

# 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: NICOLE FOX PHILLIPS, LMSW  
WEST REGION RESOURCE FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER

### "New Training Opportunity"

TFI is pleased to announce that we have developed a new training curriculum specifically designed to enhance the skills of resource parents that take "Therapeutic and Intensive Treatment" level youth. We are now offering a 12 hour course called, "*Intensive Treatment Parenting 101*." This class is open to all TFI resource families.

Intensive Treatment/Therapeutic Foster Care is a behavior management service for youth. The overall purpose of this service is to address mental health, behavioral health, and/or substance abuse treatment needs on an

individualized, child-specific basis. The purpose of the training is to equip resource parents with the tools needed to better manage behaviors of the youth in their homes, stabilize the youth in a family setting, and prevent the youth from returning to an acute or residential setting.

In addition to the current training requirements for families providing Therapeutic/Intensive Treatment Care (24 hours per parent), we have added an additional requirement: The 24 hours of training must include the 12 hour course, "*Intensive Treatment Parenting 101*." This course is required to be taken during their first 6 months of providing this level of care.

The training is designed to be taken as two separate modules or training days. Each module/

training day will consist of 6 hours of training, for a total of 12 hours. Topics covered in the training include:

- Childhood Diagnosis
- Common Issues/Behaviors for Children in Treatment/Intensive Foster Homes
- How Do We Manage Behaviors?
- Anger Outbursts
- Raising Your Safety Awareness
- Brain Development
- Trauma-Informed Parenting
- Compassion Fatigue
- Secondary Trauma

If you have questions about training availability in your community, please contact your Resource Family Service Worker.

Nicole Fox Phillips, LMSW, West Region Resource Family



## RECRUITMENT MOMENT

BY: JASON CECIL, RECRUITMENT MANAGER

TFI Family Services, Inc. would like to ask all of our dedicated Foster Families to take a couple of minutes to answer a brief 7 question survey. Our goal at TFI is to have the best Foster Family base in the state. To do that we need your input on what we can improve to *better serve you*. Please click on this link or copy the link into your browser to answer the survey questions.

Thank you for all you do for the kids in your care.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M3FL3DL>

Always remember that for every family you refer to TFI Family Services that becomes licensed you will receive a \$300 referral bonus. Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!!!

Jason Cecil, Recruitment Manager

**Welcome  
New Resource  
Families**

John and Bobbie  
Bomia/Sobota  
Larry and Mandy  
McManaman  
James and Julie Hedges  
Scott and Angie  
Gordon/Jones  
Dale and Gloria Betts  
Douglas and Samantha  
Redd  
James and Lisa Harbaugh  
Kevin and Brenda Harrison  
Jim and Cheryl Cowlshaw  
Lyal and Cristen Bahr  
Robert and Rita  
Vredenburg  
Debra Sabb  
Senta Washington  
Paula and Rebecca  
Clem/Stirton  
Rennard Sabb  
David and Lori Wallis  
Leann Mosqueda

## Reminders

TFI Family Services, Inc. will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

**Visit TFI's website and view *Between Families* newsletter online at [www.tfifamilyservices.org](http://www.tfifamilyservices.org)**

# Dear Daisy

*Dear Daisy,*

*I have had some really good ideas about how to help out with the retention of foster parents for TFI. I also have been thinking about some ways to help TFI recruit more foster homes for the children in my community. How do I share that information ?*

*Signed,  
Ready to recruit*

*Dear Ready to Recruit*

*Thank you for contacting us. TFI Family Services, Inc is currently doing a survey that we would like every foster parent to answer. It's a very brief 7 question survey and all you have to do is go to the link below and it will walk you through it. Please take the time to help us help you. Thanks again.*

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M3FL3DL>

*Sincerely,  
Daisy*

## SOUTHEAST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH BRIAN AND DARCIA GALLT

I have nominated Brian and Darcia Gallt as the Care Providers of the Month for the Southeast Region. Brian and Darcia have been providing foster care services since 2004. They bring a wealth of knowledge in working with children. They have helped so many children transition into adulthood, reintegrate with their parents, and work toward the goal of adoption and guardianship. They have not disrupted on a child since May of 2010. Darcia has also been an educational advocate for many children to ensure the educational needs of the children are being met.

Brian and Darcia provide emergency respite and temporary care for the agency when asked. They are willing to help in any way they can, and also attend numerous support meetings throughout the year. This enables them to continue to educate themselves on issues within the foster care system and how to parent children who have been abused and neglected.

Brian and Darcia are committed to the children placed in their home. They are in the process of adopting a 12 year old boy who has been in the system since May of 2006. Because of them, the children placed in their home are able to have a sense of normalcy by participating in school and community activities.

Thank you Brian and Darcia for all that you do for TFI Family Services, Inc. and the children within the agency.

Submitted by,

Kim Ward, RFW---Chanute

*WEST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH  
KRISTOPHER AND LAKENDRA SIMPSON*

Kristopher and LaKendra Simpson have been nominated for the West Region Care Providers of the Month. Kristopher and LaKendra are excellent resource parents. Their "can do" attitude is a wonderful match for their creativity and caring nature. Whether it is treating the second case of head lice, applying a band aid, or just reading a bedtime story, Kristopher and LaKendra make positive, memorable moments possible for the children in their care.

Submitted by,

Stephanie Million, Resource Family Worker

*NORTHEAST REGION CARE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH  
TAMMY POSEY*

I am recommending Tammy Posey for Care Provider of the month for the Northeast Region. Tammy is a foster parent residing in Fort Riley. She cares for her biological children, two foster children, and has often taken in police protective custody and respite placements. Tammy cares for the children with some help from her adult daughter but mostly meets their needs herself, as her husband is deployed in Afghanistan.

Tammy has often taken in children for police protective custody or respite with little notice, has extended her license capacity, and has kept children past the amount of time respite was expected. She ensures all needs of children are met including medical care and plenty of clothing, even when children will be there a short time or when she knows she will not be able to be reimbursed. Tammy is a great advocate for all children, bringing concerns and needs to workers' attention and brainstorming possible causes and solutions with workers.

Tammy has a wonderful way of making scared, confused, and displaced children feel calm, loved, and welcome in her home. She easily makes her foster children feel as though they are part of her family. Tammy has time and time again helped children in need and has helped workers by being very flexible. Tammy is a wonderful foster parent and provider.

Submitted by,

Lindsay Smith, RFW—Manhattan

*JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!*

TFI Family Services, Inc. is now on Facebook and Twitter! Like us on Facebook to receive updates and information about TFI and activities, as well as pictures from events. Follow us on Twitter for fun facts, helpful tips, and updates.



[www.facebook.com/tfifamilyservices](http://www.facebook.com/tfifamilyservices)



[www.twitter.com/TFIFamily](http://www.twitter.com/TFIFamily)

## Reuse It Over and Over and Over Again



Just in time for the Holiday season comes the third and final "R" of being **green**- Reuse! Just like reducing, reusing is easy to fit into a busy schedule and a tight budget! When starting your holiday shopping, try this tip- reuse your **gift wrapping materials!** Bows and bags are easy to reuse as they don't get ripped in the opening process, but what about wrapping paper? If you buy plastic wrapping "paper," the plastic is durable enough that it won't tear easily. This allows you to gather, fold, and store your used wrapping paper for future gift giving! As a bonus, a new roll can cost less than conventional wrapping paper and many are even double-sided! This means you can have a nice variety of looks without spending a lot of **green**.

Submitted by Sara Willimon, Communication Specialist

## Resource Family Anniversaries

### "One Year"

Mark and Kelli Sutton  
 Ryan and Mary Sevart  
 Cheryl Patrick  
 Joseph and Rachel  
 Johnson  
 Charles and Mary Carter  
 Lonnie and Bobbie  
 Patrick  
 Larry and Cathryn  
 Wenthe  
 Frederick and Marcia  
 John  
 Annette Sykes  
 Robert and Tina Groszek  
 Sabrina Preeo  
 Johnathan and Darla  
 Wright  
 Randy and Janet Reese  
 Brent and Melissa Hutton

### "Three Years"

Elisabeth Dabbs  
 Charles and Emily Sharp  
 Tracee Jackson  
 Robin Smith  
 Barbra Ricke  
 Brian and Amanda  
 Dreasher  
 Joshua and Kristi  
 Hecker

### "Five Years"

James and Joni Hiatt  
**Duane "Mike" and**  
 Karen Leshner  
**Celestine "Rene"**  
 Owens

### "Fifteen Years"

Keya Downing  
 Arnold Downing

## WE NEED YOU—DO YOU NEED US?



*Meet Marco and Yesenia! Yesenia is described as a social butterfly, who enjoys talking with others. She is an affectionate and loving child. Yesenia enjoys being active, doing gymnastics and playing with her dolls. She needs a family willing to provide her with the same amount of attention that her brother receives. Marco is described as a very loving and affectionate child. He enjoys being held and getting hugs. Marco enjoys playing soccer and other activities that require high energy levels. Most of the time he gets along well with peers but he will need to be monitored to make sure that he is playing appropriately and that he is maintaining appropriate boundaries. Marco will need to have a bedroom to himself in his adoptive home. He will need to be placed in a community where medical and mental health services are readily available to him. He needs a family that has the **flexibility to work with the school and the ability to advocate for Marco's educational needs**. Marco and Yesenia need a forever family where they can be the youngest children in the home.*

For more information on Marco and Yesenia,  
 please contact Kendra Fowler  
 at (316) 322-0260.

## Children's Alliance Training Calendar November 2011

To register for trainings log onto [www.childally.org](http://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.
Nov 3, 2011	Childhood Depression	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	3913 SW 10 <sup>th</sup>	El Dorado	
Nov 3, 2011	Extreme Family Makeover: (Part 1) Designing the Blue	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1702 State Street	Iola	
Nov 5, 2011	First Aid and CPR Certification	9:00am	1:00pm	DCCCA	3312 Clinton Parkway	Lawrence	
Nov 7, 2011	American Red Cross First Aid	6:00pm	9:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1333 Meadowlark	Kansas City	
Nov 7, 2011- Nov 8, 2011	Beyond Consequences: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behavior	6:00pm	8:00pm	The Salvation Army	350 N. Market	Wichita	
Nov 8, 2011	Confidentiality and Ethics	9:00am	12:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	618 Commercial	Emporia	
Nov 8, 2011	Confidentiality and Ethics	9:00am	12:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	8300 College Blvd, Ste 301	Overland Park	
Nov 8, 2011	Childhood Nutrition	7:00pm	9:00pm	St. Francis	North Ridge Church, 316 Lin-	Sabetha	
Nov 9, 2011	Fatherhood in Child Welfare	9:00am	12:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	102 S. Judson	Ft. Scott	
Nov 10, 2011	Fostering Teens	9:30am	11:30am	KVC Behavioral Health-care	Emanuel Baptist Church, 229 N. Walnut	Marion	
Nov 10, 2011	Attachment and Trauma	6:30pm	8:30pm	DCCCA	1 <sup>st</sup> Assembly of God Church, 3125 Summitt ST.	Arkansas City	Childcare will be provided. Please contact Bobbie Graber at 620-221-3720 or <a href="mailto:bgrabber@dccca.org">bgrabber@dccca.org</a> .
Nov 10, 2011	Gang Awareness	9:00am	11:00am	DCCCA	2930 SW Wanamaker Dr.,	Topeka	
Nov 10, 2011	How to Stay Afloat with all the Demands	7:00pm	9:00pm	KCSL	3001 Ft. Riley Blvd.	Manhattan	
Nov 210, 2011	Sexual Abuse of Children	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Health-care	Ste 200, 650 S. Westdale	Wichita	
Nov 11, 2011	Strategies to De-escalate Volatile Situations	9:00am	12:00pm	KCSL	1365 N. Custer	Wichita	

Nov 12, 2011	First Aid and CPR Certification	1:00pm	5:00pm	DCCCA	Andover Fire Department, 911 Andover Rd.	Andover	
Nov 14, 2011	Helping Parents Understand <b>a Child's Brain Development</b> and How it Affects Behaviors	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	Mod D, 509 E. Elm	Salina	Daycare provided.
Nov 14, 2011	Courtroom Testimony	6:00pm	8:00pm	St. Francis	705 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave., Ste C	Dodge City	Location might change due to number of participants. Please call Haley Walker at 620-225-1442 to RSVP.
Nov 14, 2011	Reactive Attachment Disorder	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	1508 Main Street	Great Bend	
Nov 14, 2011	Parenting Styles and Their Effect on Children	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	2330 N. Kansas Ave.	Liberal	
Nov 15, 2011	Childhood Nutrition	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	1223 Meadowlark	Kansas City	
Nov 15, 2011 to Nov 16, 2011	Managing Aggressive Behaviors (MAB)	9:00am	4:00pm	KCSL	Linn Elementary School, 200 SE 40 <sup>th</sup> Street	Topeka	Must attend both days.
Nov 15, 2011	Deviant Behavior and Foster/Adopted Youth	6:00pm	8:00pm	KCSL	3545 SW 5 <sup>th</sup>	Topeka	Free childcare available. Please RSVP to Melinda Kline 785-215-6406.
Nov 15, 2011	American Heart Association Heart Saver Pediatric First Aid	6:00pm	9:00pm	Youthville	4505 E. 47 <sup>th</sup> ST.	South Wichita	
Nov 16, 2011	Coping with the Stresses of Foster Care	6:00pm	8:00pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	1709 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	Chanute	
Nov 17, 2011	Substance Abuse by Children	6:00pm	8:00pm	Associate Youth Services	Shiloh Baptist Church, 1311 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	Atchison	AYS, KVC, and The Shelter, Inc. are co-sponsoring this training session.
Nov 19, 2011	Getting to Cool When People Get Hot	12:00am	12:00am	The Shelter, Inc.	3312 Clinton Parkway	Lawrence	Other Expense is for Daycare.
Nov 19, 2011	Allegations	10:00am	12:00pm	St. Francis	105 W. Sutherland St.	McPherson	
Nov 21, 2011	From Foster to Adopt	6:00pm	7:30pm	TFI Family Services, Inc.	116 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Manhattan	Class will be in Suite 1.
Nov 21, 2011	Helping with Holiday Cheer	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	Ste 1B, 2942 Wanamaker Dr.	Topeka	
Nov 21, 2011	Foster Parents: Importance of Taking Care of Yourself	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	180 W. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Colby	
Nov 21, 2011	Navigating Mental Health Systems	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	501 N. Monroe	Hutchinson	Daycare provided.
Nov 28, 2011	Helping Children with Aggression	6:00pm	8:00pm	KVC Behavioral Healthcare	2900 Briggs	Parsons	
Nov 28, 2011	<b>Asperger's Disorder</b>	6:30pm	8:30pm	St. Francis	129 S. Main	Kensington	
Nov 30, 2011-Dec 1, 2011	Cognitive Behavior Training	9:00am	3:30pm	DCCCA	2930 SW Wanamaker Dr., Ste 100	Topeka	

## November 2011 Support Meetings/National Adoption Day Celebrations

Atchison: Monday, November 15, 2011.

Chanute: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Chanute TFI Office, 1709 W. 7th Street, Chanute, KS.

Concordia: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Concordia TFI office, 516 & 518 Washington St., Concordia, KS.

El Dorado: Thursday November 3, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. National Adoption Day Celebration will be on November 1, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the El Dorado TFI office, 3913 SW 10th, El Dorado, KS.

Emporia: Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Emporia TFI Office, 618 Commercial, Emporia, KS.

Fort Scott: Monday, November 14, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Franklin Community Center, 701 S. Broadway, Franklin, KS. The support meeting will be the National Adoption day celebration.

Garden City: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Methodist Church.

Hutchinson: Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the South Hutchinson Christian Church, 111 E. 1st, South Hutchinson, KS.

Independence: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the St. Andrews Catholic Church, 210 N. 4th Street, Independence, KS. The support meeting will be the National Adoption day celebration.

Iola: Thursday, November 3, 2011. The support meeting will be the National Adoption day celebration.

Kansas City: Tuesday, November 17, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Kansas City, KS.

Leavenworth/Atchison: Monday, November 21, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Ave., Atchison, KS.

Lawrence: Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Lawrence TFI office, 910 W. 24th Street, Lawrence, KS.

Manhattan: Monday, November 21, 2011 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS.

Overland Park: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Overland Park TFI office, 8300 College Blvd ,Ste 301, Overland Park, KS.

Parsons: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the St. Andrews Catholic Church, 210 N. 4th St, Independence, KS. The support meeting is going to be the National Adoption Day celebration.

Phillipsburg: Monday, October 17, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Olliff Boeve Community Room.

Pittsburg: Monday, November 14, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Franklin Community Center, 701 S. Broadway, Franklin, KS. The support meeting will be the National Adoption day celebration.

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: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Topeka TFI office, 217 SE 4th St., Topeka, KS.

Winfield: Monday, November 14, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Wichita: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Wichita TFI office, 1711 S. Longfellow, Wichita, KS. The support meeting will be in conjunction with the National Adoption day celebration.

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@tffamily.org](mailto:concernline@tffamily.org) or Ombudsman Nadine Terry-Washington at 877-942-2239.

