

## How does PYF work?

First, a PYF coordinator speaks individually with youth and their parent(s). The PYF coordinator provides information about the process; gains an understanding of the family's issues; and, with the family, makes an assessment to decide whether facilitation is appropriate.

A joint session is then arranged for both the parent and youth to meet with the facilitator. The facilitator guides the family to identify issues; explore options that work for them; encourage productive communication; and, ideally develop an agreement.

## Contact Us

Questions? Feel free to contact the PYF Project Coordinator. We hope to hear from you!

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## Parent\*/Youth Facilitation

*\*Or caregiver*

Keeping families together

Parent/Youth Facilitation (PYF) is a resource for parents and teenagers to help resolve conflicts within the family and identify helpful community services and supports.



## Why participate in PYF?

Parent-Youth Facilitation helps young people and their families resolve conflicts by reducing tensions, improving communication, and creating better understanding among family members.

It allows for equal input from family members to decide how their dispute will be resolved.

Facilitation tends to be short-term and focuses on resolving current issues and planning for the future.

Facilitation is not counseling and is not intended to replace counseling or therapy.

Facilitators are Kansas-Approved Parent-Adolescent Mediators who have experience working with families and teens. They come from a variety of backgrounds, including law, education, human service professions, clergy, public administration and other areas.

## Who can participate in PYF?

▶ Youth ages 14-17 years old and their parent(s) or caregivers

▶ Concerns exist that youth may be at risk for removal into foster care

▶ Families reside in Saline or Wyandotte Counties

## What are the focus & goals of PYF?

▶ PYF helps families resolve conflicts of everyday living. At the same time, it lets parents and young people learn new ways of handling strong emotions of family conflict.

▶ Example topics include: school attendance and

performance, curfew and social life, household responsibilities, and privacy and communication.

▶ A goal of PYF is to develop a mutually agreed upon solution as a family.

## Is there a cost for participating in PYF?

▶ No