



DCCCA
IMPROVING LIVES



DCCCA Child Welfare

Supporting Families Improving Lives

DCCCA provides a continuum of services to keep children safe and build healthy families.

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Prevention Family Services

Keeping children safely with their family is our first priority. Many times, with support and services, families are able to make improvements to prevent children coming into foster care.



Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) services are provided for families when the Department for Children and Families (DCF) identifies a child aged 5 or under to be at risk of foster care due to parental substance use. FFPSA uses the evidence-based model, Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START), and assists with resources and supports for safety, treatment, housing, and parenting. DCCCA serves northeast and southeast regions of Kansas.



Family Preservation delivers specialized and personalized in-home services to families to build on their strengths and reduce the risk of children being placed in foster care. Families direct the planning and implementation of services. DCCCA serves the Kansas City and Wichita regions of Kansas.



DCCCA assists families with children on specific waivers, including the **Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)** waiver and the **Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)** waiver. DCCCA partners with CMHCs and CDDOs to provide respite and longer-term care in our licensed foster homes. Services and supports are focused on stabilizing children to maintain safely at home and prevent kids from coming into foster care or long-term psychiatric hospitalizations.

Foster Care Services

Children come into foster care for a variety of reasons. Foster families provide a stable and caring environment to children until they can reach permanency with their biological family or an adoptive resource.



Child Placing Agency Specialists recruit, train, and provide 24-hour support for foster families across Kansas. Our foster homes care for children of all ages with a wide range of individual needs. DCCCA also assists families through the adoption process and with Adoption Assessment Home Studies.

Kinship DCCCA provides support to kinship families caring for relatives or previously known children (e.g. grandparents, aunts/uncles, teachers, coaches, etc).



We Kan Drive helps to remove the barriers youth in foster care and independent living face when obtaining their driver's license. DCCCA provides educational and financial support to help teens and young adults begin driving.

After Adoption

Adoption is a beautiful way for children to find permanency. However, unexpected behavior can result from past trauma.



Post Adoption Services help adoptive families throughout Kansas find support. Post Adoption can provide support groups and training, respite, and in-home therapy for families that have adopted.

Child Welfare Supports

When children interact with the Child Welfare system, there is typically trauma. Trauma can cause a wide variety of complex needs. DCCCA provides supports for children and families receiving prevention services, in foster care, and receiving post-adoption support.

The **Behavioral Interventionist** Program (BI) provides a one-on-one intervention for children who struggle with managing their behavior and emotions to prevent hospital or institutional placements. This intervention can be up to 15 hours per week.

A **Therapeutic Family Foster Home** (TFFH) is a family home designed to provide compassionate, high-level care for children with complex, high acuity needs. These children often face health conditions or situations that require more intensive care, monitoring, and intervention. For youth not in foster care, TFFH offers stability placements of respite for a few days or up to 60 days.

Therapy can help children and families make sense of feelings, emotional challenges and developmental stages. DCCCA therapists have been trained in the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program, which is an evidenced-based, short-term, intensive intervention that addresses the functioning of the entire family in a way that builds post-treatment self-sufficiency.

Parent Peer Support is a specialized service that provides support to parents with children who are struggling with Serious Emotional Disturbance, Substance Use, or co-occurring conditions. This service supports the stabilization of the child and enhances the family's quality of life.

