

TFFH Capacity Building KS DCF Grant

Talking Points

- **Overview/Background of Program**
 - Child Placing Agency Program began in 2014
 - Currently 100 foster homes and 160 kids placed
 - TFFH Grant began March 2024
 - 1 year grant with 3 renewals possible
 - 2 Staff hired- Therapeutic FH Specialist, FH Recruiter/trainer
 - 6 families identified and enrolled in training beginning Sept.9
 - Foster Families to begin accepting placements mid-November
- **Return On Investment- Impact of Program**
 - **Performance Measures**
 - Consistent increase in the number of TFFH's in Kansas by 5- 8 measured by growing numbers of approved TFFH over the length of the award.
 - 80% of youth placed in a grantee TFFH directly from a congregate care setting will maintain placement or experience one transition to a lower level of care for a period of 6 months from date of placement.
 - 70% of children placed in a grantee TFFH will step down into this placement setting from congregate care.
 - **Model Highlights**
 - Intensive support to families
 - Weekly in home visits
 - Daily check in
 - FFT Program Referrals
 - Extensive training- weekly support/training groups (2 hours each), Pressley Ridge training- 11 weeks long, Behavior Crisis Management
 - Families commit to accepting the highest acuity level children- maximum of 2 youth per therapeutic foster home. Projecting to serve 5-10 youth the first year.
 - Mentoring Program for foster families
- **Story/Impact (if time allows)**
 - No current youth in the program, but I was a therapeutic foster parent for 10 years previously and can share an impactful story.
 - Dominic story