

City of Lawrence Outside Agency Annual Report For Calendar Year 2017

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org by Thursday, February 15th 2018 at 5:00pm. For the following questions please refer back to your [2017 application for funding](#).

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2017

Agency Name: TFI Family Services Inc, Lawrence Visitation and Exchange Center

Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program.

Six months ago, we started to provide supervised visitation for a family due to the Mother chronic alcohol use. We preformed breathalyzer services before each supervised visitation. The Mother successfully completed 20 supervised visitations with his child without incident. She attended every one of her supervised visits, never cancelled or no showed for a visit. The child had positive interactions with the Mother. The Mother came prepared with activities and played with the child during the visits with a variety of toys.

Recently, the parents went before the court for review and the Mother was granted monitored exchanges one time a week for five hrs. The VEC performs breathalyzer services prior to monitor exchanges and upon returning from monitored exchanges to assure that the Mother is not using alcohol during the pick-up or drop-off of the child. After the fourth monitored exchange, the judge decided on unsupervised visitation.

1. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

Funds during this reporting period were used toward staff salaries, including management. The VEC management provides supervision, oversight, direct service provision and other duties to maintain the quality of services at this Center. Staff provides direct services, documentation and client education. By providing these funds to TFI Family Services, the Visitation and Exchange Center were able to provide the following services: Supervised visitations are provided to parents who are usually court ordered to have supervision of their parenting time with their children.

2. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide specific detail (use supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes.

Prior to the Lawrence VEC site opened families were limited in the choices they had for safe visits or exchanges for children and families. Over the past 20 years, the Lawrence VEC has been able to allow families to maintain relationships with their children while providing a safe environment for the visits to occur. TFI's mission statement "Devoted to the Strength of Family" is evident in the work and services we prove to families. Families who are receiving services through our center have had a reduction in law enforcement involvement. They have not had any security incidents while using the VEC center and children have had a safe, warm and nurturing environment to meet with their families. The Lawrence Visitation and Exchange Center completed 351 Supervised Visitation and 113 Monitored Exchanges without any security issues.

3. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2017 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why? (YES)

Yes, The City of Lawrence funding was used to pay for staff salaries, fringe benefits, and security for the Lawrence Visitation and Exchange Center.