



## Thriving Families, Safer Children Kentucky

Thriving Families, Safer Children is a national movement to equip and empower individuals and communities to support families so they can stay together and thrive. Below are current updates on our commitment.

### **Statewide and Regional Prevention Collaboratives**

We are currently planning Re-Visioning Sessions to assess progress on the regional Action Plans after two years. The statewide prevention collaborative is aligning with the regional collaboratives to support common needs across regions.

### **KY SEAT Parent Advisory Council**

The council has recently grown to include over 20 parent members who are both emerging and seasoned leaders.

### **Community Response**

[Community Response](#) is available in 10 counties across the state and plans are underway for continued expansion.

### **Alternative Response**

Northern Bluegrass, Cumberland, and Eastern Mountain Service Regions will begin accepting Alternative Response referrals in May and June 2024.

### **Lean on Me Kentucky**

1,732 total individuals received [Lean on Me Kentucky](#) (LOMKY) content so far resulting in 98% of attendees indicating better preparation to prevent maltreatment prior to CPS involvement.

### **Truth and Reconciliation: Truth Telling Circles**

The grant team has solidified a top recommendation that would provide evidence-informed financial support and case management to birth parents, for the purpose of keeping Black families intact and youth out of the foster care system.

### **Community is Our Strength: Empowering Black Families and Promoting Child Safety in Louisville**

This partnership between Kentucky Youth Advocates, [Play Cousins Collective](#), University of Louisville, and the Kempe Center seeks to reduce harm done to Black families from disruptive and traumatic contact with the child welfare system. *Note: This initiative is financially supported by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) but may not necessarily reflect their views.*

### **Fatherhood Engagement**

The Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families is developing a robust list of training activities alongside schools, the child welfare agency, juvenile justice, probation and parole, recovery services and others.

### **Kentucky Family Leadership Academy (KFLA) Trainings and Co-Design Curriculum**

The Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children has completed two KFLAs with approximately 30 completions. They have also completed a developed curriculum on Co-Design in Child Welfare and training will begin in March.

### **Upstream**

Kentucky is a pilot site for this model under the National Center for State Courts. The project is housed in the Dependency, Neglect and Abuse workgroup of the Civil and Family Justice Committee for the [Judicial Commission on Mental Health](#).

### **Department for Community Based Services and Equity**

The DCBS Equity Core team meets monthly and continues with making progress toward enterprise goals to address racism and poverty.

### **Kentucky Strengthening Families (KYSF)**

The KYSF Initiative is currently providing Protective Factors-focused prevention training (Family Thrive and Parent Café) across the state and will also be hosting [Youth Thrive](#) and Youth Café trainings across the state.

### **Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSC)**

FRYSCs remove non-academic barriers to learning and increase protective factors to enhance student academic success. They are also providing kinship care support, with plans to increase their database of kinship resources.