



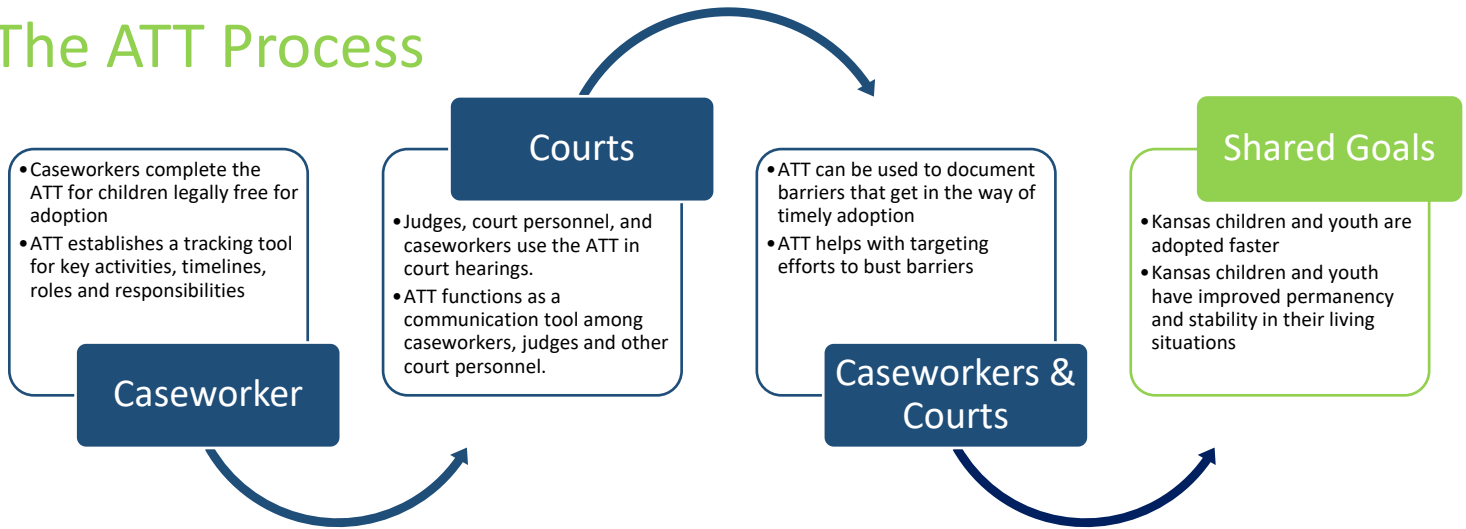
# Adoption Tracking Tool

Working together to achieve timely adoptions for Kansas children



**The Adoption Tracking Tool (ATT) is designed to reduce time to adoption by using a standardized tool for tracking key benchmarks and time schedules for children legally free for adoption.**

## The ATT Process



## Benefits of the ATT

- Clarifies & streamlines procedures for timely adoption
- Improves communication between caseworkers and courts
- Expands efforts to identify barriers
- Increases collaborative accountability

## Why ATT?

**Kansas ranks 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation in non-permanent discharges from foster care and 7<sup>th</sup> worst nationally in time to adoption. Time to adoption has increased 18% since 2015.**

The Adoption Tracking Tool is one strategy of *Kansas Strong for Children and Families*, a federally-funded initiative that aims to support Kansas child welfare as a collaborative, data-driven system that achieves positive outcomes for children’s well-being, safety, and permanency. Collaborators include the Kansas Supreme Task Force on Permanency Planning, the Office of Judicial Administration, Kansas Department for Children and Families, Cornerstones of Care, DCCCA, KVC Kansas, Saint Francis Ministries, TFI Family Services, and the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare. For more info please contact Kansas Strong for Children and Families Project Director: Becci Akin, PhD, (785) 864 2647 [beccia@ku.edu](mailto:beccia@ku.edu)

Average Months from Removal to Adoption SFY2015 - SFY2019

