



1893

Kansas Children's Home Society (KCHS) founded in Topeka.

1906

Christian Service League (CSL) founded in Wichita.

1926

KCHS and CSL merge to form Kansas Children's Home and Service League.



1948

Name changes to Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL).



1968

KCSL adoptions exceed 200.

1976

KCSL awarded Head Start grant for service in southwestern Kansas.



KCSL's two parent agencies concentrated on finding permanent homes for orphaned or abandoned children and foster homes for children whose parents were temporarily unable to care for them.

During the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, KCSL's most visible work was infant adoption.

KCSL developed a broader range of services to meet changing needs of children and families.

1989

KCSL begins juvenile assessment and intake service in Topeka.

1993

Kansas Child Abuse Prevention Council merges with KCSL.



1995

Healthy Families America® home visitation/child abuse prevention grant awarded to KCSL.

2001

Recognizing the need for services for children 0-3, KCSL begins Early Head Start Services in Finney County.



2007

Re-establishes infant adoption services and finalizes first adoption.



2009

KCSL begins work on the Adoption Exchange on behalf of the State to recruit families for children needing an adoptive home.

2011

KCSL joins with the Wichita Child Guidance Center combining outpatient mental health services, strengthening community visibility and creating operational efficiencies. These important services include expertise in early childhood and infant mental health.



2013

Wichita Crisis Nursery opens to support families in crisis, developed by Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention.

2016

Enhances post-adoption support services for families who adopt children from foster care in Kansas through the Kansas Post Adoption Resource Center (K-PARC).

2017

Expands Head Start programming to include all-day classrooms.



Expands Healthy Families Kansas™ home visiting program increasing service capacity to 370 additional families.

2018

With Kansas Dept. of Health and Education and Wichita State University, KCSL secures a 5-year federal grant to implement tactics designed to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in Kansas and focus on Family-Friendly Workplaces.

2019

KCSL receives Family First prevention grant to expand Healthy Families Kansas™ and Parent-Child Assistance Program (P-CAP) reaching approximately 100 new families per year.