



# FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

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**FAMILY FIRST  
PARENT SKILL  
BUILDING  
REFERRALS  
1,920 Referrals**

**Our Goal:** The Kansas Family First Prevention Service Evaluation examines the impact of prevention programs to strengthen families and prevent child welfare involvement in the state of Kansas. This project assesses implementation and outcomes related to the delivery of these community-based programs targeting mental health, parent skill building, kinship navigation, and substance use. Our goal is to provide evidence of the effectiveness of prevention services in Kansas to keep children safely with their families whenever possible.



**Parent Skill Building** services are in-home skill-based programs that include parenting skills training and education, including Parents as Teachers, Family Mentoring, Fostering Prevention, Family Centered Treatment (FCT) and Healthy Families America. Parent Skill Building services account for 31% of all Family First Referrals statewide.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Family First Parent Skill Building Outcomes

**92%** of target children and youth who have reached 12 months from the time of service referral remained together at home without need for foster care.\* (GOAL: 90% of cases)

**76%** of families referred to Family First were engaged timely in services (within 2 days). (GOAL: 95% of cases)

**38%** of cases served and closed had successfully completed the referred service. (GOAL: 95% of cases)

**3%** of target children and youth served have been placed in foster care during an open Family First case.\* (GOAL: Less than 10% of cases)

\*Target children are candidates for care within the target age range of the referred program

