a reduction of the availability of medically necessity Medicaid services



Thank you

SRS appreciates this opportunity to share with you information on the Kansas Family Centered, Community Based Child Welfare System.

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 Attachment 3

Child Welfare Community Based Service Provider Performance At A Glance July to Sept 2005 Data Children and Families who receive reintegration/ foster care/ adoption services														FPS Out of Home Rgn. 1	FPS Out of Home Rgn. 2	FPS Out of Home Rgn. 3	FPS Out of Home Rgn. 4	FPS Out of Home Rgn. 5	Reintegration/ Foster Care Rgn. 1	Reintegration/ Foster Care Rgn. 2	Reintegration/ Foster Care Rgn. 3	Reintegration/ Foster Care Rgn. 4	Reintegration/ Foster Care Rgn. 5	Adoption	state	state meets standard (■)	
Children Thrive																											
93.9% of children will not experience recurrent maltreatment														(not applicable until January 2006)													
99.43% of children safe from maltreatment by a placement provider														100%	100%	N/A	100%	100%	100%	99.9%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.9%	■	
95% of children safe after permanency														(not applicable until after July 2006)													
75% of child placed with relative, sibling, or attends same school														60%	0%	0%	16%	100%	59%	59%	61%	48%*	59%	35%	57%		
90% of youth in out of home placement will increase life skills														(Not applicable until after August 2006)													
90% of youth leave custody with one positive role model														N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	50%	67%	100%	100%	N/A	83%		
50% of children maintain academic performance														(Not reported on until after December 2005)													
90% of children have regular school attendance																											
Families Live in Stable and Supportive Environments																											
76.2 % of children reintegrated timely (< 12 mo.)														N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	55%	71%	43%	47%	20%	N/A	48%		
32% of children adopted timely (< 24 mo).														N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18%	35%	0%	39%	48%	N/A	36%	■	
86.7% of children in OOH less than 12 mos. have 2 or less plcmnts.														88%	100%	100%	40%	100%	80%	72%	73%	71%	68%	N/A	73%		
91.4% of Children will not re enter custody														(Not applicable until after August 2006)													
90% of children placed in family like setting														100%	40%	100%	40%	100%	96%	93%	90%	89%	92%	92%	92%	■	
95% of children have a goal that meets their needs														N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	92%	97%	91%	N/A	96%	■	
95% of children have timely permanency hearings														N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
90% of children are without negative law enforcement contact														100%	100%	N/A	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	■	
95% of children have their initial case plan engaged timely														100%	100%	100%	0%	80%	81%	90%	58%	88%	86%	N/A	82%		
Customers Are Satisfied with Services																											
60% of families report at 90 days an enhanced capacity to meet needs																											
60% of families report at closure an enhanced capacity														See Family Preservation In Home Services													
85% of adult indicate family centered principles utilized in service														Results Above													
85% of a youth indicate family centered principles utilized in service																											
50% of stakeholders report families have enhanced capacity to meet their needs														(not available until after December 2005)													

Percentages in FPS out of home are affected by the low number of children being served in Out of Home Placement by FPS providers

Executive Summary for July to September 2005 *Children and Family Services Data and Reports*

Due to the first year of a new contract, data for some outcome indicators is not yet applicable or available. As information becomes available, this summary and data on the CFS data and reports page is updated.

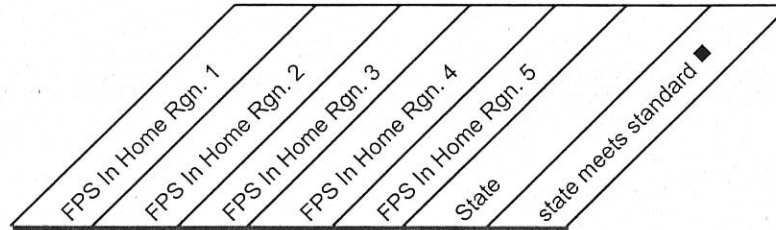
CINC Intake Reports Assigned
July to Sept

- Assigned Reports July to September 2005 increased 6% from the same time period last year
 - Family Preservation Referrals July to September 2005 is 15% greater than the same time last year
- Reintegration Referrals Jul. to Sept. 2005 is 15% greater than the same time last year
- Consistent with previous years, outcomes for Family Preservation in home services are met
- Children in each region across the state are safe from maltreatment in foster care
- Statewide, more than 90% of children in foster care are placed in a family like setting
- Statewide, nearly 100% of youth in foster care have no negative law enforcement contact
- Statewide, more than one-third of children adopted leave custody within 24 mos. of removal
- Performance in Rgn. 2/ Kansas City Metro nearly meets the standard for timely reintegration.

	FY2005	FY2006	+ / - %
KC Metro	1,291	1,485	15%
Northeast	1,278	1,334	4%
South Central	884	893	1%
Southeast	632	711	13%
West	682	672	-1%
Wichita	993	985	-1%
State	5,760	6,080	6%

data left blank is not yet available

Child Welfare Community Based Service Provider
Performance At A Glance
July to Sept 2005 Data
Family Preservation In Home Services



Children Thrive							
93.9% of children will not experience recurrent maltreatment	(not applicable until January 2006)						
96% of children will not experience maltreatment during FPS	(not applicable until November 2005)						
96% of children will not experience maltreatment after FPS	(not applicable until after July 2006)						
95% of families engaged in FPS services	94%	96%	95%	95%	95%	95.70%	■
Customers Are Satisfied with Services							
60% of families report at 90 days an enhanced capacity to meet needs	100%	100%			100%	100%	■
60% of families report at closure an enhanced capacity	100%	100%			100%	100%	■
85% of adult indicate family centered principles utilized in service	100%	100%			100%	100%	■
85% of a youth indicate family centered principles utilized in service	100%	100%			100%	100%	■
50% of stakeholders report families have enhanced capacity to meet their nee	(not available until after December 2005)						

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
FALL 2005
LEADING INSIGHTS

- Format in the future will minimize formal presentations and be more focused on discussion.
- Family meetings, while taking much time to plan and prepare for, are experienced as valuable by staff and families.
- Staff recruitment and retention is a challenging issue.
- Collaboration within communities is successful in using existing community resources to provide ongoing support for families after child welfare case closure.
- Stakeholders identified the ongoing need for and recognized value of “up front” services for families to achieve case plan goals within child’s time.

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Highlights

WICHITA: Within 10 days of a referral for reintegration services, SRS staff meet to coordinate child welfare, child support, economic supports and rehabilitation services to facilitate planning for permanency with CWCBS Providers.

Adoptions of children in need of care are no longer transferred to a different judge.

NE: SRS is working to re-instate the Youth to Adult Transition Project for High Needs Youth upon release from custody.

SC: USD 465 is planning to provide a parent support program one night each week, year round. This prevention focus would cover anger management, parenting skills, etc.

SE: The Family Life Center, funded by community service funds, reduces the number coming into placement through its Custody Diversion Program

KC Metro: Having integrated service teams within SRS and collaborated with CWCBS to implement new contracts, the region is moving to streamline partnerships to increase prevention.

WEST: Experimental truancy diversion program, funded by community service funds, seems to be keeping kids in their own homes and out of custody.

Geographical distance is a challenge in holding initial meetings.

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Child Welfare Issues

Federal Legislation

Restrict Federal Foster Care (Title IV-E) Administration Funding for Children in Unlicensed Relative and Other Placements. Currently, states may claim federal foster care funds for administration expenses on behalf of children placed in the home of an unlicensed relative and children placed in juvenile justice facilities, psychiatric or medical hospitals, and other health care institutions. The budget reconciliation bill prevents states from claiming federal funds for managing these cases beyond 12 months or the normal licensing period in a state, whichever is shorter. In addition, the budget bill limits federal administrative funds to one month to help children transition from institutional care. This change is inconsistent with existing policy in child welfare law (which promotes relative placements), and met strong opposition by states and child welfare advocates. The effective date for this provision is retroactive to October 2005, thus the reduction would affect the State FY 2006 and 2007 budgets. The estimated loss in federal funds is \$8.85 million in State FY 2006 and \$11.8 million in State FY 2007.

Child Welfare Prevention (Title IV-B) Funding Increase. The federal Safe and Stable Families funding, targeting activities to prevent foster care and assist adoptions, was increased 4.5 percent. These funds may not supplant existing efforts. The estimated increase to Kansas in State is \$163,000 in State FY 2006 and \$217,000 in State FY 2007.

State Legislation

SB 171 - Child in Need of Care/Non Abuse and Neglect Youth Age 16-18

Maintaining Families and Supporting Older Youth

The group of children classified as children in Need of Care/Non Abuse or Neglect has been a concern for a long time. Many questions have been raised about who these kids are and how services might be delivered to them to prevent potentially unnecessary out-of-home placements. In response to recent legislative attention to CINC-NANSSs, SRS has collaborated with the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare to conduct a research study. A primary purpose of the research project is to inform the development of evidence based service strategies to prevent unnecessary out-of-home placements and to expedite permanency when placement cannot be avoided. In October KU began collecting data to help understand the needs of the population. A preliminary report based on the analysis of this data has been provided. The next steps in the research project is for actual case files to be reviewed and focus groups to be conducted with key stakeholders. Based on KU's final report, which is due in June 2006, SRS will design service strategies to prevent unnecessary out of home placements and expedite permanency for CINC-NAN children.

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