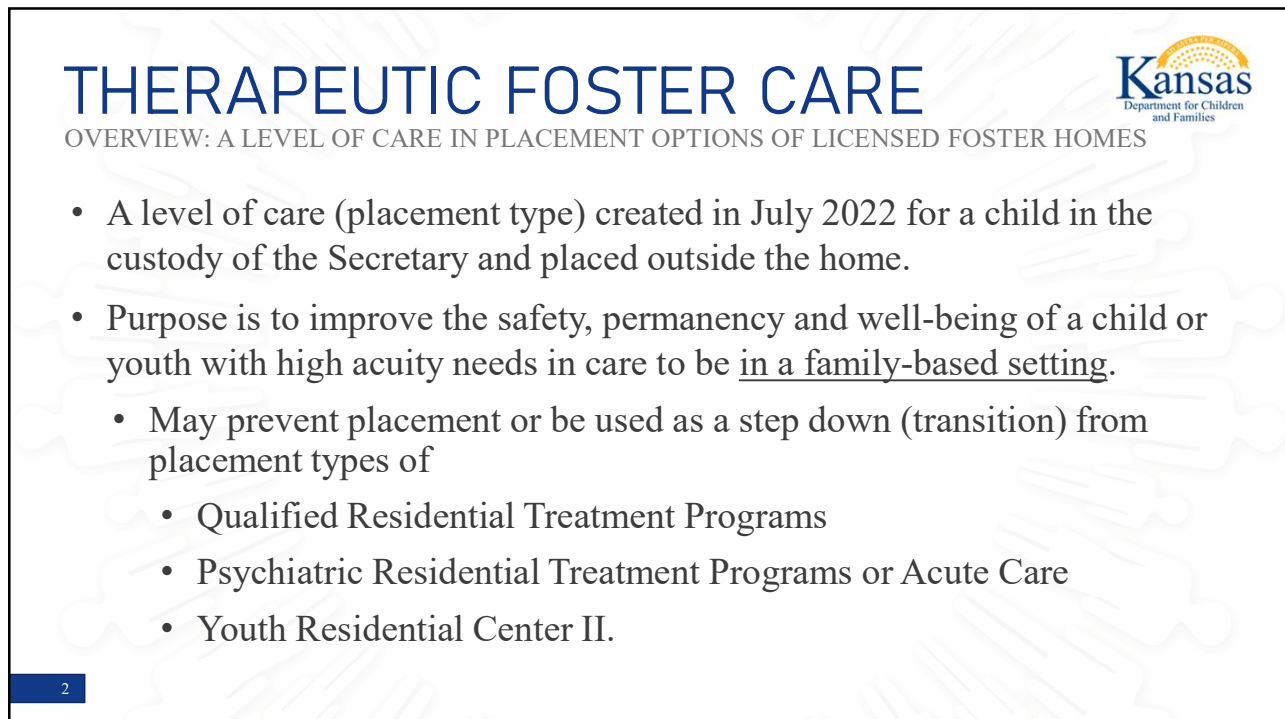


# THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT  
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OVERVIEW: A LEVEL OF CARE IN PLACEMENT OPTIONS OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES

- A level of care (placement type) created in July 2022 for a child in the custody of the Secretary and placed outside the home.
- Purpose is to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of a child or youth with high acuity needs in care to be in a family-based setting.
  - May prevent placement or be used as a step down (transition) from placement types of
    - Qualified Residential Treatment Programs
    - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Programs or Acute Care
    - Youth Residential Center II.

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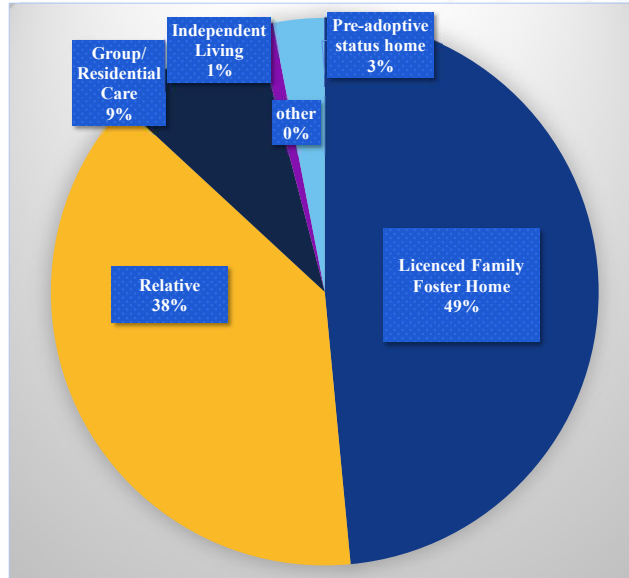
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## OVERVIEW: CONTEXT SETTING

- Therapeutic homes are within the category of category of Licensed Family Foster Homes
- The foster family home support is by an assigned specialist with a Child Placing Agency [CPA] (weekly contacts, family support, license, etc.)
- The child's case plan goal and case management activities with parents are through a foster care case management provider agency [CMP]



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## OVERVIEW

The approach includes

- Inviting the child's parents/caregivers or prospective parents/caregivers to participate in the child's services and daily care routine.
- Demonstrate successful interventions and techniques, as outlined in the Therapist Treatment Plan, with the child at least 60-90 minutes a day & include the parent//caregiver or prospective caregiver.
- Daily documentation and logging a child's experiences and behaviors to share with the team.
- No more than 2 children placed in the home with an exception for siblings.

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## TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND DAILY RATE OF PAYMENT



- No additional licensed training is required for placement of a child.
  - Focused training occurs after child is placed based on child & foster parent needs to increase parenting abilities tailored to parent and child.
  - They complete approved 24-hour training plan each year they have placement of child requiring therapeutic care.
- Enhanced support through the Child Placing Agency: Receive weekly virtual/in-person visits by their CPA in the first three months of placement (unless an exception) with visit intensity decrease over time.
- Aug. 26, 2024: 23 Family Foster Homes approved to provide care at a therapeutic level serving 14 current youth. Not all homes have youth placed at this level of care.
- The total daily rate paid is \$214.20, which includes \$159.60 paid to the foster home and \$54.60 paid to the CPA for administration.

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## CHILD ELIGIBILITY AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT



- **Child or Youth Attributes**
  - Require a high level of care and are typically at risk of placement in a residential program or congregate care facility.
  - May have high medical or developmental needs or exhibit well established patterns of behaviors or problem solving through running, substance use, aggression.
  - No limit to a length of stay in the home
- **Future Development**
  - Explore having a therapeutic family level of care as a prevention resource (grant awards)
  - Explore supporting relatives to feel supported with resources to provide care for children in their family who have a therapeutic level of care need.

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## SUCCESS INDICATOR MEASURES AND STANDARDS

- 80% of children leave therapeutic level of care foster home to a family-based placement within 9 months of beginning program placement start date.
- 90% of children will not experience a move to DCF group care within 180 days after therapeutic level of care foster home placement ends
- Complete placement standards for this level of care are included in agency guidelines at [Placement Standards August 2022.pdf \(ks.gov\)](#) beginning on page 27.

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# CAPACITY BUILDING



## GRANTEES AND RESOURCES

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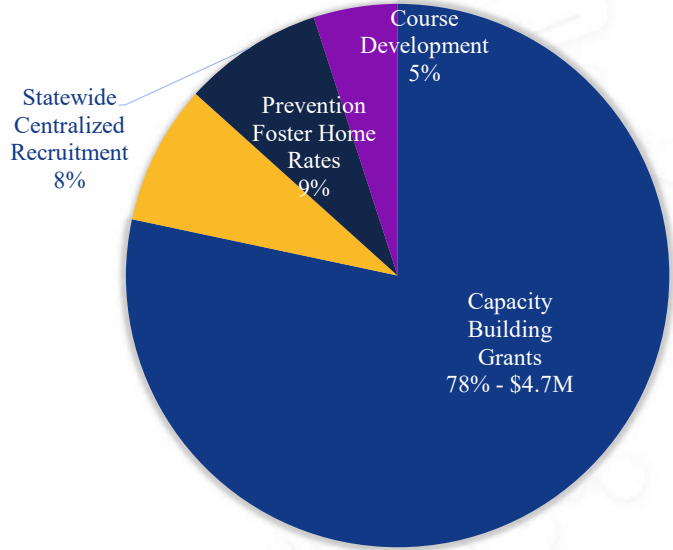
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## CAPACITY BUILDING



In SFY23 the Governor signed into law \$6 million for DCF to expand the Therapeutic Foster Care program as an integral piece in achieving stability and timely permanency.

The funds are invested on a nationally recognized training curriculum and capacity building grant awards announced Spring 2024.



# THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE GRANTS

## CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT AWARD REFRESHER



- Effective March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, with possibility of three one-year renewals

You will hear from some of the seven (7) agencies who received a total \$4,765,355 in grants to build capacity providing needed training and supportive services

- Cornerstones of Care: \$512,766
- DCCCA: \$1,017,306
- Eckerd: \$332,014
- EmberHope Youthville: \$1,221,644
- FosterAdopt Connect: \$189,507
- KVC: \$532,255
- Pressley Ridge: \$959,863

