

# **Reducing Recidivism Through Effective Community Placements**

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# Overall Objectives

- Develop an understanding of the 8 levels of service KDOC contracts with for out of home placements.
- Develop an understanding of the process for making referrals to contracted placement providers.
- Understand the characteristics of youth appropriate for placement in each level of service.



- KDOC contracts with provider agency/organizations for 8 specific levels of service (LOS).
- All 8 levels of service are not the same. While some of the standards and regulations governing them and services offered may be similar; each level of service is designed to meet the individual characteristic, risk and needs of a specific type of youth.
- Community supervision officers (CSO) should make placement referrals based on services available through the providers to address the youth's individual characteristics, risk, needs, responsivity, permanency goal and the proximity to the reintegration family and community.

# 8 Levels of Service (LOS)

Child Placing Agencies (CPA) – contracts are held with 9 agencies for 3 levels of service;

1. Specialized Foster Care (SFC)
2. Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)
3. Juvenile Justice Foster Care (JJFC)

*\*\* NOTE: Not all CPAs provide all 3 levels of service.*

4. Youth Residential Center II (YRC II) – 15 facilities
5. Residential Maternity Center (RMC) – 1 facility
6. Transitional Living Program (TLP) – 2 agencies
7. Community Integration Program (CIP) – 3 agencies
8. Emergency Shelter (ERS) – 2 facilities

# Some Foundation Information

- KDOC collaborates with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) to set standards, regulations and provide oversight of contracted provider facilities and agencies.
- A CPA “sponsors” foster homes; that is, the CPA accepts referrals of youth and matches them to foster homes licensed by KDHE. The CPA ensures the foster home follows standards and regulations and also provides services and support to the foster parents as well as the youth placed within a foster home.
- Foster homes and facilities that provide housing to youth ages 16 years and under must be licensed by KDHE. Those that provide housing for youth 16 years of age and over are NOT licensed by KDHE.

# All LOS - Referral Processes

- A list of residential providers by name and level of service including contact information for each Referral Contact can be found at <http://www.doc.ks.gov/juvenile-services/providers-services>.
- Referrals should be made to the Referral Contact specified by the list for each provider. Basic information provided should be the youth's name, age, gender, behaviors, risk, needs, responsivity, YLS/CMI score and services needed.



# All LOS - Referral Processes

- Providers must obtain written documentation of referrals a CSO makes for placement. Therefore, the referring CSO should provide referral information via email and/or by completing a “referral” or “intake” form utilized by the specific provider.
- Information provided on the “referral” or “intake” form is reviewed by the provider and used to assist them in determining if a youth should be accepted for placement. That is; does the provider have the living space and services available to meet the youth’s individual characteristics, and risk/needs.
- Each provider must respond to the CSO’s referral within 48 hours of receipt advising of placement acceptance or denial.

# SFC & TFC Specific Referrals

- When referring a youth to a CPA for placement in a SFC or TFC foster home, the CPA utilizes a “scoring matrix” to determine the level of service the youth should be placed in.
- As the youth’s CSO it is important that current information regarding the youth’s personality, risks, needs and responsivity factors are known and provided.
- It is also important to know that while the CPA will advise the CSO of the level of service based on the “scoring matrix”, it is ultimately up to the youth’s CSO to determine the appropriate placement level.

# JJFC Specific Referrals

- Referrals to the JJFC level of service may take longer for the CPA to process than a traditional (SFC or TFC) foster home, or other levels of service.
- JJFC providers are required to meet face-to-face with the youth within 3 business days of receiving the referral. This allows the provider to conduct a more thorough assessment of the youth's personality, risks and needs in order to make a solid match between the youth and foster parents.
- By matching the youth's personality, strengths, risks, needs and responsiveness to a specific family the chances for an unexpected or emergency disruption may be avoided.

# TLP & CIP Specific Referrals

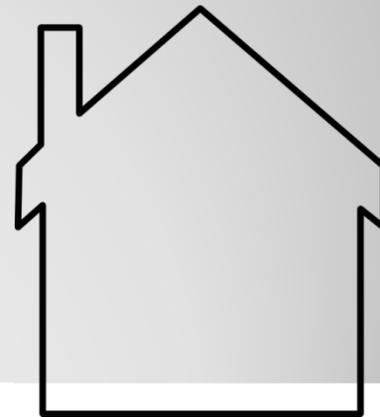
- Youth placed in these levels of service must meet specific criteria (which will be discussed on a later slide) however, when providing a written referral for TLP & CIP placements, the CSO will need to provide confirmation and verification that the youth has basic knowledge (TLP) and has demonstrated knowledge (CIP) of some specific life skills and self-regulatory behaviors.



- The next several slides will provide BASIC information for each level of service.
- This information is designed to assist the CSO in understanding the differences between each level of service, thus making appropriate referrals for placement based on the youth's characteristics, personality, risks, needs, responsivity, permanency goal and proximity to the reintegration family/community.
- For more in-depth information regarding each level of service see the Provider Handbook at the link below. <http://www.doc.ks.gov/juvenile-services/provider-services/PH>

# Specialized Foster Care (SFC)

- A SFC home is sponsored by a CPA and is licensed by KDHE.
- SFC foster parents receive basic training regarding working with youth. Specific training regarding working with juvenile offenders is not required.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the CPA is \$49.65 per youth, per day. The CPA sets the daily rate paid to the foster parents.



# Characteristics of SFC Youth

- The youth has good internal controls but needs age appropriate supervision of daily activities from a responsible adult.
- The youth is able to maintain behavior in a public school setting, and participate in community activities with the supervision of the foster family and/or alone for a limited period of time.
- The youth has minor offenses and minor behavioral concerns.
- SFC may be appropriate for a youth stepping down from a more structured/restrictive level of service.

# Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

- A TFC home is sponsored by a CPA and is licensed by KDHE.
- In addition to receiving basic training regarding youth, the TFC foster parents receive training specific to supporting and enhancing the youth's mental health status, emotional and social development. Specific training regarding working with juvenile offenders is not required.
- The TFC foster parents typically have experience, knowledge and training regarding specialized behavior management, school issues (IEP), psychotherapy and behavioral services.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the CPA is \$115.00 per youth, per day. The CPA sets the daily rate paid to the foster parents.

# Characteristics of TFC Youth

- The youth **MUST** have documented need for THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS (mental health, medical, special education) and/or be at risk for placement in a highly structured residential program, e.g., PRTF.
- The youth may have well established patterns of behavior and conduct (anti-social, aggressive, sexual acting out, social/emotional immaturity, running away, etc.) and have spent time in a PRTF.
- TFC may be appropriate for a youth stepping down from a more structured/restrictive level of service, e.g., PRTF.

# Juvenile Justice Foster Care (JJFC)

- A JJFC home is sponsored by a CPA and is licensed by KDHE.
- This is the only FOSTER CARE level of service specifically designed for juvenile offenders. No Child in Need of Care (CINC) youth may be placed in a JJFC home.
- The difference between JJFC and the SFC level of service is that in addition to basic training regarding youth care, the JJFC foster parents are trained in evidence based practices. The parents are required to utilize cognitive behavioral tools and interventions to help change the youth's thinking and behavior.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the CPA is \$99.00 per youth, per day. The CPA sets the daily rate paid to the foster parents.

# Characteristics of JJFC Youth

- The youth must have the ability to understand and utilize cognitive behavioral tools.
- The youth typically display's internal controls at times and in certain situations, but may need age appropriate supervision and guidance from a responsible adult to handle other situations.
- The youth requires more structure than a SFC but not as much structure as a residential facility and does not need therapeutic interventions.
- JJFC may be appropriate for a youth stepping down from a more structured/restrictive level of service OR a step up if he/she has been unsuccessful in a less restrictive level of service.

## Youth Residential Center (YRC II)

- This is a residential facility (group home setting) that is licensed by KDHE and accepts placement of only juvenile offenders. No Child in Need of Care (CINC) youth may be placed in a YRC II that contracts with KDOC.
- In addition to basic training regarding working with youth, the administration and case coordinators are required to attend training specific to working with juvenile offenders, e.g., YLS/CMI Overview, EPICS, Motivational Interviewing, Effective Behavior Management Systems, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, etc.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the facility is \$126.00 per youth, per day.

# Characteristics of YRC II Youth

- The youth has little internal control and requires more structure and supervision than can be provided in a homelike setting.
- The youth requires a structured behavior management system with clear and consistent rules, rewards and consequences.
- The youth will benefit from structured daily living activities, e.g., bed-time, meal times, leisure time, group time, etc.
- The youth will benefit from intensive cognitive behavioral interventions, groups, and counseling/therapy.
- YRC II may be appropriate for a youth stepping down from a more structured/restrictive level of service (JDC/JCF) OR a step up if he/she has been unsuccessful in a less restrictive level of service.

# Emergency Shelter (ERS)

- This is a residential facility (group home setting) that is licensed by KDHE for SHORT-TERM placements of both Child in Need of Care (CINC) and juvenile offenders.
- In addition to basic training regarding working with youth, the administration and case coordinators are required to attend training specific to working with juvenile offenders, e.g., YLS/CMI Overview, EPICS, Motivational Interviewing, Effective Behavior Management Systems, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, etc.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the facility is \$115.00 per youth, per day.
- Youth appropriate for placement in an ERS are those in need of a short-term placement until a more permanent option can be determined.

# Residential Maternity Center (RMC)

- This is a residential facility (group home setting) licensed through KDHE and may accept placement of both Child in Need of Care (CINC) and juvenile offenders.
- In addition to basic training regarding working with youth, the administration and case coordinators are required to attend training specific to working with juvenile offenders, e.g., YLS/CMI Overview, EPICS, Motivational Interviewing, Effective Behavior Management Systems, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, etc.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the facility is \$60.57 per youth, per day, and \$10.02 per day, per infant.

# Characteristics of RMC Youth

- The youth is pregnant or post-partum.
- The youth has minor offenses and minor behavioral concerns.
- The youth requires more structure than a homelike setting, but not as much structure as a residential facility (YRC II).
- The youth would benefit from counseling, groups and support around pregnancy and caring for her unborn child and infant.



# Transitional Living Program (TLP)

- This is apartment living that is NOT licensed by KDHE and accepts placement of only juvenile offenders. Child in Need of Care (CINC) youth may not be placed in a TLP that contracts with KDOC.
- Youth in a TLP have access to on-site provider staff 24/7.
- In addition to basic training regarding working with youth, the administration and case coordinators are required to attend training specific to working with juvenile offenders, e.g., YLS/CMI Overview, EPICS, Motivational Interviewing, Effective Behavior Management Systems, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, etc.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the provider is \$100.00 per youth, per day.

# Characteristics of TLP Youth

- The youth must have a permanency plan of Other Planned Placement Living Arrangement (OPPLA) or Independent Living (IL).
- The youth must be at least 16 years of age.
- The youth must be working towards or have completed a diploma or equivalent.
- The youth must be working towards full or part-time employment.
- The youth must have self-regulatory skills.
- The youth must demonstrate knowledge of basic life skills, but needs guidance or support.
- This may be a step down from a more restrictive level of service or foster care, or a step up from an unsuccessful placement in a CIP.

# Community Integration Program (CIP)

- Youth reside within the community in scattered site apartments.
- Youth have access to staff 24/7; however, staff are NOT on site and the frequency of contact varies based on many factors, e.g., readiness for independence, presence of other adult support, etc.
- In addition to basic training regarding working with youth, the administration and case coordinators are required to attend training specific to working with juvenile offenders, e.g., YLS/CMI Overview, EPICS, Motivational Interviewing, Effective Behavior Management Systems, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, etc.
- The set rate of pay from KDOC to the provider is \$100.00 per youth, per day.

# Characteristics of CIP Youth

- The youth must have a permanency plan of Other Planned Placement Living Arrangement (OPPLA) or Independent Living (IL).
- The youth must be at least 16 years of age.
- The youth must be working towards or have completed a diploma or equivalent.
- The youth must be working towards full or part-time employment.
- The youth must have self-regulatory skills.
- The youth must have a documented demonstration of basic living skills.
- This may be a step down from a TLP or foster care.

# Summary

- To ensure appropriate placement of juvenile offenders within the community the CSO must have knowledge of each level of service, and the type of youth who would most benefit from each.
- Appropriate placement of juveniles in the community will better utilize resources; the higher risk offenders will be placed in the most restrictive/structured program, while the lower risk offenders will be placed in the less restrictive/structured programs.
- By making effective placements of juvenile offenders in the community and providing services that meet their individual risk level and addresses their need, the CSO will enhance public safety.

Thank you