

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

"Hopeless Teens"

I have recently been approached by a few foster parents asking why the "system" has such an emphasis on placing teens and ensuring they are in stable placements. One foster parent even went as far as say "the teens I have had are hopeless and will not amount to anything in life." Another foster parent shared her experience by describing "the majority of the teens we have shared our home with seem so hopeless and don't appreciate anything we have tried to do for them."

These conversations motivated me to seek out additional information related to teens today. Right out of the gate, I found a disturbing article stating "a surprising number of teenagers -- nearly 15 percent -- think they're going to die young, leading many to drug use, suicide attempts and other unsafe behavior, new research suggests." Yes, that seems like a lot of kids that are hopeless. I think we have to ask ourselves, where do these teens get this message? How do we adults connect with them to help them understand this in fact is not true? Unfortunately, more often than not, we adults shy away because the teens' tough, rough, and unusual exteriors frighten us. We don't

take the time to look into their hearts to see they are searching for truth and longing for someone to show them the way. A major key to successfully guiding a teen is fully understanding them. Teenagers, like adults, may experience stress everyday, but they do not have the resources to cope. As we age, we learn to understand that in the heat of emotion, the best, rational decisions cannot be made. Teenagers, because of their lack of experience with the world and adult emotions, react to situations rather than acting proactively, in many cases.

Some sources of stress for teens might include:

- school demands and frustrations
- negative thoughts and feelings about themselves
- changes in their bodies
- problems with friends and/or peers at school
- unsafe living environment/neighborhood
- separation or divorce of parents
- chronic illness or severe problems in the family
- death of a loved one
- moving or changing schools
- taking on too many activities or having too high expectations of family financial problems

The vast majority of the teens we serve struggle with nearly every single bullet point listed here as a stressor. As adults, we can take a proactive approach by helping teens in these ways:

- Monitor if stress is affecting a teen's health, behavior, thoughts, or feelings
- Listen carefully to teens and watch for overloading
- Learn and model stress management skills
- Support involvement in sports and other pro-social activities

The biggest mistake we make as adults (which in my opinion isolates the teen) is when we engage in reactive behavior ourselves. This generally results in a power struggle between the adult and the teen, which never ends well for either participant. Many believe once a youth hits their teen years, it is too late to help them. I agree, there are some kids that have been so hurt and damaged, they will struggle the rest of their lives. However, there is always that one teen that you can potentially share a "break-through" with. It is just a matter of finding them.

Curtiss Hemby, LMSW
Director of Resource Family Services



RECRUITMENT MOMENT

BY: JASON CECIL, RECRUITMENT MANAGER

School is back in session !! Many of you have children in your care going to school for the first time. You may get questions from people in the community about your kids. This is a great opportunity to visit with them about the many advantages and rewarding times of providing foster care for the children in your community. Have them call our 1-800-279-9914 toll free number or visit us at www.tifamilyservices.org

As always, you will be eligible for a \$300 referral bonus for any family who you referred that becomes licensed. Just imagine— if every licensed family we have with our TFI Family referred just ONE family, we would have an additional 690 homes to provide care for kids across the state. So take a moment and refer a friend to help embark on your journey to change the life of a child.

Jason Cecil, Recruitment Manager

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

Reminders

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

TFI Family Services, Inc.
will be closed on
Monday, September 5,
2011 in observance of
the Labor Day Holiday.

Visit TFI's website and
view *Between Families*
newsletter online at
www.tfifamilyservices.org

Dear Daisy

Dear Daisy:

My husband and I have been approached by our worker to possibly foster teens. We are not totally opposed, but have reservations based on stories we have heard from other families. We know that teenagers are the hardest to place and need homes too. Can someone help us better understand why teens in foster care could possibly be more challenging than teens who are not in care?

Sincerely,

Confused in Columbus

Dear Confused:

Foster children have a hard time trusting others, and this is especially true for teens. By the time the child reaches teen years, he/she has been shuffled from home to home and school to school. Why should he/she trust you? How are you and your home different from any of the other places he/she's been?

It's hard enough to parent a teenager, but it's more difficult when there was not "much of a start". You now have to undo several years worth of hurt, anger, and disappointment. You may have to teach your child to act appropriately, how to trust, and how to be responsible.

*With the foster teen, you have no foundation. **You'll have to build one**. Here are some suggestions.*

- *Ask him/her what his/her favorite things are. Even if he/she doesn't want to tell you, if you are observant you will be able to figure some out.*
- *Surprise your teen every now and then with a little token of your affection. For instance, if his/her favorite color is blue, you might give he or she a shirt in the color blue. This will show him/her that no matter how hard he/she tries to keep you out, you are going to love him/her anyway. This is a first step to building your foundation.*
- *The next thing to do is make a coupon book, just for him/her. Each page should say something to the effect of "You are entitled to one talk session on a subject of your choice -- yes, even boys [or girls]!" You're likely to get a laugh out of him/her, and she'll see that you want to be there for him/her. Tell him/her she can talk to you anytime, with or without a coupon.*
- *Your next step is to try to get him/her involved in the family. Have family meetings once a week to discuss things that need to be addressed. Allow everyone a chance to talk about things that are going on with them, and a chance to gripe if **there's something they don't like. Remember, teens are self-absorbed, and you should expect such pettiness as whose turn it was to wash the dishes or who left the porch light on last night. This is just a manipulative way of getting your attention. Don't interrupt, and don't laugh. Let him/her finish, give him/her the most honest reply you can without making him/her feel like his/her opinions don't count, and then move on to other topics, such as where everyone wants to go for the family outing on Saturday. Meetings can be called by anyone, at any time, if they have something to tell the family.***

This is just the start, but I hope this is helpful. Teens tend to get a "bad rap" but we have many success stories and great kids out there to place with you. Good luck!!

Sincerely,

Daisy

SOUTHEAST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH KELLI AND ROBERT ADOLPH

Kelli and Robert Adolph have been nominated as the Southeast Region Care Providers of the Month. The Adolph family is very attentive and nurturing to the children in their home. They provide a great combination of love, structure, boundaries, and exploration. They demonstrate a great deal of patience and cooperation for the best interest of the children in their home as well. The Adolph family always tries to develop a partnership with the biological family for the best interest of the children.

The Adolph family is very open to having children of different ethnicities and helps them to maintain their cultural backgrounds while living in their home. They are very open to taking children with special needs and are able to meet the needs of the children in their home.

Robert and Kelli are always willing to transport and work with the biological family as a support. They have a great deal of patience not only with the children in their home, but with the biological family and TFI as well. They are very knowledgeable in child development due to their current and past occupations.

The Adolph family installs moral and ethical values in their children and the children that they foster by living the example. They always put the best interest of the children above all else. The Adolphs are a very spiritual family and are also quite active in working with the children of their community as well as children they foster.

Submitted by,

Valerie Ashcraft, FSW—Pittsburg

*WEST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH
TONYA AND HANS HANSON*

I would like to nominate Tonya and Hans Hanson as the West Region Care Providers of the Month. Tonya and Hans Hanson have been TFI Resource Parents for over 4 years. In that time, they have provided a home for several children. They treat all the kids as if they were their own. They make sure they are involved in activities and are not left out because they are foster children, no matter what the cost. They act as advocates for the children if needed, and they have worked well with the biological parents, even having them in their home if needed. Their foster daughter recently graduated from high school, will be attending college, and the Hanson's are allowing her to remain living in their home while doing this. Tonya is not only a foster parent but also the Administrative Assistant for the Concordia TFI office. On several occasions, she has come to the rescue by agreeing to take a child in for the night or providing respite in a much needed emergency situation. I want to thank both Hans and Tonya for being such great resource parents and for making my job easier!

Submitted by,

Peggy Arpin, RFW—Concordia

*NORTHEAST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH
LEISA BAIRD*

Leisa Baird has been nominated as the Northeast Region Care Provider of the Month. Leisa began partnering with TFI as a Resource Parent in December of 2010. Though still 'new' to her role as a foster parent, Leisa's unique style and genuine commitment to fostering sets her apart as every worker, child and parent's dream of who and what a foster parent should be. A lofty claim, indeed, Leisa continually earns such high marks for not only fulfilling the countless expectations outlined for foster parents, but also for going above and beyond those expectations.

From a strictly-business perspective, Leisa makes every effort to keep workers informed and all paperwork in order. And, if Leisa gets the notion that something hasn't been communicated to her, staff members will, without a doubt, receive a call from her, sweetly reminding them to keep her in the loop. Additionally, on numerous occasions I have shared information with my co-workers about opportunities available to foster children/families, all of which I graciously received from—you guessed it—Leisa!

With her endearing and light-hearted personality, Leisa is quick to enjoy a good laugh. But, I assure you, she makes no joke of her role as a foster parent. Just as Leisa is serious about fulfilling her responsibilities on the business end of fostering, Leisa is even more unwavering in her delivery of exceptional care to the children placed in her home. Though parenting styles are as unique as the family they govern, Leisa continues to impress based on her work with the children in her home. Positive reinforcement, repetition, and natural consequences are a few of her go-to approaches. Nonetheless, while those approaches are still very important, Leisa's success is more importantly anchored in her daily display of love and care for each and every child.

If asked whether she deserves such recognition for her efforts, Leisa would likely laugh and suggest she deserves it no more than any other foster parent. Her humility and respect for foster children and their families will continue to allow her to excel as a foster parent, a team-player, a role-model, and a caregiver. That is what makes Leisa so special.

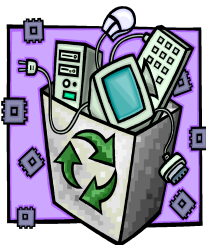
Submitted by,

Jenna Allegre, RFW—Topeka

Keep the Re-Cycle Going!

Submitted by Sara Willimon, Communications Specialist

You just recycled that water bottle you were drinking to keep cool in the summer heat. Way to be green! You know recycling is good, but do you ever wonder what recycling really means? There are actually two types of recycling: downcycling and cradle-to-cradle (or closed loop recycling). **Downcycling** causes materials to lose quality so further reuse becomes limited or impossible. **Cradle-to-cradle** recycling does not affect the quality of materials regardless of the number of times materials are reused.



With this new fun fact in mind, try these tips to keep the re-cycle going:

1. **Buy recycled items.** After being recycled, items need to be used again to complete the "cycle." To be a real green go-getter, try for cradle-to-cradle items or recycled recyclables.
2. **After use, return electronic items to their source.** Our technology has a lot of material in it that cannot be restored to a natural state. Returning electronics to their manufacturer allows the industry to reuse such materials and creates a cradle-to-cradle recycling system. Check retail and manufacturer websites or product packaging for take-back program details.
3. **Ask questions.** When making a big purchase like a computer or new flooring, ask the sales staff about recycling options for the items you are looking to buy and the old ones you are replacing. An increasing number of retailers will take and recycle old products for free.
4. **Check out your options.** To see what types of recycling are available near you, visit www.kansasrecycles.org. You might be surprised.

Resource Family Anniversaries

“One Year”

Dan and Michelle Pavelac
Jaynell Vaughn
Marvin and Debra Moore
James and Patricia Pugh
James and Cezanne Weis
Willie (Carl) and Devola
Shepard
Yolanda White
David and Alicia Goheen
Jessica Jo Bair
Douglas and Tiffany Ellis
James Smith

Scott and Mae “Michel”

Buster
Aaron and Jenna
Lindsten
Glenna Jean Conley
Chad and Vicki Sue
Rhodes
Patrick and Julie
Westermann

“Three Year”

Lee and Donna Hansen
Rita and Kim
Perez/Ptasznik
Brian and Margaret Popp
Courtney and Mollie
Dealy/Sultenfuss
Sandra Turner
Leanna Adams
Anita Blue

“Five Year”

Jesse and Shannon
Garcia

“Ten Year”

Willie and Barbara Taylor

I NEED YOU—DO YOU NEED ME?

Leon is loving, cuddly, and has a bright smile that will melt your heart. Leon enjoys being close to others and especially likes holding onto hands. He enjoys playing with his toys, being tickled, and being outside in his wagon. Leon has many extensive medical needs and will need continued in-home nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. He will need a forever family who is understanding, patient and able to provide him with a loving and stable environment. Some medical knowledge would be helpful but not required.



For more information on Leon ,
please contact Mary Martinez at
(785) 539-1017.

Children's Alliance Training Calendar September 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.
Sept 10, 2011	Crisis Prevention and Response	9:00am	11:00am	Associated Youth Services	1615 10 th Street	Great Bend	Daycare available to those who need it. Please RSVP to Joanna Bustamante: 620-272-0499 or jbustamante@aysusa.org with the number, age and any special needs of your foster youth.
Sept 15, 2011	Foster Care Licensing in Partnerships	6:00pm	8:00pm	Associated Youth Services	Shiloh Baptist Church, 1311 N. 7 th Street	Atchison	This training is co-sponsored by AYS, KVC, and The Shelter, Inc.
Sept 24, 2011	Advocate For Your Education!	9:00am	11:30am	Associated Youth Services	803 Armstrong	Kansas City	
Sept 24, 2011	Sharing Foster Parenting Experiences	12:00pm	2:30pm	Associated Youth Services	803 Armstrong	Kansas City	
Sept 10, 2011 to Sept 11, 2011	Managing Aggressive Behavior (MAB)	9:00am	4:00pm	DCCCA	1319 W. May	Wichita	Must attend both days.
Sept 10, 2011	First Aid and CPR certification	1:00pm	5:00pm	DCCCA	911 Andover Rd.	Andover	
Sept 12, 2011	How to Maintain Your Cool in the "Fires" of the Foster Care System	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	119 Jones Street	El Dorado	
Sept 17, 2011	First Aid and CPR certification	9:00am	1:00pm	DCCCA	3312 Clinton Parkway	Lawrence	
Sept 17, 2011	Understanding the Sibling Bond: What it is and What it isn't	9:00am	11:00am	DCCCA	Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman Rd.	Shawnee	
Sept 22, 2011	Independent Living	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	1 st Assembly of God Church, 3125 N. Summitt St.	Arkansas City	
Sept 1, 2011	Fatherhood in Child Welfare	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	Fisher Community Center, 201 E. Iowa Street	Hiawatha	
Sept 1, 2011	Fostering the Child with Conduct Disorder	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	South Hutchinson Christian Church, 100 E. 1 st	South Hutchinson	
Sept 8, 2011	Fatherhood in Child Welfare	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1013-A W. 8 th St.	Junction City	
Sept 13, 2011	Lying, Stealing, Bedwetting	6:00pm	7:30pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	3913 SW 10 th	El Dorado	
Sept 14, 2011	FAS/Brain Damage: The Link to Behavior	9:00am	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4 th Street	Topeka	Class will meet in room 310.
Sept 14, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/A,C,I	9:00am	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1702 State Street	Iola	Seating is limited and pre-registration is advised.
Sept 15, 2011	Confidentiality and Ethics	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	131 N. Santa Fe	Salina	

Sept 19, 2011	Child and Adolescent Disorders	6:30pm	8:30pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	Meadowview Grade School, 1377, 21000 Road	Parsons	Class will meet in school library.
Sept 19, 2011	How to Work to Deescalate a Child Who Is Ready to EXPLODE	6:00pm	7:30pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	116 S. 4 th St.	Manhattan	Class will meet in suite one.
Sept 20, 2011	Fatherhood in Child Welfare	9:00am	12:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1711 S. Longfellow	Wichita	The meeting room at this facility is not handicap accessible.
Sept 21, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/A,C,I	9:00am	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	618 Commercial	Emporia	Seating is limited and pre-registration is advised.
Sept 22, 2011	Raising Your Safety Awareness	1:00pm	5:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	116 S 4 th St.	Manhattan	Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is advised.
Sept 26, 2011	What do I do With My Mad?: Methods for Dealing with Anger	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1919 S. Horton	Ft. Scott	Class will meet at the Community Christian Church.
Sept 27, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid	6:00pm	9:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4 th St.	Topeka	
Sept 28, 2011	Life Strategies and Community Resources for Older Children with Disabilities	9:00am	1:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4 th St.	Topeka	Class will meet in room 310.
Sept 28, 2011	Food Hoarding and Other Symptoms of Neglect and Trauma	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	618 Commercial	Emporia	Class will meet in large conference room.
Sept 30, 2011	Children's Health and Safety with Red Cross Blood borne Pathogens and Universal Precautions	1:00pm	4:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	217 SE 4 th St.	Topeka	Class will meet in room 114. This was originally scheduled for 9/29/11.
Sept 8, 2011	Documentation and Allegation	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	1302 S. Main	Ottawa	
Sept 13, 2011	Discover and Connect—Meeting Seven	6:00pm	9:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	First Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Ave.	Manhattan	
Sept 19, 2011	Behavior Modification Strategies	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	Ste 1B, 2942 Wana-maker Dr.	Topeka	
Sept 20, 2011	SIDS Risk Prevention	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	1223 Meadowlark Lane	Kansas City	
Sept 20, 2011	Making Transitions Positive	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	11 N. Highland	Chanute	
Sept 7, 2011 to Sept 20, 2011	Understanding Children's Temperaments ONLINE	12:00am	12:00am	KCSL	ONLINE	ONLINE	
Sept 10, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid	1:00pm	4:00pm	KCSL	3545 SW 5 th	Topeka	
Sept 10, 2011	American Red Cross CPR/A,C,I	8:00am	12:00pm	KCSL	3545 SW 5 th	Topeka	
Sept 12, 2011	How to Manage All Hair Types	6:00pm	8:00pm	KCSL	1365 N. Custer	Wichita	
Sept 20, 2011	Children and Domestic Violence	6:00pm	8:00pm	KCSL	3545 SW 5 th	Topeka	
Sept 19, 2011	For Better or Worse Couples Who Foster	6:00pm	9:00pm	The Salvation Army	350 N. Market	Wichita	
Sept 10, 2011	Red Cross First Aid/CPR	8:30am	3:30pm	St. Francis	Garden City Fire Department, 1605 E. Mary St.	Garden City	Daycare provided. This is a certification class.
Sept 12, 2011	Recording Childhood Memories: My Lifebook	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	1421 W. 8 th St.	Wellington	Daycare provided.
Sept 12, 2011	Vicarious Trauma	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	1508 Main St.	Great Bend	
Sept 12, 2011	Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD)	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	2330 N. Kansas Ave.	Liberal	
Sept 13, 2011	Positive Attitude: Positive Changes: Positive Results	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	423 SE 10 th	Newton	Daycare provided.
Sept 17, 2011	Red Cross First Aid/CPR	1:00pm	5:00pm	St. Francis	North Ridge Church, 316 Lincoln St.	Sabetha	
Sept 19, 2011	Bi-Polar Disorder	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	180 W. 5 th	Colby	
Sept 19, 2011	The Three R's of Personal Safety	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	502 N. Monroe	Hutchinson	Daycare provided.
Sept 19, 2011	Preventing Stress and Burnout for Foster Parents	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	Mod D, 509 E. Elm	Salina	
Sept 20, 2011	Communication Building	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	400 S. Main	Pratt	
Sept 22, 2011	Recording Childhood Memories: My Lifebook	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	1999 N. Amidon	Wichita	Daycare will not be provided.
Sept 24, 2011	Allegations	10:00am	12:00pm	St. Francis	105 W. Sutherland St.	McPherson	Daycare provided.
Sept 26, 2011	Red Cross Adult CPR and First Aid Recertification Class	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	129 S. Main	Kensington	This is a refresher course.
Sept 26, 2011	Anger Management	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	705 1 st Ave., Ste. C	Dodge City	Daycare provided.
Sept 13, 2011	Who Moved my Cheese?	6:30pm	8:30pm	Wichita's Children Home	810 N. Holyoke	Wichita	

September 2011 Support Meetings

Chanute: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Chanute TFI Office, 1709 W. 7th Street, Chanute, KS.
Concordia: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Concordia TFI office, 516 & 518 Washington St., Concordia, KS.
El Dorado: Tuesday, August 9, 2011.
Emporia: Tentatively set for: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Emporia TFI office, 618 Commercial, Emporia, KS.
Fort Scott: Monday, September 26, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Community Christian Church, 1919 S. Horton, Ft. Scott, KS.
Garden City: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Methodist Church.
Hutchinson: Thursday, September 1, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the South Hutchinson Christian Church, 111 E. 1st, South Hutchinson, KS.
Independence:
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, September 13, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Kansas City, KS.
Leavenworth/Atchison: Monday, September 26, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St., Leavenworth, 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, September 19, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Manhattan TFI office, 116 South 4th Street, Ste 1, Manhattan, KS. Please RSVP by the Friday before the training to either the office assistant or your foster care worker.
Overland Park: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Overland Park TFI office, 8300 College Blvd., Ste. 301, Overland Park, KS.
Parsons: Monday, September 19, 2011 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Meadowview Grade School, 1377 21000 Road, Parsons, KS.
Phillipsburg: 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, September 27, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Schlanger Park, 725 E. 6th, Pittsburg, KS.
Salina:
Topeka: Monday, September 12, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene, 730 SW Fairlawn Rd., Topeka, KS.
Wellington/Winfield: Monday, September 12, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
Wichita: Tuesday, September 13, 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@tfifamily.org or Ombudsman Nadine Terry-Washington at 877-942-2239.

