

Our Mission...

TFI Family Services is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for youth and families through Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services.

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Guidelines for transporting children

The licensing department at TFI has received several calls regarding the rules of transporting children. Below are the most current KDHE guidelines. Please review these rules and be sure your vehicle meets the guidelines.

K.A.R. 28-4-130. Transportation.

(a) Facility-owned or leased vehicles.

- (1) When a vehicle used for transportation of children is owned or leased by the facility, the driver shall be 18 years of age or older, and shall hold an operator's license of a type appropriate for the vehicle being used. Trailers pulled by another vehicle, camper shells or truck beds shall not be used for transportation of children.**
- (2) (A) Each transporting vehicle shall be maintained in safe operating condition.**
(B) The transporting vehicle shall have a yearly mechanical safety check of tires, lights, windshield, wipers, horn, signal lights, steering, suspension, glass brakes, tail lights, exhaust system, and outside mirror. A record of the date of the annual safety check and corrections made shall be kept on file at the facility.
- (3) The vehicle shall be covered by accident and liability insurance in amount of no less than \$100,000 for personal injury or death in any one accident, \$300,000 for injury or death to two or more persons in any one accident; and \$50,000 for loss to property of others.**
- (4) (A) Emergency release forms and health assessment records shall be in the vehicle when children are transported. Residential facilities shall be exempt from K.A.R. 28-4-130(a)(4)(A) unless children are being transported more than 60 miles from the facility, or if children are in emergency care.**
(B) A first-aid kit shall be in the transporting vehicle and shall include band-aids of all sizes; adhesive tape; a roll of gauze; scissors; one package of 4x4-inch gauze squares; a cleansing agent; and one elastic bandage.



Care Provider of the Month

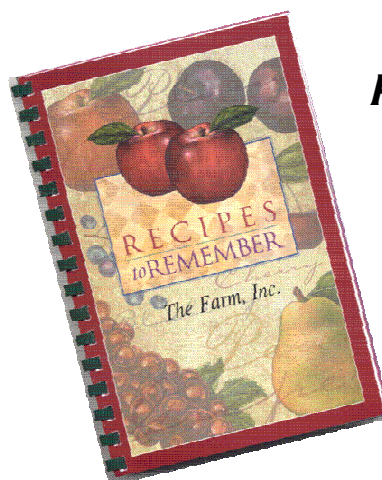
Cheryl Glaze and Suzy Kilmer have been foster parents with TFI since 1998. They have seen Resource Family Workers come and go... as supervisor for the Salina office, I had the pleasure of being their worker for four years. Every Resource Family Worker who has worked with this family has had nothing but positive things to say for this family. They are able to provide the needed structure and guidance in a very caring and nurturing environment. The family takes younger children who have special needs and have worked with some very challenging behaviors. They have adopted one child who had special medical needs as well as challenging behaviors. They took guardianship of a MR-DD girl who had been in their home for many years and who continues to live with the family. They work well with birth parents, transport to all appointments and home visits, and attend as many case plan and court hearings as their schedule allows. They have been wonderful in helping kids placed in their home transition to adoptive homes. Their current Resource Family Worker, Sue Broughton, has been impressed with their caring, their parenting skills and the ability to maintain the organization and structure given that with birth children, foster children and themselves this is a family of nine! Thank you Cheryl and Suzy for all that you do!

Mary Tucker, Resource Family Supervisor
Sue Broughton, Resource Family Worker

Recipes to Remember

Whip up a batch of the Governor's brownies or chow down on Martina McBride's meatloaf! Famous and not-so-famous cooks are featured in this cookbook. It makes a perfect gift for holidays, weddings, anniversaries and birthdays. For only \$10 plus \$2 for shipping, you can give one to a friend!

To order, call
(785) 271-6657 ext. 218
or e-mail AmyJ@the-farm.org.



Proceeds help fund special items for foster children.

Making Your Life Easier

How many times do you find yourself writing down your name and phone number for your children's teachers, therapists, physicians, etc? How often do you tell a potential foster parent about TFI Family Services and have to search for the phone number or Web site address?

We will be providing each foster home with 50 contact cards that will be printed with your name, phone number(s) and also the TFI toll-free recruitment phone number and Web site address.

From you, we will need your foster home name as you wish it to appear on the card. If it is a two-parent home and you wish to list both names, please write it out as you wish it to appear. Please list the phone number(s) that you wish to be contacted at for school emergencies, therapist calls, etc.

Please give this information to your Resource Worker or email it to AmyJ@the-farm.org

Deb Chenoweth
Director of Recruitment and Marketing
TFI Family Services

Dear Daisy

Dear Daisy:

It has been over two weeks and I have not seen my reimbursement check. It was a busy couple of weeks and I can not remember if I faxed in my claim voucher. I know I'm in your system so I did not think I had to turn it in to get reimbursed. What happened?

Signed,

Lost my mind

Dear Lost my mind:

The claim vouchers are due to the business office no later than the 5th and the 20th of the following time period. For instance, if you provide care from Jan. 1-15th you must turn your time sheet in after the 15th and before the 20th. The checks are cut from our business office on the 10th and 22nd of the following month. So if you do care from Jan. 1-15th, the check for that period will go out on Feb. 10th. If we do not get your claim voucher during the required time period we are unable to process it time for that payroll date. Therefore you will not receive a reimbursement for that period. For further assistance, please contact your Resource Family Worker.

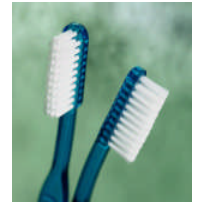
Thanks,

Daisy

Kansas Mission of Mercy Feb 2-3, 2007 Kansas Expocentre



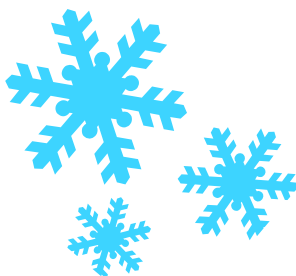
The annual Kansas Mission of Mercy will be held February 2-3 at the Landon Arena, Kansas Expocentre in Topeka. This event is sponsored by the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation and offers free dental services with no eligibility or income requirements. No appointments are taken, services are provided on a first come, first served basis for both children & adults. Doors will open at 5:00am. Services include: fillings, cleanings & extractions.



Welcome!

The following families joined TFI in January.

**William & Misty Hobbs
Richard & Linda Osborne
James & Michelle OzBun
Russel & Pameley Owenby
Mark & Michelle Stevens
Chad & Monica Brown
Charles Thompson & Lesley Allen-Thompson**



CONGRATULATIONS! TFI Anniversaries

1 Year

Jason & Misty Burley
Kimberly Burlingham
Derrick & Lisa Conner
Ricky Denton
John & Marguerite Ellis
Luke Gifford
David & Vickie Howe
Delores Hyde
Amanda Keller
Kyle & Deana Lloyd
John & Marguerite Lundblade
John & Terri O'Connell
Gary & Tracy Saker
Gerald & Brenda Speer
Roger & Brandy Stanley
Phillip & Jo Thompson
Charles & Janice Wolfe

3 Years

Mickie & LaTonya Burt
Rex & Tammy Haraughty
Robert & Karen McKarnin
Michael & Margo O'Dell
Richard Winn
David & Tracie Wyatt

5 Years

Lashonda Abbott
Patricia Dickerson

FEBRUARY SUPPORT GROUPS

Chanute: Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 p.m. at 1709 W. 7th St., Chanute, KS.

Colby: Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas County Office Complex, 950 S. Range in Colby. Please RSVP by calling (785) 694-2892.

El Dorado: Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at 111 Ash. Please RSVP by calling (316) 322-0260.

Emporia & Burlington: Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at 618 Commercial. Please RSVP at (785) 343-7746.

Fort Scott: Meeting time, date and location to be determined. Call (620) 768-0142.

Garden City: Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:00 p.m. at 103 W. Chestnut, Suite 201. Please RSVP by calling (620) 275-1433.

Burrton & Hutchinson: Thursday, Feb. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the Burrton Senior Center. Please RSVP by calling (620) 463-2463.

Independence: Tuesday, Feb. 27. Time and location to be determined. Call (620) 331-0411.

Iola: Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 6-7:30 at New Community Building in Riverside Park, Iola, KS. Please RSVP by calling: (620) 365-3428.

Kansas City: Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at 1333 Meadowlark Lane, Suite 205, Kansas City, KS. Please RSVP by calling (913) 287-5019.

Lansing: Monday, Feb. 26 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 501 Kansas in Atchison. Please RSVP by calling (913) 250-1465.

Lawrence: Thursday, Feb. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Building 1. Earn 2.0 training credits. Please RSVP by calling (785) 749-2664.

Overland Park: Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. at 8300 College, Suite 301. Please RSVP by calling (913) 894-2985.

Parsons: Monday, Feb. 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1621 Main. Please RSVP by calling (620) 421-6637.

Phillipsburg: Monday, Feb. 19 from 7-9 at 649 4th St. Please RSVP by calling (785) 543-8954.

Pittsburg: Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6:00 at Schlanger Center. Please RSVP by calling (620) 231-1069.

Salina & Concordia: Thursday, Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m. at 113 N. 7th, Suite 301. Please RSVP by calling (785) 823-1245.

Topeka: Thursday, Feb. 22 from 6-8 p.m. at 217 SE 4th. Please RSVP by calling (785) 271-6657.

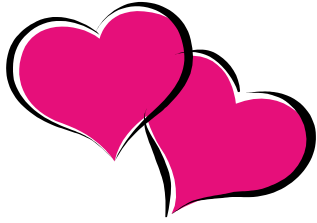
Wellington: Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at 118 E. Lincoln, Wellington, KS. Please RSVP by calling (620) 326-8982.

Wichita: Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Linwood Recreation Center, 1901 S. Kansas. Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 12. Call (316) 684-5300.

Winfield: Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at 1317 Wheat Rd. (Old Snyder Clinic) Please RSVP by calling (620) 221-6001.

Questions or Comments?

Remember, if you have a problem, concern or question about TFI Family Services, your first stop should be our Concern Line at concernline@the-farm.org or Ombudsman Nadine Terry at (620) 342-2239.



On-Call List February 2007



Pittsburg, Independence, Parsons, Chanute & Iola

EMERGENCIES - ON CALL

Outside of regular business hours and on weekends.

Cut this out and save it!

Emergency Pager #:
(800) 423-4405

1/26 - 2/1

Connie Ruth
(620) 235-9239

2/2 - 2/8

Toletha Dean
(620) 332-7854

2/9 - 2/15

Teresa LaForte
(620) 332-4939

2/16 - 2/22

Danika Foster
(620) 332-7210

2/23 - 3/1

Kim Ward
(620) 433-0776

Kansas City, Lawrence, Overland Park, Topeka, Leavenworth & Emporia

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Emergency Pager #:
(866) 219-3492

1/26 - 2/1

Hudson Hamilton
(785) 207-0296

2/2 - 2/8

Kathy Weigel
(785) 207-1112

2/9 - 2/15

Angela Arnold
(620) 794-5012

2/16 - 2/22

Misty Kifer
(785) 256-3343

2/23 - 3/1

Shelly Edwards
(913) 645-0076

Concordia, El Dorado, Hutchinson, Salina, Wellington & Wichita

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Emergency Pager #:
(800) 424-0672

1/26 - 2/1

Sue Broughton
(785) 577-1224

2/2 - 2/8

Marsha Kaegi
(620) 200-0383

2/9 - 2/15

Peggy Arpin
(785) 252-6451

2/16 - 2/22

Amanda Knowles
(316) 833-0064

2/23 - 3/1

Candra Hinson
(316) 734-1187

Garden City

EMERGENCIES - ON CALL

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Emergency Pager #:
(620) 260-8045

2/1 - 2/28

Geri Saldana
(620) 271-2857