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REMEMBERING 9 YEAR OLD BRIAN EDGAR WHO WAS BOUND GAGGED AND MURDERED BY HIS ADOPTIVE FAMILY

The Wyandotte County coroner, Dr. Alan Hancock, said Bryan Edgar died after gagging on cloth, possibly a sock. His mouth had been taped shut. Hancock also said bruise marks suggest the boy had been restrained with a belt. "It appears that the children were bound with some type of wire or plastic cord or maybe even had their mouths taped at night when they went to bed," Tomasic said. "All night long, (the parents) kept them that way."

Read more here <http://www.kmbc.com/news/1863248/detail.html> and here <http://www.kmbc.com/news/2511989/detail.html>



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Jan. 2012, Citizens spoke before the South Central Delegation:

Glen Burdue, Even one child needlessly traumatized or abused while in the SRS system is too many:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcHPvYMP7ZA>

Donna Roberts, ACRA, The Shameful Secret In Our Own Backyard: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0f5s6fi3zM>

Marlene Jones, Penn State Sandusky Scandal Has Nothing On Sedgwick County: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gyRUjZt-mY>

Val Stockemer, Protective Parent, Parental Rights Terminated After Reporting Abuse: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfefgGipw58>

Wendell Turner, Grandparent, had to argue with Youthville to keep his children out of Rick Pendland's home
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zeSTEUBvDk>

Attorney Misconduct/Malpractice?



To file a complaint, see address and link below.

DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATOR
701 Jackson Street
First Floor
Topeka, KS 66603-3729
<http://www.kscourts.org/rules-procedures-forms/attorney-discipline/complaints.asp>

The State's Hired Help

Dec. 2011, Kirk Ferguson Lawrence, KS "Child Protector" "Counselor"

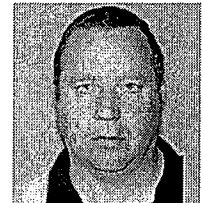


Charged With Sex Crimes LAWRENCE, Kan. — A man who worked with troubled and homeless teens has been charged with sex crimes against two of the teens he was supposed to help.

Kirk Ferguson, 46, faces three charges including aggravated and indecent liberties with a child and criminal sodomy. According to police documents, the alleged crimes took place starting in October, when he was working at the Shelter, Inc. in Lawrence. <http://fox4kc.com/2012/01/13/counselor-for-homeless-teens-charged-with-sex-crimes/>

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Rick Pendland, former Youthville Employee, Foster Parent, Wichita Children's Home Employee and Teacher was



arrested Sept 2011 on multiple child molestation charges <http://www.gctelegram.com/news/MCT-Cowley-County-sex-crimes-10-11>

Boy Stabbed With Nail At The Wichita Children's Home

Jan 28, 2012



A 17-year-old boy was taken to Wesley Medical Center in serious condition after he was stabbed

with a nail in the chest at the Wichita Children's Home.

<http://www.kansas.com/2012/01/28/2194237/boy-stabbed-with-nail-at-childrens.html#storylink=cpy>

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**DR. C. Bradley Thompson, spoke in
Wichita, KS, Sept 15, 2010**



American Children Taken By Force

"From the time the children are 5 or 6 years old, until they are at least 16, you are required by law to send them to a school. Failure to comply with these laws means that you can be harassed, interrogated, and your home raided by government officials. You can be fined and jailed, and eventually your children can be taken from you, put in the care of government social services workers, evaluated by government psychologists and forced against your will and theirs to attend a government school until they are 18. In recent years, police officers and social services workers around America have forcibly entered homes of families without warrants, guns drawn, strip searched and interrogated the children in rooms away from their parents and in some cases taken the children and put them in foster care."

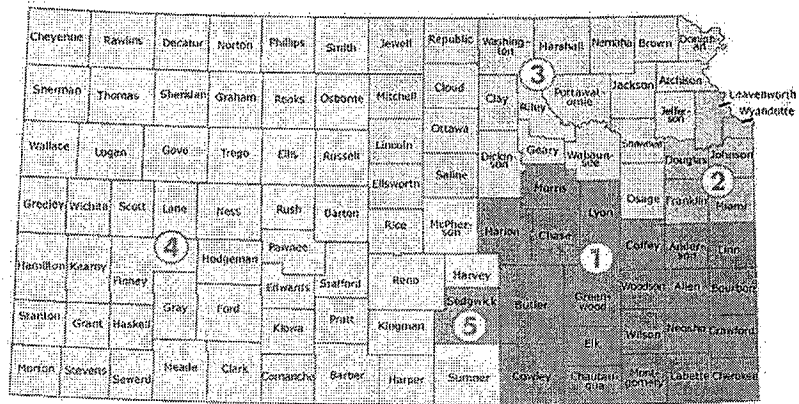
Watch the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpQDpevT724>

Where Are The Foster Children Being Placed? The Annie E Case Foundation and USA Census Found

With respect to socioeconomic measures, analysis shows that compared to all households with children, households with foster children are:

- More likely to be low-income families
- Have lower average household income
- More likely to receive public assistance income
- More likely to have a householder or spouse who did not complete high school
- More likely to have a householder or spouse who did not work the previous year
- Less likely to have a householder or spouse who worked full time in the previous year

2 <http://www.aecf.org/~media/PublicationFiles/FosterChildrenJuly2508.pdf>



Foster Care Provider Regions

1. TFI (The Farm Incorporated) Family Services
2. KVC (Kaw Valley Center) Behavioral Health Care
3. TFI Family Services: <http://www.srs.ks.gov/services/Pages/MapFamilyPreservation.aspx>

4. St. Francis Community Services
5. United Methodist Youthville

Kansas SRS Foster Care Regions

How does your region rate to other regions and nationally on children reunified with their parents and the average length of stay in foster care?

FY 2011 PERCENTAGE OF REUNIFIED/LENGTH OF STAY IN OOHPI

Nationally, 51% reunified, 13.5 months in out of home placement
 Kansas, 22% reunified, average 19.6 months in out of home placement
 Region 1, 24% reunified, average 16.8 months in out of home placement
 Region 2, 21% reunified, average 19 months in out of home placement
 Region 3, 25% reunified, average 17.7 months in out of home placement
 Region 4, 25% reunified, average 18.3 months in out of home placement
 Region 5, 16% reunified, average 24.7 months in out of home placement

- <http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2011DataReports/ServedinSRSscustodv/OOHPIChildrenServedSFY2011.pdf>
<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2011DataReports/ServedinSRSscustodv/LengthofstayFY2011.pdf>
http://www.aecf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/a/cars/tar/report18.htm

FY 2010 PERCENTAGE OF REUNIFIED/LENGTH OF STAY IN OOHPI

Nationally, 51% reunified, 15.4 months in out of home placement
 Kansas, 20% reunified, average 19.4 months in out of home placement
 Region 1, 25% reunified, average 15.1 months in out of home placement
 Region 2, 22% reunified, average 21.7 months in out of home placement
 Region 3, 25% reunified, average 14.7 months in out of home placement
 Region 4, 24% reunified, average 16.7 months in out of home placement
 Region 5, 11% reunified, average 30.7 months in out of home placement

- <http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2010DataReports/ServedinSRSscustodv/LengthofstayFY2010.pdf>
<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2010DataReports/ServedinSRSscustodv/OOHPIChildrenServedSFY2010.pdf>
http://www.aecf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/a/cars/tar/report17.htm



There was an old woman...

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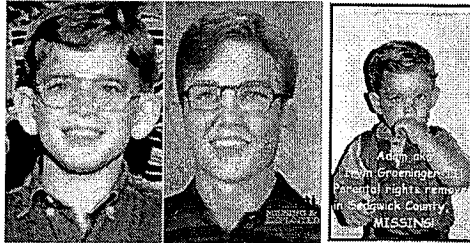
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UPCOMING LEGISLATION:

Donna Roberts, ACRA,
A Childs Rights Advocate, will be re-submitting the Protective Parent Reform Act to keep parents from losing custody of their children after reporting abuse.



**Remembering Adam Herrman,
born Irvin Groeninger III,
has been missing since May 1999, almost 13 years**



Adam's adoptive Parents, Doug and Valerie Herrman went to prison for collecting adoption subsidies from the state and never reporting Adam missing.

Kansas Laws CINC

Child In Need Of Care:

KSA 38-2231 Law enforcement can place a child in protective custody if LEO reasonably believes the child will be harmed

KSA 38-2242 (2) No child shall be kept in protective custody longer than 72 hours, excluding weekends and holidays

KSA 38-2214 Duties of county or district attorney

KSA 38-2234 Pleadings made by the DA and facts of the case

KSA 38-2250 Degree of proof. The petitioner must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the child is a child in need of care

KSA 38-2251 If that burden is not met, the court must dismiss the proceedings

KSA 38-2251(c) A final adjudication or dismissal of a CINC petition must be entered within sixty days of when the petition was filed, unless good cause for a continuance is shown on the record

2008, The Year the Sedgwick County DA admitted to filing boiler plate petitions. Taken from the Wichita Eagle

"Sedgwick County DA Nola Foulston and Ron Paschal, a deputy district attorney, told parents that court cases have to be filed soon after a child is removed, and often end up with "boilerplate" paragraphs when filed. Lawyers for the families can advocate to have those documents changed, Paschal pointed out. "But I've asked my court appointed attorney to do that, and he didn't," one mother said. "But that's a problem with your attorney," Foulston said."



UPCOMING LEGISLATION:
Many Thanks to AG Derek Schmidt for recommending child protection laws including the following:

Strengthen prohibition on sexual contact between foster parents and foster children:
Expand the crime of Unlawful Sexual Relations to include foster parents and contractors in the definition of "position of trust."

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ALARM! According to Kansas' own records, children are being placed in the homes of abusers.

Reunification: It's unethical and a conflict of interest that Youthville employees are fostering and adopting Kansas children. Youthville employees attend hearings, makes recommendations to the court on placement, schedule parent/child time, and failed to reunify the "standard" 69% of the children within the first 12 months.

Children are being placed in the homes of abusers, PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT, Dated July 2011, Foster Care: Reviewing Selected Issues Related to Compensation and Oversight of Foster Care Contractors

On Page 28 of the report it showed that the child's goal kept changing due to the circumstances of his father who was convicted for child endangerment and arrested for sexual abuse... the child and his sisters were reintegrated with their father after he was released from prison.

"SRS management takes a hands-off approach to overseeing contractors."

"One SRS staff member said "we just check boxes." "Another staff member said that staff aren't comfortable giving their opinions because SRS central office has told them not to do so."

Youthville does not meet the standard for reunification.

Within the first 12 months of removal, the standard is that 69.9% of children are to be reunified with their parents. Youthville has not met this standard, only 31-46% were reunified.

http://www.kansas.gov/postaudit/audits_perform/r-11-011.pdf

FY2012 Percent Reunified, July 1st, 2011 to Nov 30th, 2011

Kansas served 6,388 children, reunified 833 children, **13% were reunified**, average length of stay 18.1 months

Sedgwick County served 1,060, reunified 88 children, **8% were reunified**, average length of stay 22.6 months

National Average 51% were reunified with their families, average length of stay 13.5 months

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2012DataReports/ServedinSRScustody/OOHPChildrenServedSFY2012.pdf>

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2012DataReports/ServedinSRScustody/LengthofstayFY2012.pdf>

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/tar/report18.htm

FY2011 Percent Reunified, July 1st, 2010 to June 30th, 2011

Kansas served 8,264 children, reunified 1,874 children, **22% were reunified**, average length of stay 19.6 months

Sedgwick County served 1,453 children, reunified 247, **16% were reunified**, average length of stay 24.7 months

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2011DataReports/ServedinSRScustody/OOHPChildrenServedSFY2011.pdf>

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2011DataReports/ServedinSRScustody/LengthofstayFY2011.pdf>

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2011DataReports/ServedinSRScustody/LengthofstayFY2011.pdf>

FY2010 Percent Reunified, July 1st, 2009 to June 30th, 2010

Kansas served 8,275, reunified 1,720 children, **20% were reunified**, average length of stay 24 months

Sedgwick County served 1,542, reunified 180 children, **11% were reunified**, average length of stay 39 months

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Documents/FY2010DataReports/ServedinSRScustody/OOHPChildrenServedSFY2010.pdf>

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