I. **Purpose/Objective:** This policy explains the purpose of and the guidelines for Good Start Meetings.

II. **Policy Text:**
   A. The purpose of the Good Start Meeting is to begin the placement with a cohesive, collaborative plan to ensure that the child’s needs can be met by the family and service providers.

III. **Scope:**
   A. KVC Kansas

IV. **Responsibilities:**
   A. The KVC Family Service Coordinator shall understand the purpose of the Good Start Meeting and his or her role in the process.

V. **Procedure:**
   A. The purpose of the GOOD START MEETING is to begin the placement with a cohesive, collaborative plan to ensure that the child's needs can be met by the family and service providers. It also serves as a wrap-around support plan for the family. The meeting will be initiated by the KVC Family Service Coordinator assigned to the foster home the child will be going to. This will occur within 2 working days of the "placement found" email being generated by KVC Admissions. Those attendees shall be:
   1. The KVC Case Manager
   2. The KVC Family Service Coordinator for the family
   3. The Foster Parent
   4. Child as appropriate
   5. The CASA if assigned
   6. Members of the birth family as appropriate
   7. The KVC Therapist
   8. All other invitees as deemed appropriate by the team.
B. The Case Manager and therapist may participate by phone if necessary. When appropriate, the previous foster home or placement should be encouraged to participate. This decision will be made by the Case Manager and should occur only if the previous placement can provide positive, constructive feedback that will lend itself to the child's successful placement.

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