

What will I learn in PS-MAPP?

You will learn:

To work in partnership for the best interest of the children.

The skills supporting effective resource parenting.

The reasons children come into foster care, and the feelings and behaviors they bring with them.

The different roles of resource parents.

How children cope with the loss of family.

How trust is developed and attachments are built.

How to help children build self-esteem.

The importance of supporting the child's connections to his or her past and how vital it is to be sensitive to a child's kin, culture and community.

Since 1970, KVC Behavioral HealthCare, Inc., formerly Kaw Valley Center, a private not-for-profit organization, has provided an integrated system of services for emotionally and behaviorally impaired, abused, neglected runaway and homeless children. Today, KVC offers one of the most extensive arrays of health and human services of any private foster care provider in the nation.

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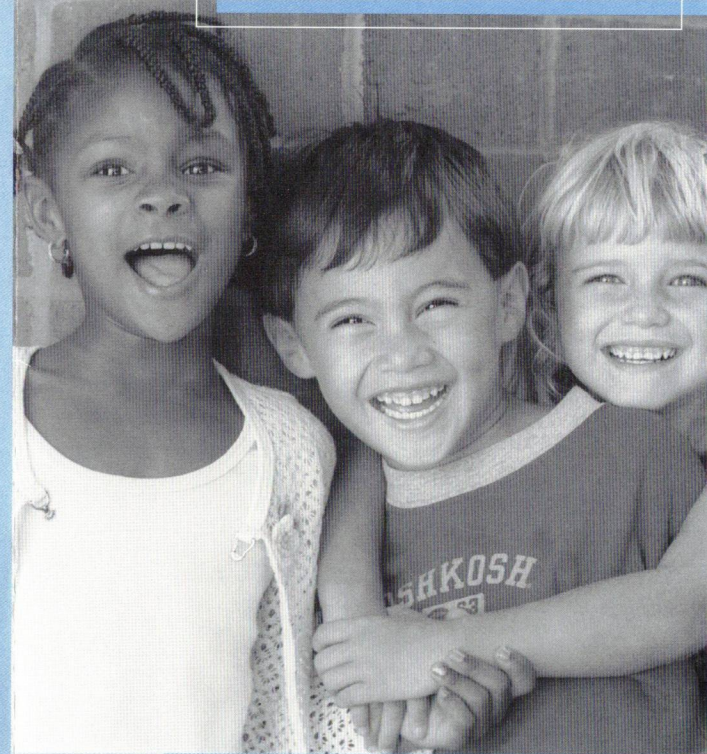
to enrich and enhance the lives of children and families by providing medical and behavioral healthcare, social services and education.



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PS-MAPP in Kansas

*Partnering for Safety and Permanence
Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting*

Helping families make informed decisions about foster and adoptive parenting.

What is PS-MAPP?

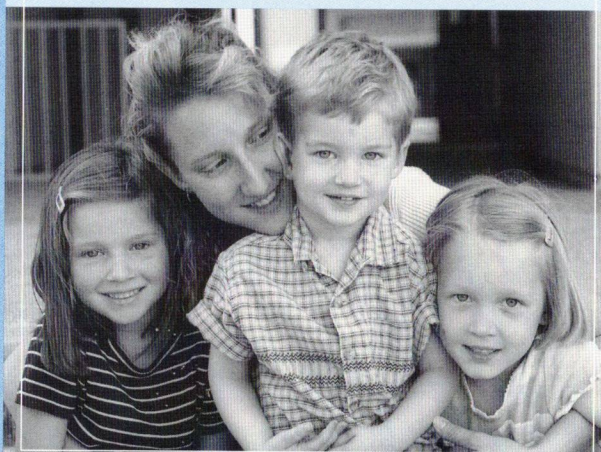
Partnering for Safety and Permanence-Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting

- A comprehensive preparation and selection program for resource families* designed by the Child Welfare Institute, Duluth, Georgia.
- Focuses on safety, well being and permanence for children in foster care.
- Helps resource parents develop skills for parenting children in foster care.
- Provides a process for prospective resource parents to make an informed decision about their ability, willingness and readiness to become resource families.

*A resource family (another term for foster family) is a family willing to provide short term care or serve as the adoptive or legal guardian for a child in foster care.

PS-MAPP is:

- Required by the state of Kansas for anyone wanting to become a licensed resource family.
- A series of ten sessions that meet once a week for 3 hours, for a total of 30 hours of training.
- Led by a certified team of professional staff and experienced resource parents.
- For everyone living in your home, 18 years of age and older, who will be sharing parenting responsibilities.
- Available at no cost to the participants.
- Open for registration in your area by calling 1-888-655-5500.



What happens after PS-MAPP training is completed?

- Each person, who completes all ten sessions of the training, the Family Profile, home consultations, and strengths/needs assignments will receive a certificate.
- Families who want to adopt can pursue an adoptive home study.
- Families who want to be a resource family will be licensed through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- Additional training is available after PS-MAPP to help with parenting issues and to assist resource parents with annual continuing education requirements. Monthly support groups for resource parents are also available.

