



West Michigan Partnership
for Children

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TRANSFORMING FOSTER CARE

West Michigan Partnership for Children (WMPC) is funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to pilot a performance-based foster care model in Kent County, Michigan. This pilot is a data-driven, innovative, performance-based approach to administering foster care that will transform child welfare and create better futures for children.

WMPC oversees the placement, care, and outcomes for approximately 850 children in foster care on any given day through subcontracts with five private child placing agencies:

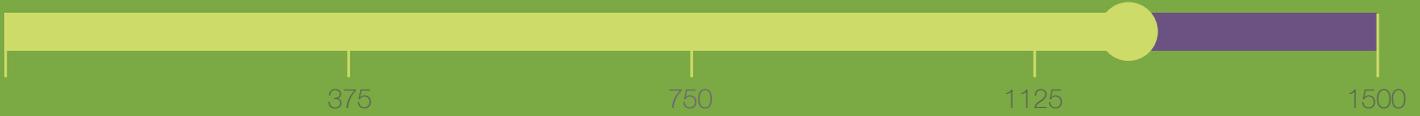
- *Bethany Christian Services*
- *Catholic Charities West Michigan*
- *D.A. Blodgett- St. John's*
- *Samaritas*
- *Wellspring Lutheran Services*



WMPC rebranded the Kent County Licensing Coalition responsible for a community-wide strategy for foster parent recruitment and retention. Foster Kent Kids has its own logo and webpage on WMPC's website.

The name of the coalition is a call to action and the tagline is, "be the missing piece."

1244 children and youth served in foster care and adoption between 10/1/17 – 9/30/18



375 Kent County children leaving foster care

48% returned home to their parents

33% were adopted

8% were placed under guardianship

15 dashboards

developed in MindShare to track/analyze foster care data and agency performance



5 performance measures

created and added by WMPC

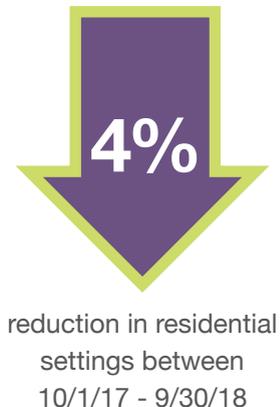


COLLABORATION LEADS TO ADOPTION

One of WMPC's partner foster care case management agencies was working with a male teen with a long history of instability and residential placements. The case management team was struggling with ongoing crises that resulted in hospitalizations and multiple placement changes. WMPC successfully engaged the agency's case management team, the Court Appointed Special Advocate, the Community Mental Health agency, and the teen's long-time teacher to develop a treatment plan and identify additional service opportunities. Based on this engagement, the teen transitioned from shelter care to the adoptive home of his teacher and his wife. He continues to do well in this placement and recently took a trip to Disneyland with his adoptive family.

ENHANCED FOSTER CARE

WMPC launched a new service, Enhanced Foster Care (EFC), in January 2018. EFC was designed to provide an intensive community-based approach by stabilizing current youth in foster care, diverting youth from being placed out of the community, and deliberately returning youth from residential care back to the community.



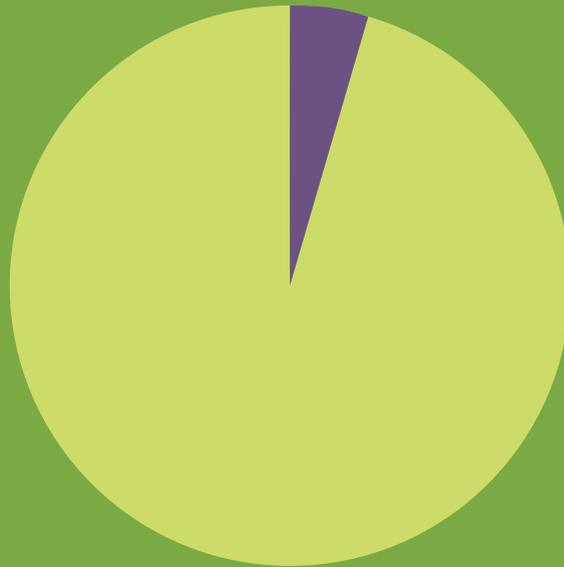
of children who were discharged from EFC remained in the community, avoiding more restrictive and costly residential placements

4.4%

spent on administration

95.6%

spent on foster care services



WMPC FINANCES

WMPC passes through 95.6% of the funds received from its contract with MDHHS to its subcontractors who are providing direct services for children and families experiencing the foster care system. WMPC retains 4.4% for its administrative costs, which include contract administration, serving as the fiduciary agent, and providing care coordination and continuous quality improvement over the county-wide foster care system.

OUR MISSION

Empowering communities to create better futures for children and families through innovation and collaboration.

OUR VISION

A community of belonging, resiliency, and hope where children and families flourish.

OUR VALUES

Accountable
Data-driven
Innovative
Trauma-informed
Tireless collaboration
Social justice



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