

# Who We Are

## Child Welfare Community Based Service Provider

### **Family Preservation Contract**

TFI was awarded the Family Preservation state contract from the Kansas Department of Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS) for Region Three which encompasses 24 counties in Northeast Kansas. Families are referred by SRS to TFI for intensive in-home family services who have been identified as at risk of having children being removed from their homes. During this past year, TFI Family Services' served 227 children Out of Home and with In Home Family Preservation served 1,027 families in this region.

### **Reintegration/Foster Care Contract**

When a child must be removed from their home due to abuse, neglect or behavioral management issues, the courts can place temporary custody of the children with SRS. SRS has contracted with TFI Family Services to provide Reintegration and Foster Care services in Region One which encompasses 21 counties in Southeast and South Central Kansas. TFI served over 1,657 children this past year. The priority for this service is timeliness to permanency and safety for the children.

### **Contract Services**

Both contracts include a team of licensed case managers and family support workers to engage families to assure that they are active participants in developing their own case plan through a Family Centered Practice and Systems of Care model. This allows for thorough family assessments to occur, that adequate community supports/services are identified and that families can access these community support/services. When out of home placement is necessary, TFI works so that siblings are kept together, children are kept close to their home community or school district, that concurrent case planning is implemented when appropriate, and that relative and kinship placements are explored and utilized. A vast array of services provided by TFI or by the community to the families and children include Child Care, Adoption, Transportation, Behavioral Health, Family Foster Care, Residential Treatment, Emergency Shelter Care, Substance Abuse counseling, Respite Care, Life and Parenting Skill training.

Our children should not be brought up by a system or an organization. TFI and SRS realize that they do not raise children, but that families and communities do. It is through this contractual relationship between the State of Kansas and organizations such as TFI that we have come together to ensure that our children and families are given the opportunities to stay together safely or that a child truly has a permanent family to grow up within to call their own.



## ***TFI Family Services is More Than Foster Care***

*Statewide, TFI sponsors over 600 Family Foster Care homes. This past year we placed 1,326 children in these homes. However, as you will see below, TFI is much more than foster care!*

### ***Family Resource Project***

TFI's Intake Department coordinates a grant from the Children's Alliance of Kansas to prevent at-risk children from entering state custody by providing flex funds, case management and/or emergency placement services that may resolve the immediate family crisis. The grant serves 22 counties with referrals coming from juvenile intake or law enforcement agencies across the state.

### ***Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services***

Behavioral Health Programs are intensive, short-term services to get people back on track. These services are focused responses to the needs of children, adults and families and are specifically designed to help them work on solutions utilizing a strengths-based approach. This approach focuses on empowering clients toward meeting their goals. Obtaining new grants and securing funding are continuous goals for TFI so that we can offer the services that support families while building community connections. Through our Behavioral Health services, we served 1,212 children and families this past year.

**HomeBase:** The South Central SRS Region awarded TFI's Behavioral Health Department a grant to provide family services that are pre-custody, pre-family preservation. It allows TFI to provide more personalized care for children and families where the therapist comes to the family and works with them in their home. The HomeBase Project strives to keep families and children together by finding solutions to the problems at hand. Referrals come from SRS, juvenile intake and local JJA agencies.

**FAMLE:** A grant, similar to HomeBase, was awarded for the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District in the Southeast SRS Region with additional services including Cherokee County. FAMLE Staff assist families in identifying resources to resolve crises and avoid out-of-home placement for the children.

**Parent and Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT):** In the spring of 2007, TFI received notice of funding from the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City to implement this program in 2008 in Kansas City and Iola. PCIT provides a behavioral approach to addressing disruptive behavior disorders for children ages 2-10. The intervention focuses on changing the behaviors of both parent and child. PCIT is a scripted and validated family therapy model.

**Substance Abuse Treatment Service:** This program provides out-patient treatment specializing in services to adolescents with licenses in Overland Park, Topeka, Wichita, Iola and Chanute. Standardized assessment tools are utilized in order to identify the needs of the adolescent to provide the best possible therapy whether in an individualized or group setting.

### ***A Safe Haven***

The Douglas County Supervised Visitation & Exchange Center was established through a grant project partially funded by the State Child Exchange and Visitation Center Program and the Federal State Access and Visitation Program administered by the Kansas Attorney General. With this grant, TFI Family Services is able to provide a safe environment for children during court ordered supervised visits and an exchange service in which children can be transferred from parent to parent in a safe and secure setting for parental visitations, free from violence and conflict. In addition to parents participating in the Exchange Program, they are given the opportunity to attend Cooperative Parenting Education training. This past year, our visitation and exchange program served 341 clients.

