The Mission of The Children’s Shelter is to improve the lives of children and families with a focus on children at-risk in Douglas County and Northeast Kansas.
Services for Families, Youth, and Children

Residential Program
The Children’s Shelter provides unlocked emergency residential care for youth, placed with us most often as a result of law enforcement and/or court action. We serve up to 28 youth at a time, ages 10-18, through our two residential group homes. Our original home has been provided by the City of Lawrence since 1981. Our second home opened in June 2000 thanks to fundraising efforts in the community.

Prevention Programs

High School Truancy Prevention
The High School Truancy Diversion program is available to youth (grades 9-12) who attend a Douglas County high school and have violated the state truancy statute for school attendance. This program allows youth who choose to participate the opportunity to avoid court involvement through a diversion process. Youth work with a case manager to identify barriers to attendance issues and strategies to improve attendance, eliminating their truant behaviors. This program lasts until the youth completes one full semester of school with no unexcused absences. Additionally, the Prevention Program includes the High School Truancy program which supports youth who are court involved and court ordered to participate in the service. Youth in this program are supervised by a case manager who reports back to the court on the progress of truancy issues.

Specialized Case Management
This prevention program is available to all school-aged children (5-18 yrs old), and is designed to keep families together and from further involvement in the court systems, both Child In Need of Care (CINC) and the juvenile justice system. Specialized Case Management focuses on working with families to manage children struggling at home, school or in the community, but who have not broken any laws or been placed in state custody. The families will work with a case manager to assess their needs, provide support in managing the youth’s behaviors and make referrals to community resources. This service is available on a voluntary, no cost basis to families who reside in Douglas County.

Resource Management
Through funding from the City of Lawrence, our Prevention Program operates a financial assistance program to families of at-risk youth in Douglas County. The funds can help families pay rent or a utility bill, purchase needed goods, or pay for services such as mental health or drug/alcohol treatment. Families must reside in Douglas County, have a youth living full time in their home, and have not received funding from this program within the last 12 calendar months. This program is designed to assist families in maintaining their family unit and prevent their children from being placed in state custody.

Community Services Program
The Children’s Shelter’s newest program is enabled and operated by a Family Services grant with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF). This program started July 1, 2017 and serves the DCF East region which includes 25 counties running to the Nebraska and Oklahoma borders. The goals are to strengthen and preserve families who have come to the attention of DCF for non-abuse neglect reasons, and to maintain children safety in the home. Our emphasis is empowering families to recognize current strengths and available resources, and then to identify solutions to mitigate current stressors and issues.

Family Services
Family Services includes a staff of licensed helping professionals, on call 24 hours a day to agency-sponsored licensed families providing care for children in state custody, Juvenile Intake Programs in multiple counties, and child welfare contractors needing emergency placement services. We provide family foster, adoptive, and kinship care services, with the goal of giving children a safe and loving family life experience for a few days to a few months and/or permanently. The Children’s Shelter provides pre-service training, preparation for family foster home licensing, completion of adoptive licensing or relative family home studies, placement coordination, and on-going support for families.
2019 Residential Program Service Data

Total Children Placed: 137

Average Age: 15

Legal Status
- Child In Need of Care (CINC): 137 (100%)

Placing Agency
- KVC: 65
- Juvenile Intake: 33
- St. Francis: 3
- DCF: 19
- COC: 9
- Other: 8

Shelter
- YRC II: 104
- Total: 137 (100%)

Average Length of Stay (in days) *

1/1/19 to 6/30/19
- Male: 29
- Female: 66

7/1/19 to 12/31/19
- Male: 17
- Female: 10

Where Came From
- Home: 38 (28%)
- Shelter/YRCII/Group home: 34 (25%)
- Foster home: 38 (28%)
- Acute care/Hospital: 6 (4%)
- Relative's home: 4 (3%)
- PRTF: 1 (1%)
- Detention: 11 (8%)
- Runaway: 1 (1%)
- Secure Care: 1 (1%)
- Unknown: 2 (2%)

Where Went *
- Detention: 6 (4%)
- Other/unknown: 22 (16%)
- Shelter/YRCII: 24 (18%)
- Group Home: 1
- Relative's home: 7 (5%)
- Acute care/Hospital: 8 (6%)
- Foster home: 19 (14%)
- Runaway: 15 (11%)
- Home: 22 (16%)
- Secure Care: 1 (1%)

* Does not include cases still open as of 1/3/20
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2019 Residential Program Service Data

Counties Served

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2019 Prevention Programs Service Data

**High School Truancy Prevention & Diversion**

**New cases**
- Truant: 79
- Pre-truant: 30

**Referral sources**
- DA's office: 88
- Lawrence High School: 12
- Free State High School: 8
- Baldwin High School: 1

**Cases closed**

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**Unsuccessful completions**

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**Success rate since program inception in 2008**

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### Specialized Case Management

**New cases**

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**Total cases**

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**Referral sources**

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**Total referrals**

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**Discharges**

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**Total discharges**

30

**SCM Cases Discharged**

- **Voluntary discharge**: 40%
- **Successful**: 54%
- **Returned to DCF (action unknown)**: 3%
- **Placed in custody at discharge**: 3%
2019 Prevention Programs Service Data

**Resource Management**

Referrals received for Flex Funds 158

**Referral Sources**

- Emergency service agencies 54 34%
- Housing Authority 50 32%
- Self 44 28%
- Agency staff (JIAC, Prevention programs, PPC) 2 1%
- Courts/DCYS 1 1%
- DCF 5 3%
- Mental health providers 2 1%
- Infant/toddler programs 0 0%
- Schools (excluding WRAP) 0 0%

Total Referrals: 158 100%

**Referrals Denied**

47 30%

**Families Served**

121

**Requests Approved**

Utilities/housing 120

- Services (mental health, vocational, UA's, etc) 1
- Hard goods 0

(Note: For some families, we have approved more than one request.)

100% of families received help with budgeting.

126 of the 128 families (98%) served by Resource Management from July 2017 through June 2018 did not have a child go through Intake within six months of their case closure date. Family served July through December 2019 are not reflected as their six months post-closure date has not passed.
The program goals are to stabilize family functioning, prevent referral to Family Preservation Services, and to ensure child(ren) remain safely in their home. The primary delivery of this program is through a case manager who assesses the needs of the family and collaboratively develops a family case plan. This commonly involves family monitoring and coordination of referrals to needed services and other local resources.

**Performance Indicators of Effectiveness:**

- 80% of families will be engaged timely
- 80% of children will remain safely in their home for 365 days post conclusion of the service provision
- 85% of children will be free from maltreatment from a parent or in-home caregiver for 365 days from the date of referral
- 75% of families referred for family services will not be referred for Family Preservation Services for 180 days from the date of referral for family services
- 90% of children will remain safely in their home during the open family services case

**The Children’s Shelter 2019 outcomes:**

- 13% of families engaged timely as evidenced by a signed family case plan within 20 days; 54% of families referred signed case plan after 20 days & 33% closed their case.
- 92% children safe in their home 365 days post referral
- 100% children safely free from maltreatment post 365 days
- 100% of families referred for family services were not referred for Family Preservation Services for 180 days from the date of referral for family services
- 88% of children remain safely in their home during open family services case

Note: Percentages regarding measures for “365 days post” may not include complete data at time of publication.
2019 Family Services Program Data

**Total number of foster care placements:** 50

**Placements by County**
- Douglas: 5 (10%)
- Franklin: 5 (10%)
- Shawnee: 16 (32%)
- Johnson: 10 (20%)
- Leavenworth: 1 (2%)
- Allen: 1 (2%)
- Sumner: 2 (4%)
- Lyon: 1 (2%)
- Cloud: 2 (4%)
- Brown: 5 (10%)
- Nemaha: 2 (4%)

**Average Length of Stay in Days**
- Regular: 310
- Diversion: 265
- Respite: 4
- PPC: 3

**Placements by Agency**
- KVC: 23 (46%)
- St Francis: 2 (4%)
- Police Protective Custody: 2 (4%)
- DCF: 23 (46%)