

# Foster Care Adoption Fact Sheet

## Sedgwick County

- Youthville has more than 350 children awaiting adoption in Sedgwick County.
- Hundreds of families that have adopted children through Youthville will gather to celebrate National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 21, 2009.
- Numerous adoptions will be finalized at the event, changing the lives of the children forever as they become a part of an adoptive family.



## Kansas

- There are more than 850 children in Kansas awaiting adoption.
- The average age of children awaiting adoption is eight to nine years old.
- Through no fault of their own, these children enter foster care as a result of abuse, neglect and/or abandonment.
- Youthville children rely on their relatives, foster homes and prospective adoptive parents they have never met who open their hearts and homes to create a forever family.
- In addition to adopt-only homes, Youthville also offers families the option of becoming foster-to-adopt homes.

## National

- There are an estimated 510,000 children in foster care in the United States, and more than 129,000 of them are waiting to be adopted.
- For the last nine years, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster care.
- Celebrated in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, more than 300 events are held each year throughout the country to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and to celebrate all families who adopt.



*Youthville's vision is to provide the best sources of help to children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected with its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood. Over 3,000 children are cared for annually by Youthville. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org).*

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