

## KVC BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

KVC Behavioral HealthCare is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides an integrated array of medical and behavioral healthcare, educational and training programs for children, ages birth to 21, and their families. The organization began in 1970 and since that time has grown to provide a multitude of services representing one of the most extensive continuums of care for children in the state of Kansas.

KVC offers:

Permanency Services

Psychiatric Hospital

Residential Services

Foster Family Services

Outpatient Services

Independent Living Services

Community-Based Services

Professional Training Services

Hidden Creek Adventure Course

Grand Seminars

"It is the mission of KVC to enrich and enhance the lives of children and families by providing medical and behavioral healthcare, social services and education."



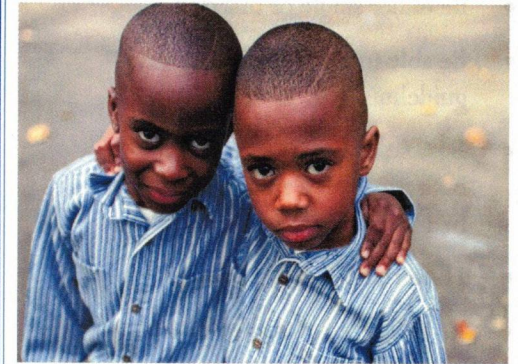
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CHILDREN GROW BEST IN  
FAMILIES



BECOMING  
A  
FOSTER PARENT

An introduction to the rewards and responsibilities of foster parenting

KVC Behavioral HealthCare

## TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT YOU WILL....

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be either single or married.
- Be able to meet basic income guidelines
- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and a separate bed for each foster child.
- Have reliable transportation.
- Be willing to complete 30 hours of training in Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (PS-MAPP). Free
- Be willing for everyone in your household to undergo background checks with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Child Abuse and Neglect Registry.

Open your heart and home to a child today.

Call KVC at 1-888-655-5500

## TO BECOME A LICENSED HOME:

- The Kansas Department of Health and Environment licenses Kansas foster homes.
- KVC or another child placing agency must sponsor your foster home.
- A home may be licensed for a maximum of four children. You may not have more than six, to include birth and adopted children under the age of 16, living in the home.
- Children under the age of 2 must have a crib.
- If children are sharing bedrooms, each child must have at least 45 square feet of space.
- Bedrooms must have a door and windows that meet local fire codes. Ceilings must be at least 7 feet high for over 80% of the room.
- Swimming pools, ponds or other bodies of water that are at least 12 inches deep must be fenced.
- Trampolines are not allowed.
- KVC provides a handbook from KDHE that covers all of the state licensing regulations.

## FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS INCLUDE:

- **Family Foster Care** for children who may be placed in your home for a few days or several weeks, until they are able to return home or another permanent placement is arranged.
- **Emergency Foster Care** for children who need to be taken out of their home immediately.
- **Respite Foster Care** for a child who is living with another foster family and will stay with you for an evening or weekend
- **Diversion and Specialized Diversion Foster Care** is provided by highly trained families for children who may need intensive therapy and/or medication.

## FOSTER CARE IS:

- A safe place for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect.
- An opportunity for a child and his/her birth family to resolve conflicts or disruptions and learn healthy skills so the child can return home safely.
- A chance for a child to have a permanent home through a relative placement, guardianship, adoption or independent living if reintegration with the birth family is not possible.