



**THE CHILDREN'S  
SHELTER**  
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES SINCE 1981.

**The Shelter, Inc. DBA  
The Children's Shelter  
2019 Annual Services Report  
01/01/2019—12/31/2019**

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	Shelter	YRC II	Total	
KVC	0	65	65	47%
Juvenile Intake	33	0	33	24%
St. Francis	0	3	3	2%
DCF	0	19	19	14%
COC	0	9	9	7%
Other	0	8	8	6%
	33	104	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

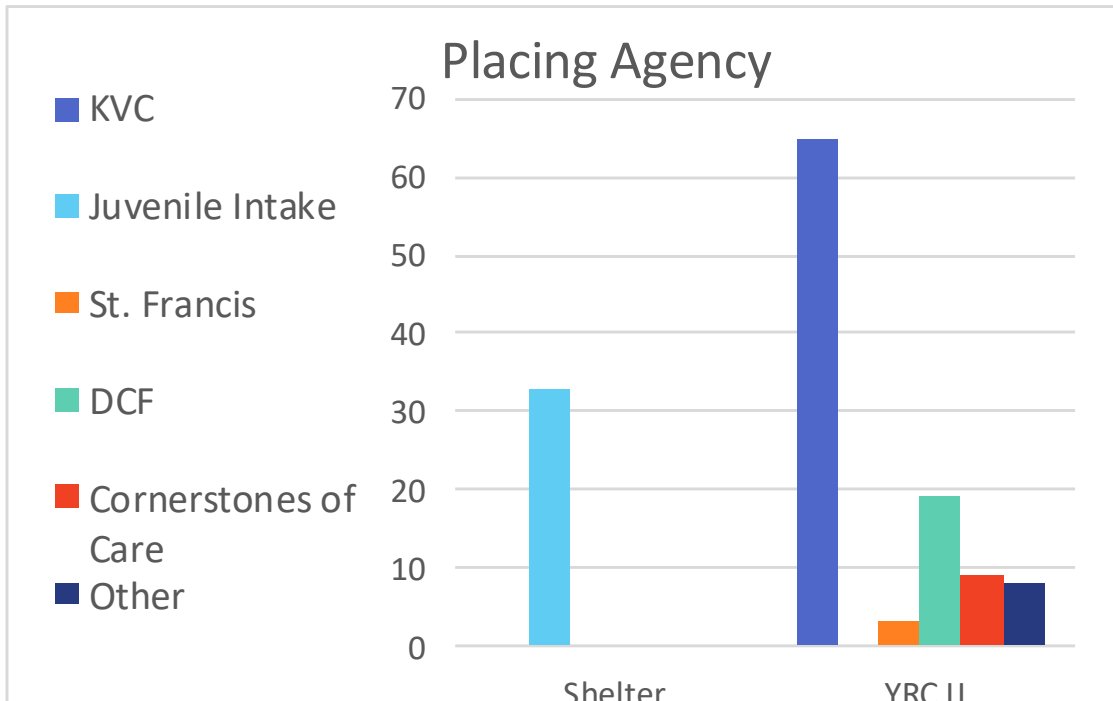
Where Came From

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%
	136	100%

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
	125	91%

\* Does not include cases still open as of 1/3/20

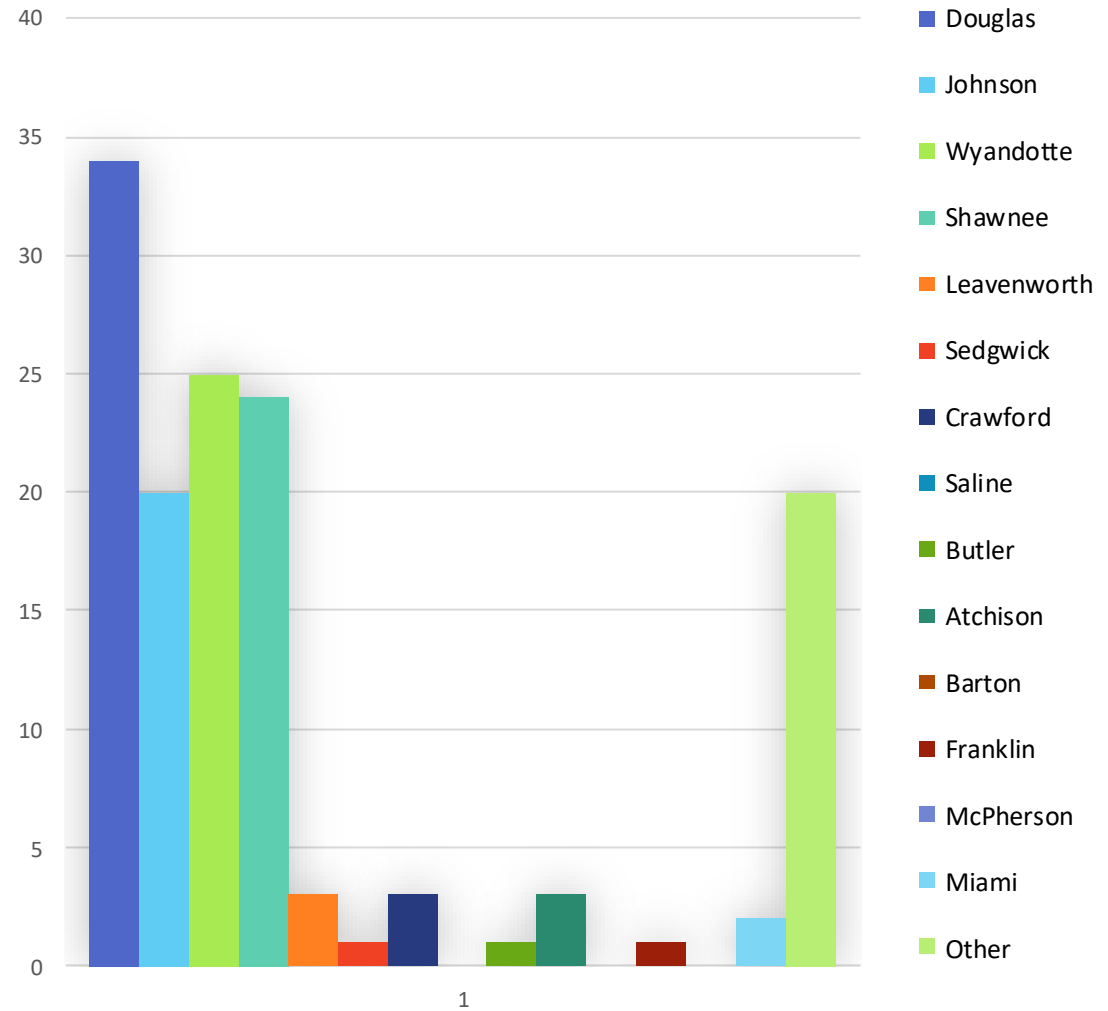


## 2019 Residential Program Service Data

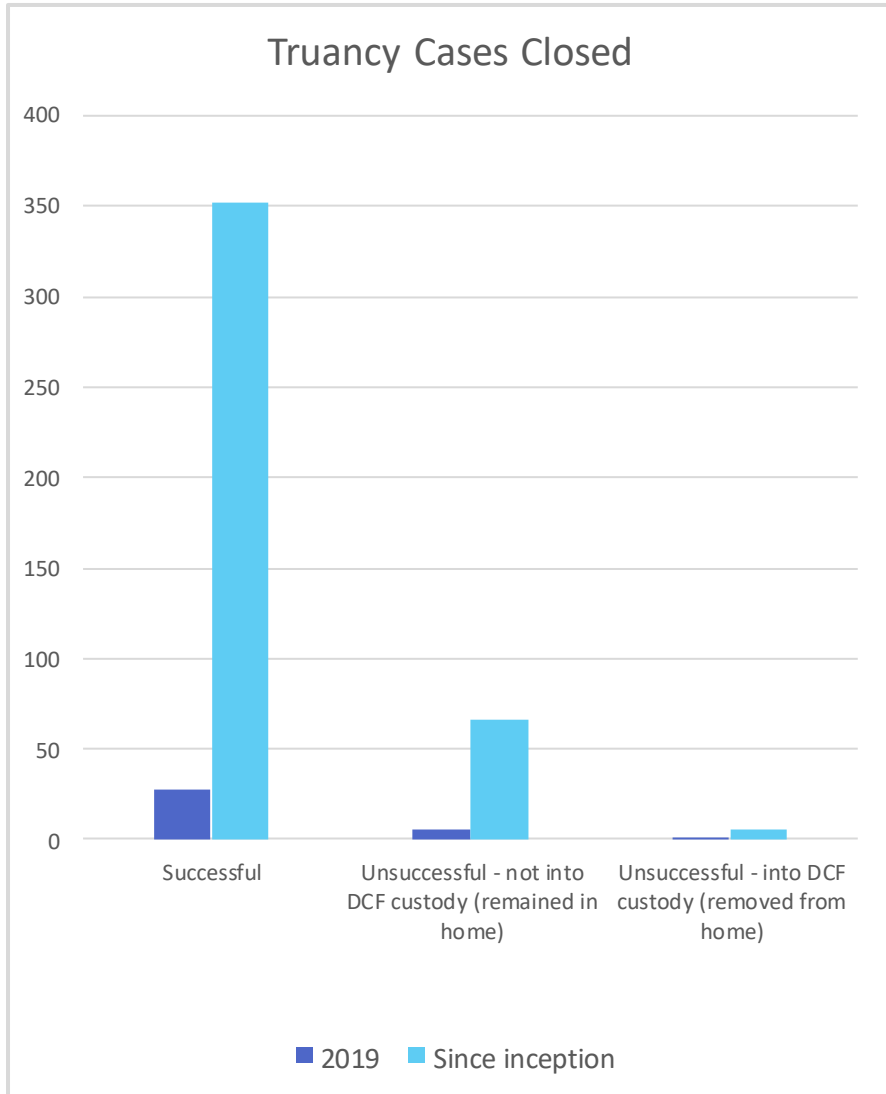
### Counties Served

Douglas	34	25%
Wyandotte	25	18%
Shawnee	24	18%
Franklin	1	1%
Crawford	3	2%
Johnson	20	15%
Leavenworth	3	2%
Butler	1	1%
Miami	2	1%
Bourbon	0	0%
Atchinson	3	2%
Neosho	0	0%
Pottawatomie	0	0%
Sedgwick	1	1%
Other	20	15%

### Counties Served



## 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

	Current	
Successful completions	28	82%
Dismissed due to improvement	16	
Signed out	12	
Unsuccessful completions	6	18%
Dismissed due to JO charge/PFD referral	5	
Non-compliance	0	
Into custody and removed	0	
Parent refused to participate	1	

### Success rate since program inception in 2008

Total cases closed	390	
Successful completion	324	83%
Unsuccessful - not into DCF custody (remained in home)	61	16%
Unsuccessful - into DCF custody (removed from home)	5	1%

## 2019 Prevention Programs Service Data

### Specialized Case Management

#### New cases

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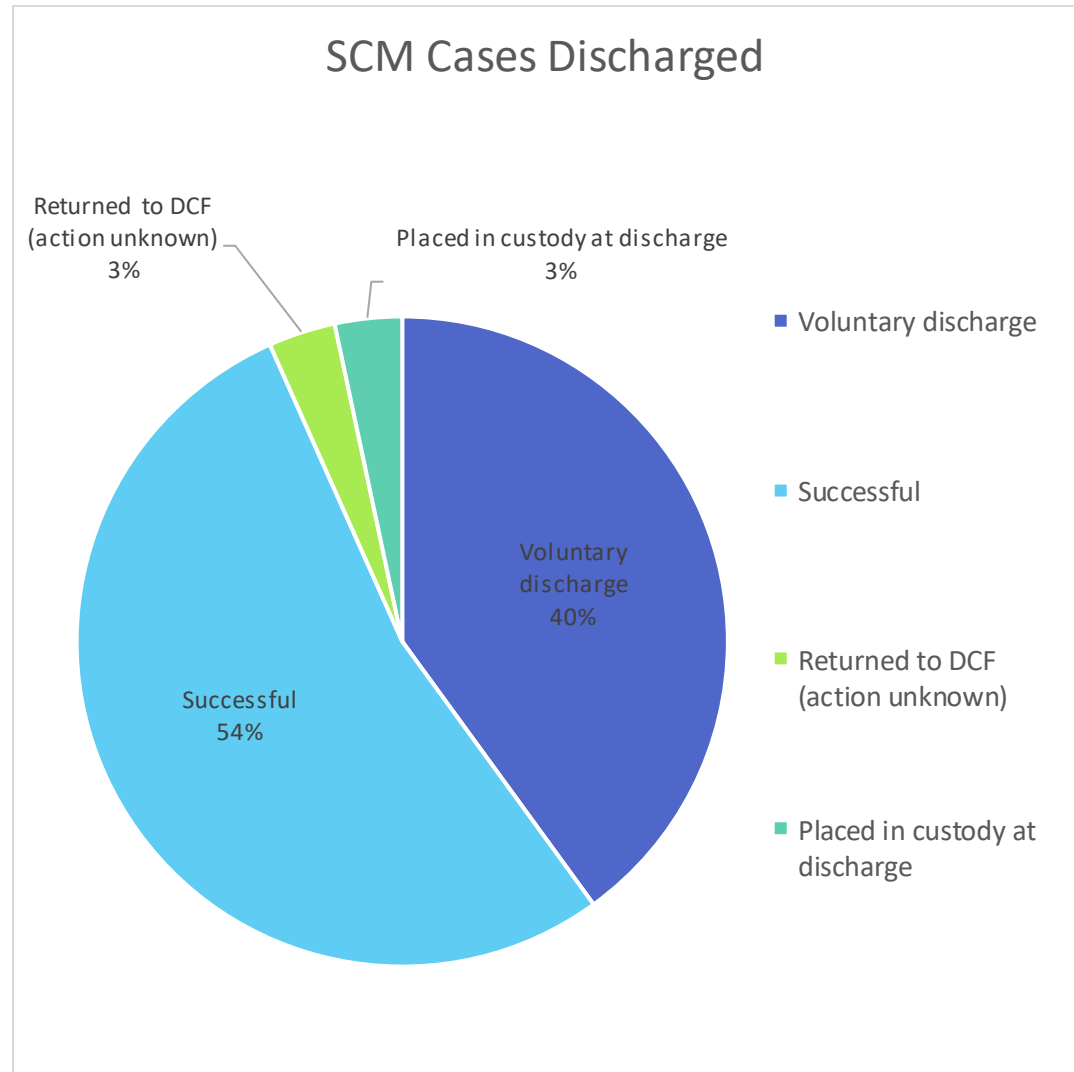
#### Referral sources

Self	7	7%
School	83	83%
Juvenile Intake	6	6%
DCF	2	2%
Other	2	2%

#### Discharges

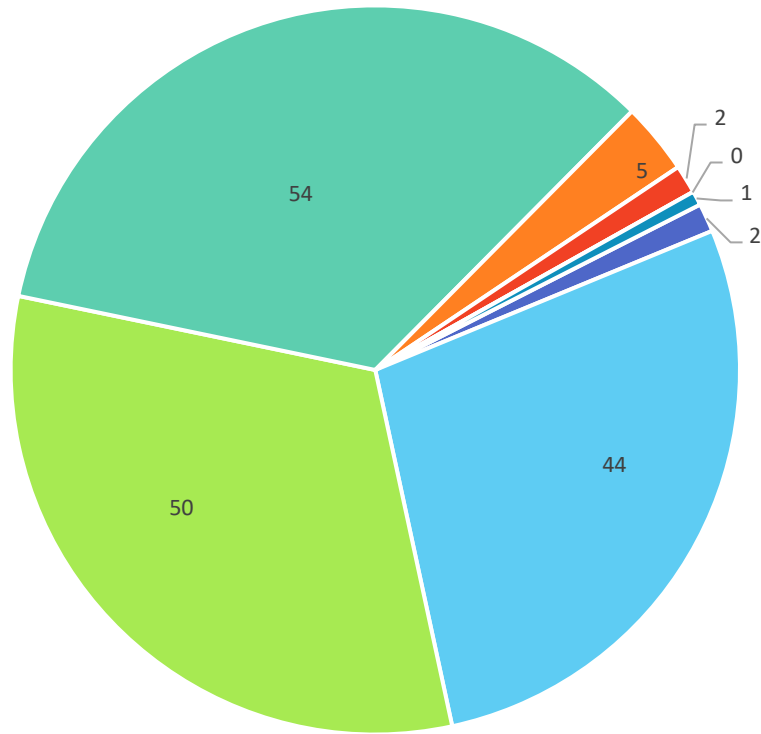
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Voluntary discharge	12	40%
Successful	16	54%
Returned to DCF (action unknown)	1	3%
Placed in custody at discharge	1	3%



## 2019 Prevention Programs Service Data

Resource Management Referral Sources



- Shelter staff (JIAC, PCM, PPC, SCM, Truancy)
- Self
- Housing Authority
- Emergency service agencies
- DCF
- Mental health providers
- Schools (excluding WRAP)
- Courts/DCYS

### 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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100%</b>

Referrals Denied 47 30%

Families Served 121

Requests Approved 121

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.

## 2019 Community Services Program

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.

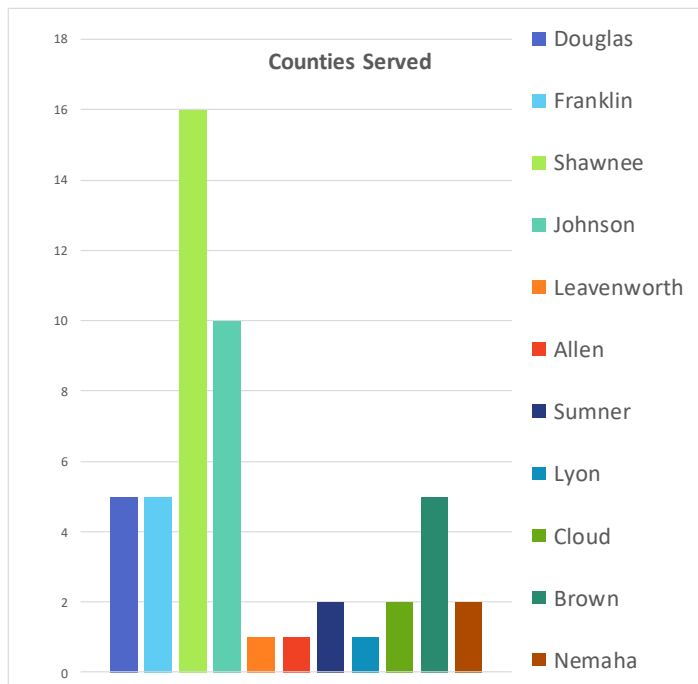


## 2019 Family Services Program Data

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%



### Placements by Agency

KVC	23	46%
St Francis	2	4%
Police Protective Custody	2	4%
DCF	23	46%

### Average Length of Stay in Days

Regular	310
Diversion	265
Respite	4
PPC	3

