Between Families

Our Mission

TFI Family Services, Inc. is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for youth and families through Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER BY: CURTISS HEMBY, LMSW DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE FAMILY SERVICES

Attitude

I recently had an enlightening conversation with a colleague regarding how our agency has evolved to what it is today and how we can make a difference today that will directly impact the future of the agency and those we serve. We both decided in the end it seems our success really boils down to Attitude and how we approach each and every day. As Charles Swindoll points out, "A good attitude can overcome some limitations, but even great talent can't overcome a bad attitude." Attitude is not some magical genetic formula we are born with; rather attitude is a conscience choice we make nearly every waking hour of the day. Charles Swindoll shares, "Attitude is not something that comes by instinct, it has to be practiced, the more you practice the more you start to believe you have the power over your attitude." As a professional in the field of child and family services for the past 18 years. I could not agree more with the following passage:

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of Attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than the past,

than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. The one thing we have control over is our Attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. We are in charge of our Attitude. ~ Charles Swindoll

We all need to take into consideration how these thoughts can be applied to our daily lives to enable actions that will enhance or inspire the lives around us. The youth we serve desperately depend upon us to help them figure this out. Many of our youth grow up feeling hopeless, abandoned, oppressed, unloved, and unwanted. I had one youth share with me they felt like nothing more than a "throw-away kid". I challenge those that read this to choose to take power over their

attitude - become a builder!

I saw them tearing a building down A team of men in my hometown. With a heave and a ho and a yes yes yell,

They swung a beam and a sidewall fell.

And I said to the foreman, "Are these men skilled?" "Like the ones you'd use if you had

to build?"
And he laughed and said, "Oh no,

indeed...
The most common labor is all I need...

For I can destroy in a day or two What takes a builder ten years to do."

So I thought to myself as I went on my way...
Which one of these roles am I willing

Which one of these roles am I willing to play?

Am I one who is tearing down as I carelessly make my way around? Or am I one who builds with care, in order to make the world a Little better...because I was there?

-Author Unknown

Curtiss Hemby, LMSW, Director of Resource Family Servics



RECRUITMENT MOMENT BY: JASON CECIL, RECRUITMENT MANAGER

Have a great idea to help us recruit some new families for your area? Well now is your chance to help. The TFI Recruitment Department wants you!!! We know that our wonderful resource parent base are our best recruiters. Over the years you have been our best form of recruiting new homes. To say thank you we are continuing the \$300 referral bonus for every home you refer that becomes licensed. In addition, this year we are adding an additional opportunity.

If you think you have a great idea or way for us to recruit please send it to recruitment@tfifamily.org. We will read all ideas submitted and if we choose to implement one of your ideas you will receive a \$50.00 gift card to the restaurant / business of your choice. Good luck and get those creative juices flowing. Submit your ideas today!! Happy Recruiting.

Jason Cecil, Recruitment Manager



Building Brighter Tomorrows for Families and Children

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Welcome New Resource Families

David and Michelle Hett Jose and Rebecca Munoz Jackie and Angela Bowen Steven and Jennifer Fitzgerald John and Jeannie Grotheer Alveno and Ashton McPhaul/Franklin Todd and Sandy Shumaker Matthew and Jennifer Gosser Carmen Naomi Watson Garry and Dianna Wells Luke and Teresa MacKinney Wayne and Valorie Castor Otha Mae Peppers Noris and Tamara Henderson/Green Kevin and Rita Murphy Donald and Karen Shoemaker Russell and Jennifer Meek Beau and Myria Oakley Dirk and Jessica Myers



Timmy and Gerianne Bass

For after hour emergencies, please call 1-877-921-4114.

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view Between Families newsletter online at www.tfifamilyservices.org



Dear Daisy,

Recently I called my Resource Family Worker to report that the youth in my home ran away from home. In addition to telling me to notify the police she reminded me to make sure to fill out an Incident Report Form and submit it to her no later than the following day. If I call the police to report an incident and also report it to TFI, why do I need to fill out an Incident Report Form as well?

Sincerely,

Documentation Overload in Topeka

Dear Documentation Overload,

KDHE addresses this issue as follows:

K.A.R. 28-4-807. Reporting requirements for infectious or contagious disease; positive tuberculin test; critical incidents; abuse and neglect.

- (2) Each licensee shall submit a written report for each critical incident specified in paragraph (d)(1) to the sponsoring child-placing agency by the next working day. This report shall contain the following information: (A) The child's name and birth date;
- (B) the date and time of the incident,
- (C) a factual summary of the incident, including the name of each individual involved;
- (D) a factual summary of the immediate action taken, including the name of each individual involved;
- (E) the signature of the licensee; and (F) the date of the report.
- (3) Each licensee shall ensure that a report is submitted to the department by the next working day. The report shall contain all known facts concerning the time, place, manner, and circumstances of the death of a child in foster care or any individual living in the family foster home.
- (4) A copy of each critical incident report shall be kept on file at the family foster home.

The provider's documentation of a critical incident is important documentation of the event and can be helpful to the provider in case of an investigation. It also helps to provide an accurate account of the event for the child's file. The Resource Family Services Incident Report Form can be found on the TFI website at www.tfifamilyservices.org under Foster Care forms or in your Care Provider Manual. Please contact your assigned Resource Family Worker with any further questions regarding this issue

Sincerely,

Daisy

Southeast Region Care Provider of the Month Sherrie Clark

Sherrie Clark has been nominated as the Southeast Region Care Provider of the Month. Sherrie has provided a nurturing and stable home for the past 2 years for several children. She treats the children as if they were her own and even involves them in her extended families' lives.

Sherrie gives TFI updates on her children often and always involves workers in decisions she makes with children in her care. Sherrie is out in the community recruiting people to provide a foster home for children in need. Although Sherrie is fairly new, she is open to change when taking different types of placements. She always involves her worker when she has questions or concerns. She is receptive to learning in order to help expand her knowledge of becoming a successful foster parent. She has welcomed extending her responsibilities as a foster parent.

Sherrie has been patient in the learning process of being a single foster parent, and she works well with the birth families of her foster children. She also maintains open communication with TFI in her work with the birth families.

Submitted by,

Stacy Bishop, RFS—Ft. Scott

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WEST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH WILLIE AND BARBARA TAYLOR

I would like to nominate Willie and Barbara Taylor as Care Providers of the month for the West Region. The Taylors have raised their children and are now busy and active with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. The Taylors became licensed with TFI in 2001 and were licensed prior to that with another foster care program that has since disbanded. In all their years of service, the Taylors have had less than 10 placements, because they stick it out with the youth they serve and rarely disrupt. The type of youth the Taylors specialize in generally have a combined developmental and mental health diagnosis. They are the type of youth who require more one on one attention to succeed in placement because their behaviors take more time and awareness than the general type of youth TFI serves. The Taylors also maintain connections with the youth they serve and have voluntarily become guardians to a youth they served for over 4 years who still resides in the area. Throughout all their years of dedicated service, the Taylors have been team players who are very open to working with all professionals and service providers involved with the child. They truly are advocates for what is in the best interest of the youth they serve. As experienced providers, they understand the need for families to have some down time and provide planned and emergency respite services to area foster families. Thank you Willie and Barbara for all that you have done, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the years to come.

Submitted by,

Lynn Seifert, RFS—Anthony

Northeast Region Care Provider of the month Margaret Agee

I would like to nominate Margaret Agee as the Northeast Region Care Provider of the Month. Margaret fosters high needs teenage boys, and she shows amazing patience and understanding with challenging behaviors. Margaret participates in the youths' mental health and school appointments and ensures that their needs are being met. She shows flexibility by being willing to pick up youth from school in the middle of the day, transporting youth to their family visits, working closely with youths' biological families, and she continuing to make multiple trips to Juvenile Intake to pick up a youth who continues to run from placement. Margaret maintains a very positive attitude through all of these challenges and shows care and concern for the youth in her home by building very positive relationships with them and maintaining contact with them after they leave. Recently, she worked to ensure that a youth aging out from her home had everything he needed in place to begin college. It is an honor to work with Margaret, who is a valuable resource for TFI and a positive influence in the lives of higher needs teenagers.

Submitted by,

Erika Welch, RFS—Kansas City and Laura Garrison, RFS Supervisor—Kansas City

Three R's to Being Green

Submitted by Sara Willimon, Communication Specialist

You always hear about recycling, but did you know there are "Three R's" to being green? While recycling is undoubtedly good, reducing and reusing are more impactful and more accessible. That being said, I dedicate this green tip to the all important first "R"- Reduce!

While Reduce is less famous than Recycle, it has a lot to offer the environment and your wallet. There is a push to conserve energy and water, but there are **endless opportunities** to use less. Do you need that lid and straw that go on your fast food drink cup? If you are eating **in, ditch the lid. If you don't mind sipping your drink, ditch both! It makes a difference; if** everyone in the US cut straw use in half, it would eliminate approximately 63 school busses worth of trash each day! Another idea- if you have a small lawn, try using a manual mower. This eliminates the need for fuel, gives you some good exercise, and will last much longer with less maintenance than a motorized mower.



These are merely two examples from my routine. I encourage you to look at your activities and see what little things you can do. The clever green-tip enthusiast will find ways to reduce waste and expense!

Sources: http://bestrawfree.org/About.html

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Resource Family Anniversaries

"One Year"

Kevin and I-Asia Guy
Henri Jean Howie
Christopher and Torrie
Lantz/Lyles
William and Diana Beeching
Vanalenea Fanning
Corey and Megan
Haden/Rackley
Derrick and Murdice
Watson/Sims
Matthew and Ginger Robert
Dean and Dorothee
McWilliams
John and Cindy Johnson
William and Sandra Narum
Stanley (Ted) and Amy
Thompson
Jeffery and Rita Mudd
Brian and Jennifer Andrews
Luke and Jennifer
Gardner/Stevens
Donita Bibbs

"Three Year"

Charles and Connie
Harper
Danny and Lisa Booth
Leroy "Chris" and Diana
Paine
Royce and Juana Fanders
Christopher and Matasha

"Five Year"

Jerry and Marcia Murry
Bobby and Debra Shinkle
Timothy and Tamara
Clark
Lorinda Mosteller

I NEED YOU—DO YOU NEED ME?

Meet Sonja! Sonja loves to laugh, sing, and draw. Sonja is very proud of her reading ability and continues to work hard to improve this ability. Sonja will need support to continue improving her reading skills and assistance with medical needs. Sonja will do best in an environment that is structured and has an established routine. She needs a family that can assist her with establishing and maintaining boundaries. Sonja prefers to have a forever family who can give her support, is active, and does not give up.



For more information on Sonja, please contact Erica Brown-Rodriguez at (785) 271-6657.

Annual Foster Home Licensing Renewals

You'll notice that TFI Family Services' Licensing Specialists are taking photos during your annual renewals. This is simply to provide some visual documentation that your home is in compliance with KDHE regulations and will be kept on file at TFI Family Services. It is hoped we will also be able to utilize photographs in the event there are any licensing questions that KDHE would need to see to be able to answer. Licensing Specialists will not be taking photos of the foster parents' bedroom or of every room in the home but just of common areas, the foster child's bedroom(s), and outside of the home. Please feel free to ask questions as you have them, and thank you so much in advance for your assistance!

You are invited to celebrate adoptions with us!

Each Thanksgiving, we gather together to give thanks for our families and the good things in life. For thousands of children in foster care, this cherished celebration is just a dream.

Each year, there are more than 107,000 children in foster care waiting to be adopted by permanent, loving families. Many spend more than five years waiting to be adopted. In Kansas alone, over 850 children are waiting to find families they can call their own.

But there is hope. On Saturday, November 19, in recognition of November as National Adoption Month, an unprecedented number of courts and community organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia will open their doors to finalize the adoptions of thousands of children from foster care to celebrate all families that adopt.

Since its inception in 2000, National Adoption Day has grown from 17 events in 2001 to 375 events in 2010, resulting in 4,800 adoptions finalized in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico last year. In total, more than 30,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day during the last 11 years. It is sponsored by a coalition of national partners including the Alliance for Children's Rights, Casey Family Services, Children's Action Network, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, and Freddie Mac Foundation.

TFI Family Services, Inc. has a number of children whose adoptions were finalized in the past year. In several locations throughout the state, TFI will be hosting recognition dinners to honor those families who have adopted in the past year, and to encourage anyone who may be considering adoption. The process of adoption will also be discussed during the meetings. We invite all resource families to attend these celebrations as we recognize those who have adopted in the past year. Child care will be available.

City:	Date/Time:	Location of Celebration:
El Dorado	11/1 from 6-8 pm	El Dorado TFI Office (3913 SW 10th)
Emporia	11/2 from 6-8 pm	Emporia TFI Office (618 S. Commercial)
Iola	11/3 from 6-8 pm	Iola Community Building (505 N. Buckeye)
Topeka	11/5 from 11-2 pm	Meier's Pumpkin Patch (5769 NW 17 th)
Winfield	11/7 from 6-8 pm	Winfield TFI Office (1321 E. 7th)
Wichita	11/8 from 6-8 pm	Wichita TFI Office (1711 S. Longfellow)
Pittsburg	11/14 from 6-8 pm	Franklin Community Center (701 S. Broadway)
Salina	11/19 from 11:30-1:30	Salina TFI Office (131 N Santa Fe Avenue)
Manhattan	11/21 from 5-8 pm	First Presbyterian Church (801 Leavenworth)
Atchison	11/21 from 6-7:30 pm	Atchison Public Library (401 Kansas Ave)
Independence	11/29 from 6-8 pm	St. Andrews Catholic Church (210 N. 4th Street)

^{*}To RSVP for the locations, please contact the office where the party will be located.

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Children's Alliance Training Calendar October 2011 To register for trainings log onto www.childally.org or call Children's Alliance at (785) 235-5437 ext. 1

Date	Training Title	Begin Time	End Time	Sponsor	Street Address	City	Comments
Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 30, 2011	PS-MAPP Update Online	6:00am	10:00pm	Children's Alliance	ONLINE	ONLINE	This is a self-paced online class. You may enroll and start anytime. A copy of your final assessment will go to your caseworker or supervisor. You will receive a certificate upon completion.
Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011	Medication Administration Online Training	12:00am	12:00am	Children's Alliance	ONLINE	ONLINE	Self-directed online training. You must have a valid email to enroll in this course.
Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011	Universal Precautions Online Training	12:00am	12:00am	Children's Alliance	ONLINE	ONLINE	Self-directed online training. You must have a valid email to enroll in this course.
Oct 1, 2011	First Aid and CPR Certification	9:00am	1:00pm	DCCCA	12352 W. 96 th Terr, Ste 300	Lenexa	CANCELLED
Oct 4, 2011	Building on Strengths- Developing Resiliency	6:00pm	7:30pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	3913 SW 10 th	El Dorado	
Oct 4, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/A,C,I	9:30am	5:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4th Street	Topeka	Enrollment is limited and pre- registration is advised. Class will meet in room 114.
Oct 5, 2011	Facebook/Internet Safety	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4th Street	Topeka	Class will meet in the computer lab.
Oct 6, 2011	Common Sense Parenting- Session 4	9:30am	12:30pm	L&L Training	408 N. Elk Ave.	Oberlin	
Oct 8, 2011	How to Maintain Your Cool in the "Fires" of the Foster Care System	10:00am	12:00pm	DCCCA	6837 Nieman Road	Shawnee	CANCELLED
Oct 10, 2011	Strategies for Challenging Behaviors	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Healthcare	513 S. 5th Street	Leavenworth	
Oct 10, 2011	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	2330 N. Kansas Ave.	Liberal	
Oct 11, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/A,C,I	9:00am	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1321 E. 7 th	Winfield	Enrollment is limited and pre- registration is advised.
Oct 11, 2011	Documentation and Allegation Prevention	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	21350 W. 153rd St.	Olathe	
Oct 11, 2011	Shared Parenting in Helping Children in Foster Care Manage Anger	1:00pm	5:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	116 S. 4 th St.	Manhattan	Participation is limited and pre- registration is advised. Class will meet in suite one.
Oct 11, 2011	Learning Disabilities and Social Skills: Last one PickedFirst one Picked on	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	423 SE 10 th	Newton	Daycare provided.
Oct 11, 2011	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	400 S. Main	Pratt	
Oct 11, 2011	Working with Families Separated By Incarceration	6:30pm	8:30pm	Wichita Children's Home	810 N. Holyoke	Wichita	
Oct 13, 2011	Fatherhood in Child Welfare	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4 th Street	Topeka	Class will meet in room 310.
Oct 13, 2011	Trauma and It's Effects	7:00pm	9:00pm	KCSL	3001 Ft. Riley Blvd.	Manhattan	
Oct 13, 2011	Common Sense Parenting— Session 5 & 6	9:30am	3:00pm	L&L Training	408 N. Elk Ave.	Oberlin	Will be ½ hour break for lunch.
Oct 13, 2011	Red Cross First Aid Recertification	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	805 N. Elm	Bunker Hill	This is a refresher course.
Oct 13, 2011	Common Sense Parenting- Session 1	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	1319 W. May	Wichita	CANCELLED
Oct 17, 2011	Helping Children in Foster Care Cope with the Holidays	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	Mod D, 509 E. Elm	Salina	

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Oct 17, 2011	Helping Our Kiddos Succeed with Independent Living Skills	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	180 W. 5 th	Colby	
Oct 17, 2011	Collaborative Problem Solving	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	501 N. Monroe	Hutchinson	Daycare provided.
Oct 17, 2011	How to Deal with Hostile Teenagers	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	1515 E. Kansas	Garden City	Daycare provided.
Oct 17, 2011	The Sexual Behavior of Traumatized Children	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	1421 W. 8th St.	Wellington	Daycare provided.
Oct 17, 2011	Confidentiality and Ethics	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1711 S. Longfellow	Wichita	This facility's meeting room is not handicap accessible.
Oct 17, 2011	Becoming Love & Logic Parenting-Modules 1-4	6:00pm	9:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	350 N. Market	Wichita	
Oct 18, 2011	Sexual Abuse-Impact on Children and their Behaviors	6:00pm	8:00pm	KCSL	3545 SW 5 th	Topeka	Free child care available. Call Melinda Kline at 785-215-6406.
Oct 18, 2011	Becoming a Love & Logic Parent-Modules 5, 6, & 7	6:00pm	9:00pm	The Salvation Army	350 N. Market	Wichita	
Oct 19, 2011	Making Transitions Positive	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1709 W. 7th Street	Chanute	
Oct 19, 2011	Facebook/Internet Safety	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	618 Commercial	Emporia	Class will meet in large conference room.
Oct 19, 2011	Life Strategies and Community Resource for Older Children with Disabilities	9:00am	1:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	8300 College Blvd., Ste 301	Overland Park	Enrollment is limited and pre- registration is advised.
Oct 20, 2011	Confidentiality and Ethics	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	501 N. Penn	Independence	
Oct 20, 2011	Adolescent Chemical Dependency	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	3125 N. Summitt St.	Arkansas City	CANCELLED
Oct 20, 2011	Bonding with your Child	9:30am	11:30am	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	229 N. Walnut	Marion	
Oct 20, 2011	Lying	6:00pm	8:00pm	Associated Youth Services	1311 N. 7th Street	Atchison	This training is being co-sponsored by AYS, KVC, and The Shelter, Inc.
Oct 20, 2011	Common Sense Parenting- Session 2	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	1319 W. May	Wichita	CANCELLED
Oct 22, 2011	Working with Youth with Interagency Involvement	1:00pm	3:00pm	Associated Youth Services	401 E. Spruce	Garden City	
Oct 24, 2011	Preventing and Managing Aggression	6:30pm	8:30pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1377, 21000 Road	Parsons	Class will meet in school library.
Oct 24, 2011	I am talking! Are you listening? : Communication Skills	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1919 S. Horton	Ft. Scott	Class will meet at the Community Christian Church.
Oct 24, 2011	Foster Parents: Importance of Taking Care of Yourself	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	129 S. Main	Kensington	
Oct 24, 2011	Behavioral Management	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	705 1st Ave., Ste. C	Dodge City	Daycare provided.
Oct 25, 2011	Helping Children with Aggression	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	11 N. Highland	Chanute	
Oct 25, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/A,C,I	9:30am	5:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1013-A W. 8th Street	Junction City	Enrollment is limited and pre- registration is advised.
Oct 25, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/A,C,I	9:00am	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	131 N. Santa Fe	Salina	Enrollment is limited and pre- registration is advised.
Oct 27, 2011	Common Sense Parenting- Session 3	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	1319 W. May	Wichita	CANCELLED. Must attend all 6 sessions.
Oct 27, 2011	Raising Your Safety Awareness	10:00am	3:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1711 S. Longfellow	Wichita	This facility's meeting room is not handicap accessible.
Oct 27, 2011	Raising Your Safety Awareness	1:00pm	5:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	516 Washington	Concordia	
Oct 28, 2011	Confidentiality and Ethics	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4th Street	Topeka	Class will meet in room 114.
Oct 29, 2011	Common Sense Parenting- Session 1	1:00pm	3:00pm	DCCCA	12351 W. 96 th Terrace, Ste. 300	Overland Park	CANCELLED. Must attend all 6 sessions.
Oct 29, 2011	Transforming Vicarious Trauma: Self-Care	9:00am	2:30pm	Associated Youth Services	803 Armstrong	Kansas City	3333.6.
Oct 29, 2011	For Better or Worse: Couples Who Foster	9:00am	12:00pm	The Salvation Army	350 N. Market	Wichita	

October 2011 Support Meetings

<u>Chanute:</u> Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Chanute TFI Office, 1709 W. 7th Street, Chanute, KS. <u>Concordia:</u> Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Concordia TFI office, 516 & 518 Washington St., Concordia, KS. <u>FI Dorado:</u> Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Emporia: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Emporia TFI office, 618 Commercial, Emporia, KS.

Fort Scott: Monday, October 24, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Community Christian Church, 1919 S. Horton, Ft. Scott, KS. Garden City: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Methodist Church.

Hutchinson: Thursday, October 6, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the South Hutchinson Christian Church, 111 E. 1st, South Hutchinson, KS. Independence: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Independence TFI office, 501 N. Penn, Independence, KS. Iola: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Iola TFI office, 1702 N. State Street, Iola, KS.

Kansas City: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Kansas City, KS.

Leavenworth/Atchison: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Ave., Atchison, KS.

Lawrence: Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Lawrence TFI office, 910 W. 24th Street, Lawrence, KS.

Manhattan: Monday, October 17, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Manhattan TFI office, 116 South 4th Street, Ste 1, Manhattan, KS.

Overland Park: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Overland Park TFI office, 8300 College Blvd ,Ste 301, Overland Park, KS.

<u>Parsons:</u> Monday, September 19, 2011 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Meadowview Grade School, 1377 21000 Road, Parsons, KS. <u>Phillipsburg:</u> Friday, September 9, 2011 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Olliff Boeve Community Room and Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Olliff Boeve Community Room.

Pittsburg: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Schlanger Park, 725 E. 6th, Pittsburg, KS.

Salina: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Salina TFI office, 131 N. Santa Fe, Stes. 1A and B Salina, KS.

Topeka: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Topeka TFI office, 217 SE 4th St., Topeka, KS.

Wellington/Winfield: Monday, October 10, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Wichita: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Wichita TFI office, 1711 S. Longfellow, Wichita, KS.

Questions? Suggestions?

Remember, if you have a problem, concern, or question about TFI Family Services, Inc., your first stop should be our Concern Line at concernline etignal or Ombudsman Nadine Terry-Washington at 877-942-2239.

