

2018 Kansas Statutes

38-134. Information concerning child provided to foster parent by secretary for children and families.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Child" means a person under 18 years of age who has been removed from the home of a relative as a result of judicial determination and whose placement and care is the responsibility of the secretary.
- (2) "Family foster home" means a private home in which care is given for 24 hours a day for children away from their parent or guardian and which is licensed under K.A.R. 28-4-311 et seq.
- (3) "Foster family" means all persons living in the foster home other than foster children.
- (4) "Foster parent" means the licensee who is responsible for the care of foster children.
- (5) "Secretary" means the secretary for children and families.

(b) In order to assist the foster family to make an informed decision regarding their acceptance of a particular child, to help the foster family anticipate problems which may occur during the child's placement and to help the foster family meet the needs of the child in a constructive manner, the secretary shall seek to obtain and shall provide the following information to the foster parent as the information becomes available to the secretary:

- (1) Strengths, needs and general behavior of the child;
- (2) circumstances which necessitated placement;
- (3) information about the child's family and the child's relationship to the family which may affect the placement;
- (4) important life experiences and relationships which may affect the child's feelings, behavior, attitudes or adjustment;
- (5) medical history of the child, including third-party coverage which may be available to the child; and
- (6) education history, to include present grade placement, special strengths and weaknesses.

History: L. 1990, ch. 144, § 1; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 49; July 1.