Adoption Tracking Tool

Working together to achieve timely adoptions for Kansas children

KANSAS STRONG for CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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

Caseworker

- Caseworkers complete the ATT for children legally free for adoption
- ATT establishes a tracking tool for key activities, timelines, roles and responsibilities

Courts

- Judges, court personnel, and caseworkers use the ATT in court hearings.
- ATT functions as a communication tool among caseworkers, judges and other court personnel.

Caseworkers & Courts

- ATT can be used to document barriers that get in the way of timely adoption
- ATT helps with targeting efforts to bust barriers

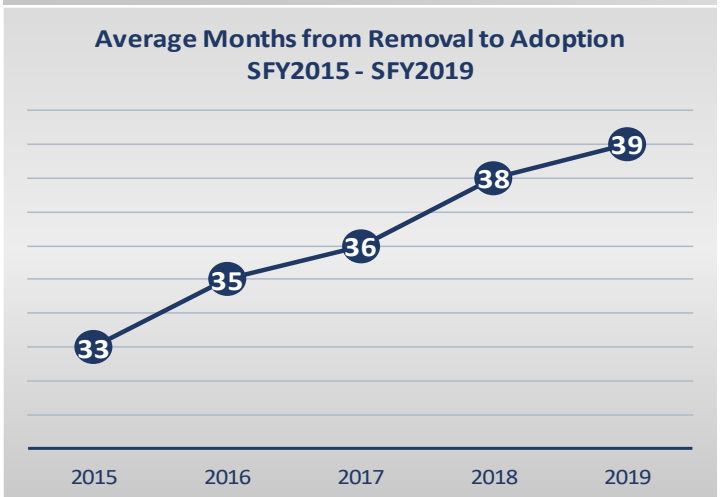
Shared Goals

- Kansas children and youth are adopted faster
- Kansas children and youth have improved permanency and stability in their living situations

Benefits of the ATT

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

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, contact the Kansas Strong Project Manager, Sarah McCall, at saritam@ku.edu.

Why ATT?

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