

# Family Focus Newsletter



## KDHE Training Requirements for Licensed Foster Families

### K.A.R. 28-4-806. Training.

(b) **In-service training.** Each licensee shall obtain at least eight clock-hours of training in each licensing year, including at least two clock-hours obtained through participation in group training, including workshops, conferences, and academic coursework. The training topics shall provide the opportunity to develop competency in two or more of the following areas.

- (1) Attachment issues and disorders;
- (2) behavior and guidance, including managing aggressive behavior

- and de-escalation methods, including the use of time-out;
- (3) child development;
- (4) communicating with the families of children in foster care;
- (5) constructive problem solving;
- (6) health;
- (7) home safety;
- (8) human sexuality;
- (9) interactions with children;
- (10) regulations governing family foster homes;

- (11) medication administration;
- (12) post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (13) separation issues; and
- (14) specific topics related to children with special needs.

### (c) Additional training requirements.

- (1) Each licensee shall participate in any additional or alternative training required by the sponsoring child-placing agency.
- KVC is committed to providing quality training opportunities.

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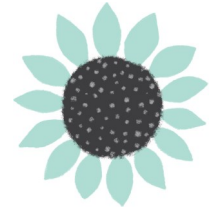
Each licensee who fails to meet training requirements for any licensing year shall complete a corrective action plan developed with the sponsoring child-placing agency to comply with prior licensing year requirements. The training hours obtained under the corrective action plan shall apply only to the prior licensing year. Failure to successfully complete the corrective action plan within 30 days after the initiation of the corrective action plan may result in an enforcement action.

(2) Each corrective action plan shall include the licensee's plan for maintaining compliance with this regulation.

(3) A licensee shall not accept any new child for placement until the sponsoring child-placing agency documents that the corrective action plan has been successfully completed by the licensee and the training obtained by the licensee that meets the requirements of subsection (b).

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-508; effective March 28, 2008.)

## Tips From KVC Pediatrics



### Enterovirus: EV-D68

Enteroviruses are spread by close contact with an infected person. You can also become infected by touching objects or surfaces that have the virus on them and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes. The vast majority of children with enteroviruses such as EV-D68 have mild symptoms and do not need any medical care beyond what is done for the common cold.

A number of children with asthma and even some without a prior history of wheezing have had unusually severe cases of EV-D68 resulting in hospitalization; some requiring treatment in the intensive care unit. Children with high fever and those with cold symptoms lasting longer than 7-10 days should talk with their pediatrician. Those with difficulty breathing should seek emergency care. This virus seems to be particularly hard on children's lungs. Therefore, it is especially important for parents of children previously diagnosed with asthma to help your child follow their asthma action plans and make sure the child's caregiver and/or teacher is aware of the condition. It's also imperative that they know how to avoid asthma triggers and what to do if the child experiences any symptoms related to asthma.

To reduce the risk of infection with enteroviruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers.
- Avoid touching, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Stay home when feeling sick, and consult with your health care provider.

Remember, enterovirus is different from the flu! Flu season is just around the corner. To protect against the flu virus, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children ages six months and older get their flu vaccine at the earliest possible time.

## Family Resource Corner

KVC has a number of new TIPS-MAPP classes beginning in January 2015 across Kansas. If you have been talking with friends or family about fostering, there is a new resource available through Children's Alliance of Kansas where they can learn more about training and the process of fostering and adoption. The topic areas include: Overview of Fostering and Adopting; Overview of MAPP Program; What Can I Do Now; Why Foster or Adopt; Closing Thoughts (Survey, Contact an Agency and Games/Activities); and National and State Resources



It is accessible through the [childally.org](http://childally.org) website or by using the direct link below.  
<http://www.fosteradoptks.org/>

## Adoption Profiles

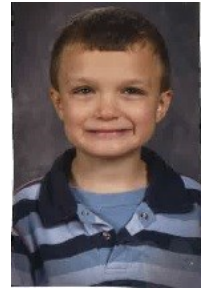


**Jacob**

Born November 2005  
R 19345

Meet brothers Austin and Jacob! Austin, age 10, is sweet, quiet, and respectful. He enjoys playing outside and watching movies. He is good at taking care of others and animals. Austin responds well to verbal affirmations. Jacob, age 9, is friendly and helpful. He likes to help around the house and is really good at doing laundry. He likes playing outside and playing most sports. He also likes to read. Jacob is especially proud of his good work on his reading tests in school. Both boys need love and encouragement from a

forever family. They need a family with patience and structure and would benefit from continued supportive mental health and educational services in place to help them be successful.



**Austin**

Born December 2004  
R 19344

Please call 1-888-655-5500 or visit [www.kvc.org](http://www.kvc.org) for more information about adopting Austin and Jacob or other children.

KVC is a Child Placing Agency licensed by KDHE. Our staff hold licenses under the BSRB for their respective disciplines.

## Featured Foster Family

KVC is happy to spotlight Ben & Connie Dreher who were nominated by Michele Sweeney.

The Dreher's have been licensed foster parents with KVC for over fifteen years and have provided placement for over 120 children, mainly high-needs teens and children with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The family started working with this specific population of children in 2006 when they discovered there was a need for good, quality homes to care for these children. Ben and Connie work and advocate for the services that children with IDD require. Their commitment to these children often carries over into adulthood. Over the past two years, the family advocated to transition two boys into community living group homes located within blocks of their own home. The Dreher's did this to allow the boys to remain connected to their family and so they would be able to return to their home to visit.

The family possesses the attributes needed for caring for children in foster care. They understand the importance of providing encouragement and support to children overcoming challenges. They provide each child placed in their home with the individualized care and support the child needs to reach permanency. Ben and Connie use their experience and natural instincts to ensure that all the children in their care receive everything needed for daily living and to also thrive while under their care. Please congratulate Ben and Connie and thank them for their work in caring for the children we serve.

## Non-Related Kinship Families

Did you know that if you are a Non-Related Kinship placement (NRKIN) once you receive your full license you can amend your license? Then you can provide care and be a placement option for other children in foster care.

A NRKIN is a placement option willing to become a licensed foster home to care for a specific child in DCF custody. The person or family is familiar with the child or the birth family and would like to provide a home for the child until they can be reintegrated or other permanency options are determined. Please contact your Family Service Coordinator for more information.



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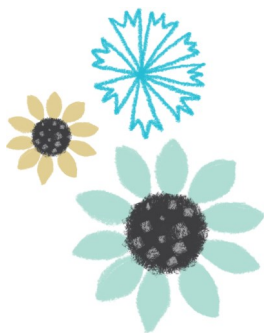
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## Foster Parent Advisory Board



**KVC's Foster Parent  
Advisory Board wants  
YOU!**

Join other KVC foster  
parents and help create  
opportunities for  
improved communication.

The board meetings are  
on the dates listed at the KVC Lenexa office,  
7940 Marshall Drive, Lenexa, Kansas 66214.

**January 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**February 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

For more information and to RSVP, please  
contact Kerry Hamel at [khamel@kvc.org](mailto:khamel@kvc.org) or  
913. 956.5370.

## Recruitment Finder's Fee

A monetary award of \$300 will be given to a foster  
parent who refers a potential foster family candi-  
date to KVC. The award will be paid once a family  
has completed the following:

- TIPS-MAPP/PS-DT Training
- Licensing process
- Takes first placement

