

Adoption Statistics

Awaiting Adoption

As of June 2015, **350** children in Kansas were awaiting adoption with no adoptive resource identified.

Adoption Finalizations

In FY2015, **765** children were adopted, compared to 666 in the previous fiscal year. Of the 765, **54** percent were adopted by a foster parent; **45** percent were adopted by a relative.

Special Needs

Special Needs include physical disability, sibling group, developmental disabilities, medical condition, guarded prognosis, emotional disabilities and age. The largest represented group is "guarded prognosis," which makes up **36** percent of children adopted.

Age

The average age of children available for adoption is between 0-4 years old.

Family Preservation Statistics

In FY2015, **2,597** families received in-home family preservation services. Of this number, the presenting situations in the family included:

Non abuse/neglect	40.6%
Physical abuse	20.6%
Physical neglect	10.1%
Other maltreatment	28.7%

As of June 2015, nearly **82.4** percent of families referred for family preservation services did not have a child placed outside of the home into foster care during a one-year referral period.

As of June 2015, more than **99** percent of families did not experience substantiated abuse or neglect during the first 90 days of family preservation participation.

As of June 2015, more than **96** percent of families did not experience substantiated abuse or neglect between the time of referral and one year.

PRIMARY REASON FOR REMOVAL (FY2015)

Abuse/Neglect		Non Abuse/Neglect	
Physical Abuse	16%	Parental Drug Abuse	11%
Physical Neglect	15%	Parental Meth Use	5%
Lack of Supervision	10%	Child's Behavior Problem	6%
Emotional Abuse	7%	Caretakers Inability to Cope	7%
Sexual Abuse	4%	Incarceration of Parents	4%
Abandonment	4%	Inadequate Housing	2%
Medical Neglect	2%	Runaway	2%
		Not Attending School	2%
		Adult Alcohol Abuse	1%

June 2015

Family Foster Home	3,701
Relative	2,157
Group Residential	330
Pre-adoptive	212
Independent Living	36
Runaway	59

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Foster Care Statistics

As of June 2015, there were **6,517** children in foster care in Kansas. Of all the counties, Sedgwick has the most children in out of home placement, **919** (14.1 percent).

Length of Stay in Foster Care

As of June 2015, the average length of stay in foster care for those adopted is **33** months, **38** months for those who age out, and **nine** months for those who are reunited with their families.

Foster Parents

Foster parents play a vital role in the child welfare process. Kansas currently has **2,872** licensed foster homes.

In 2015, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) created the position of Foster Parent and Youth Ombudsman to help foster parents navigate the child welfare process and to ensure their voices are heard when child placement decisions are made. The Foster Parent and Youth Ombudsman can be reached at 1-844-279-2306 or by email at fosterparent@dcf.ks.gov.



As of July 1, 2015, foster homes are licensed through the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

