What are our goals for children and families affected by trauma?

- The ability to form close and secure adult and peer relationships
- The ability to identify sources of dysregulation
- The ability to experience, regulate, and express emotions in socially and culturally appropriate ways
- The ability to explore the environment and learn in the context of family, community, and culture
Anticipated and/or Early Measurable Outcomes

- Reduction in use of congregate care
- Reduction in lengths of stay in congregate care
- Reduction in placement disruptions
- Reduction in youth ‘aging-out’
- Increased adoptions of older youth
- Increased development of healthy relationships and support systems
- Improved attendance and success in school
- Improved employment and job sustainability
- Improved behavioral and physical health

Current research projects underway
Additional Supports to Kansas Youth

• Tuition Waivers, including all fees, to any Kansas university, community college or technical school
• Medical Card covering all medical, dental & vision
• Start-up funds for Independent Living
• Car Maintenance Funds
• Case Management support
Additional Supports Available to Youth Transitioning from Foster Care in Kansas

• KS Senate Bill 23: Outlines core HS classes youth in FC must successfully complete to meet statewide hourly graduation requirements

• Computer camps for youth 16 and older

• Educational Training Vouchers (ETVs) up to $3500 a year

• Gear Up: supportive programs in financial literacy, ACT prep, FAFSA completion,...
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Question and Answer
Transitional Living Program

Helping young people live successfully as independent adults
Transitional Living Program History

- Created in 1999 with a grant from The Day Foundation
- Designed to help youth between the ages of 17 and 22 who are making the transition out of state custody to an independent life or other at-risk youth
- Systemic approach that incorporates multiple aspects of the youth’s natural ecology (community, peers, family, school in addition to their personal characteristics)
- Strength-based approach to services
Transitional Living Quick Hits

- Since 1999 we have served over 6,300 youth
- Daily we serve approximately 770 youth in the TL program
- Locations include:
  - Florida
  - Georgia
  - Massachusetts
  - Mississippi
  - North Carolina
  - Tennessee
Transitional Living Program Objectives

The program focuses on the following areas:

- Permanency
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Independent Living Skills
- Youth Involvement