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Thank you Chair Gossage, Vice Chair Clifford, Ranking Minority Member Holscher, and Members of the Committee for providing me this opportunity to share information about the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL), a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 operating in Kansas since 1893. We are the Kansas Chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA). KCSL works every day to create, repair and restore healthy parent-child relationships which are the foundation of a strong family. As the state chapter for PCAA our charge is to prevent child abuse. We know the best way to prevent child abuse is to teach and support parents right from the start of their parenting career. KCSL achieves this through a wide array of family services and support.

Working in the field of child abuse prevention for many decades, KCSL has seen the effects of the child welfare system on children and families. KCSL is supportive of HB 2075 to require permanency hearings within nine months of out-of-home placement. This bill provides children with the chance to have safe, stable, nurturing home environments. Consistency is key in a child's life.

Children who have experiences of connectedness, stability and permanency are more likely to have a strong sense of identity and have strong and numerous lifelong relationships—and therefore achieve positive life outcomes. Children need opportunities to develop positive and secure attachments with significant others. If they cannot be safely parented by their parents, then they need to have opportunities to develop positive relationships with others. Responsive and sensitive caregiving can assist in repairing attachment difficulties with time and care.

For children who have been placed in out-of-home care, the child welfare system has an obligation to ensure they have a safe and secure permanent placement where they can develop and thrive. Whether that placement is with relatives, or a foster or adoptive family, it is incumbent upon the child welfare system to continue to work towards preventing the entry of children into foster care, reducing the time that children ultimately spend in care, and increasing the likelihood that all children will have a permanent home.



KCSL believes requiring permanency hearings within nine months is a positive improvement to our child welfare system, with a goal of decreasing the length of time a child spends in foster care. HB 2075 will provide an opportunity to improve the lives of children who need our help.

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