

KVC Kansas Key Messages

KVC Kansas is very proud of a record, which has contributed to the fact that **Kansas has the 2nd safest child welfare system in the United States**. Even with KVC's stellar track record, the foster care system has its share of critics.

Below you will find information to guide you in conversations regarding KVC Kansas:

- Every day, KVC touches the lives of thousands of Kansas children and families. KVC is a **lead agency with the Kansas Department for Children and Families**. KVC cares for half of all of the children in the state child welfare system, which is 3,700+ on any given day.
- KVC keeps thousands of children safe and help them heal from unimaginable trauma, such as abuse or neglect, so they can lead happy, healthy lives.
- KVC provides in-home family-strengthening support, behavioral healthcare, family reunification services, relative and foster family care and adoption, impacting thousands of children and family members each day.
- KVC believes that children can't wait, and due to their leadership, **Kansas has achieved national leadership in child welfare standards** set by the federal Children and Family Services Review (CFSR); outcomes that ensure child safety, permanency and well-being.
- KVC has tremendous community support and a network of dedicated relative caregivers and foster parents who are making a positive difference in the lives of the children in their care.
- **KVC believes children belong with their own families whenever safely possible.** With the Kansas Department for Children and Families, KVC was able to prevent 5,935 children from entering foster care and help safely reunify 993 Kansas children with their families after spending time in foster care last year. KVC is proud to play a role in strengthening Kansas families and working alongside them during their time of crisis.
- In 2017, the Kansas legislature created the independent Child Welfare System Task Force to review the state's child welfare system. KVC welcomes their thorough review of KVC services, operations and the impact KVC makes in the lives of so many Kansas families.
- As someone who has engaged with KVC, I know that they care deeply about the challenges children and families face, and that they are continuously trying to find solutions to problems.