

**ANNUAL REPORT OF WICHITA COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD  
TO WICHITA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
April 2014**

As a county child welfare board established by the authority of the Texas Family Code, 264.005, we are submitting this annual report to summarize the coordination of state and local services for children and families from January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013. The needs of abused and neglected children in the county can only be met by intergovernmental and public/private partnerships. These collaborations this past year have allowed for improved services and better outcomes for children and families. We hope that the information below will be helpful as you recognize efforts this past year and identify budgetary needs for services to abused and neglected children for budget year 2014.

**STATUS OF COUNTY'S CHILDREN DURING 2013**

	<b>2013</b>
County Child Population	31,023
Initial Intakes for Abuse and Neglect	1742
Intakes Assigned for Investigation	1508
Alleged child abuse victims	2142
Completed Investigations	1335
Ruled Out investigations	754
Confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect	651
Prevalence per 1000 children	21%
Children removed from family	114
Child deaths because of child abuse or neglect	0
Children in CPS legal responsibility	289
Children entering substitute care	114
Children in paid foster care	252
Cost of paid foster care	\$151,278.00
Children in relative care	76
Families Receiving Preservation Services	282
Children Receiving Preservation Services	752
Number of DFPS Foster Homes	1
Number of DFPS Foster/Adoptive Homes	21
Number of DFPS Adoptive Homes	6
Number of Children in Substitute Care	289
Number of children adopted by non-relative	28
Number of children adopted by relatives.	5
Number of children awaiting adoption	32
Number of children PMC/plan is not adoption	40

**WORKER CASELOADS**

Average caseload of Investigators	24.7 cases
Average caseload of Family Based Services	17.8 cases
Average caseload of Sub Care Workers	37 cases

**LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR 2013**

	<b>2013</b>
County General Fund	\$31,800.00
County Jury Donations	\$20,903.91
County IV-E Match Revenue	
CWB Donations	\$ 25.00
CWB Grants	\$ 1,000.00
Rainbow House Grants	\$ 46,000

**USES OF JURY FEES:**

- Initial clothing and other needs during investigation stage
- Clothing and shoes twice yearly
- School Supplies
- Tutoring, Special Classes, other educational needs
- Extra-curricular activities (band, athletics, choir, etc)
- Travel for child to visit with family or siblings (**court ordered**)
- Travel for parents to visit children (**court ordered**)
- Local bus tickets for travel of parents to visitation (**court ordered**)
- Transportation for parents to drug treatment
- Camp and camp expenses
- Medical and dental needs not covered by State Health Program
- Optical needs not covered by State Health Program
- Birth certificates
- Legal documents (**court related**)
- Legal service on parents (other locations, missing parent, newspaper notifications (**court related**))
- Special internet program for staff to locate parents
- Graduation expenses, gift, luncheon
- College fees (secondary to PAL)
- Driver's Education (secondary to PAL)
- Visitation Center (snacks, paper goods, portable phones, monitoring system) (**court ordered visitation**)
- Personal items ( hair, hygiene, etc.)
- Child Abuse Awareness
- Awards and Acknowledgements
- Birthday gifts
- Car Seats for caseworkers
- Car Seats for parents
- Enrichment Activities for children (Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Party, Halloween Party, etc)
- Family Group Conferencing snacks
- Team meeting snacks
- Transition meeting snacks
- Adoption Day (gifts for children being adopted, refreshments for reception, other needs)
- Phone cards for sibling contact
- Staff Enrichment, Training and Recognition
- Child Care (Day Care, Emergency Foster Care)
- Foster Parent Appreciation (banquet, awards, speakers, acknowledgements)
- Hospital care not covered by insurance

Home Nursing Care for special needs children  
Special care and transportation for medically fragile child  
Heart Gallery  
Staff Training (conferences, workshops, etc.)  
Housing/Deposit/Rent  
Interpreter Services  
Beds, mattresses, bedding  
Visitation Center remodeled and provided snacks, water, phones, etc  
Christmas Gifts  
Heating/stoves  
General Operations (Officers and Directors General Liability Insurance, Preparation of taxes by CPA  
Printing of thank you notes, invitations, stationary, etc.

This list is not all inclusive. Request may be made for other needs for children and families. All funding request are subject to approval of Child Welfare Board and availability of funds. Children's needs are a priority.

#### **CHILD WELFARE BOARD ACTIVITIES**

Halloween party  
Thanksgiving baskets  
Spirit of Christmas, Christmas Party, Maskat Shrine Party, Staff Appreciation  
Adoption Day  
Heart Gallery  
Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Patsy Baggett Service Award  
City Council Proclamation  
Wichita County Proclamation  
Foster Parent Appreciation  
Recognition of Foster Children Graduating from High School-luncheon celebration-gifts  
Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
Participate in Region 2 Child Welfare Advisory Council  
Participate in Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards  
Nominate Wichita County Foster Children for State Awards  
Nominate foster parents for State Awards

#### **COMMITTEES OF CHILD WELFARE BOARD**

Community Partners  
Adopt a Caseworker  
North Texas Regional Training Conference  
Heart Gallery  
Community Christmas Program  
County Child Abuse Prevention/Awareness Committee

Sources of Data: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book  
Caseload Data Warehouse  
Financial records of Wichita County Child Welfare Board  
Financial report from Wichita County Auditor  
Financial report of Community Partners