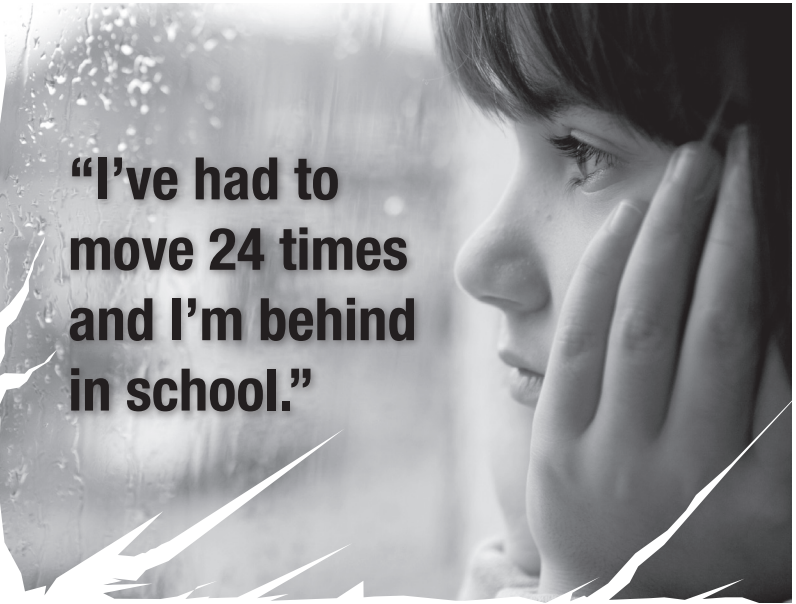


"I take 10 medications a day."



"I've had to move 24 times and I'm behind in school."

Kentucky's Child Welfare System is

BROKEN

83,185 child abuse calls

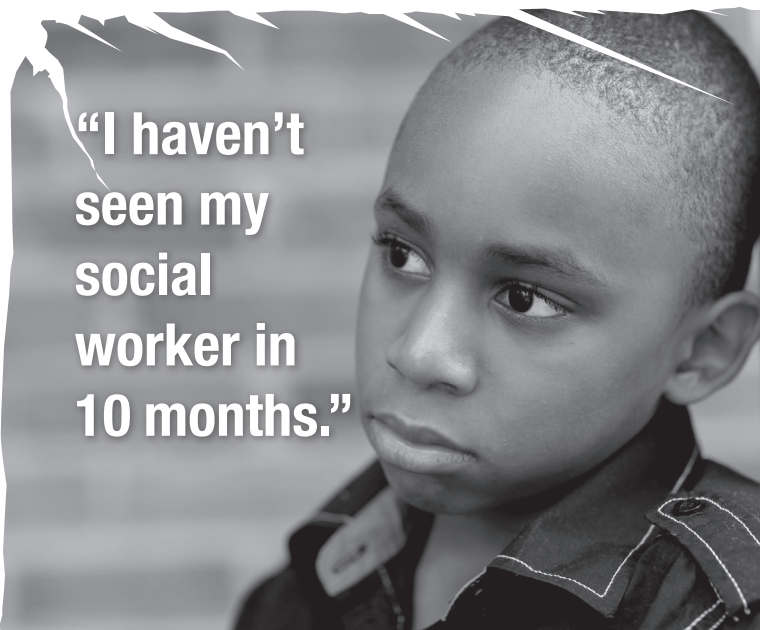
11,305 substantiated

5,266 children removed

What is happening to our children?



"I'm placed 5 hours from my sister."



"I haven't seen my social worker in 10 months."

HELP FIX THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM BY STRENGTHENING EXISTING LAWS

Support Real Solutions! Support the K.A.A.R.E. BILL!

K KENTUCKY'S KIDS

Did you know?

Kentucky's child welfare system is in crisis.

How can the KAARE bill help?

Although long-term system reform is necessary, immediate short-term solutions are vital now!

HB 364

A ACCOUNTABILITY

Did you know?

A committee exists in law that is charged with developing a plan for foster care placements, but the committee has not met since 1999.

A report analyzing the success of in-home services is required by law, but the last published report was 2009.

How can the KAARE bill help?

Resurrect and expand the "Statewide Strategic Planning Committee for Children in Placement" to develop a plan to ensure appropriate services for foster children. Require a study on the effectiveness of different service delivery models for foster care. Require a public Family Preservation Report.

A ASSESSMENTS

Did you know?

Half of our foster children are placed in care without having an assessment to determine their placement needs leading to multiple failed placements.

How can the KAARE bill help?

Assess (level) all children being removed from their home to determine the appropriate level of services needed. Require implementation of a statewide procedure to determine and expedite the placement of all foster children.

R RESOURCES

Did you know?

The Cabinet is required by law to pay the cost of residential services for children in their custody; however they only pay a fraction of the cost.

How can the KAARE bill help?

Require the Cabinet to implement KRS 199.641 and 922 KAR 1:360 to reimburse private child-caring agencies based on the cost analysis and a Consumer Price Index adjustment to ensure federal compliance.

E ENSURE SUCCESS

Did you know?

Most youth leaving residential treatment do not receive reunification services and the current system does not allow the staff working with the youth/family to provide these services.

How can the KAARE bill help?

Allow providers to offer Family Reunification Services to children currently placed in their care when they return home.

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IMPACT ON KENTUCKY

- Healthier Children
- Safer Homes
- Reduced Costs
- More Graduates
- Less Homelessness
- Better availability and access to services
- Productive Citizens

