

## KIPP is part of a Presidential Initiative



The Kansas Intensive Permanency Project (KIPP) is part of the Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII).

The goals of the PII are to improve permanency outcomes for children with the most serious barriers to permanency and to build the child welfare knowledge base by rigorously evaluating interventions designed to improve permanency.

KIPP has brought 40 new FTE to Kansas foster care. Therapists will serve families for 6 months and carry low caseloads (4-6 cases) so that they can provide intensive, in-home services early in the life of the case. Over the course of five years, KIPP's goal is to expedite permanency for children with serious emotional disturbance.

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### Kansas Intensive Permanency Project



*Supporting Families  
Creating Permanency*

## What is KIPP?

KIPP is a statewide partnership between the University of Kansas; the Kansas Department for Children and Family Services; and Kansas' two private providers of foster care—KVC Behavioral Healthcare and St. Francis Community Services.

### KIPP's Goals:

Provide intensive services to support families with children in foster care.

Help families of children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) reintegrate earlier and with more stability.

Increase families' capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Work with the family and community on addressing barriers to reintegration.

Connect families to community services and supports.

## Who Can Participate?

KIPP will be studied as part of a rigorous cross-site evaluation to inform the child welfare field. Only families whose children meet clinical criteria are eligible for KIPP; they will be randomly assigned to receive therapy or assessments. Families cannot be court-ordered to KIPP; however, participation in KIPP may facilitate reintegration.

## Parent Management Training-Oregon Model (PMTO™)

PMTO stands for Parent Management Training-Oregon Model. PMTO is an evidence based intervention which means that it has been demonstrated, through scientific studies, to be effective in treating behavioral problems. PMTO believes that parents are their children's most important teachers. Therefore, most of PMTO is done with the parents to empower them with effective child-rearing strategies, such as:



### Skill Encouragement:

Teaching concern for others and positive behaviors through effective instructions and encouragement.

**Limit Setting:** Giving consistent, short, non-physical sanctions such as time-out, privilege loss, and work chores for specific misbehavior.

**Problem Solving:** Setting goals, brainstorming, figuring out solutions, and carrying out plans.

**Monitoring:** Keeping track of children's friends and whereabouts, and ensuring adult supervision for children's activities.

**Positive Involvement:** The many ways parents show love for their children, including attention and support, participating in children's interests and activities, and showing care and concern.

## What Will This Look Like?

What reintegrative and foster families may notice most is the increased visits and intensity of services for the first 6 months of reintegration efforts. This increase in visits is critical to KIPP's success.

Families will have:

- At least 2 parent sessions with a KIPP Therapist each week.
- At least 1 session with the parent, child, and KIPP Therapist each week.
- Regular visits for the parent and child each month.

Visits will continue to be based on legal visitation arrangements.

*Thank you for your support of KIPP's efforts to help parents and children strengthen their families!*

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