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Youthville's Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care, the only program of its kind in the State, achieves full certification

(Wichita, Kan., Jan. 13, 2009) – Youthville's Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC), the only program of its kind in Kansas, recently achieved full certification from the Oregon Social Learning Center, the organization that founded MTFC. The certification confirmed that Youthville's MTFC program meets model fidelity standards and produces treatment outcomes established by the Center for Research to Practice.

Joining only 41 MTFC programs worldwide, Youthville implemented MTFC at its Wichita office in January 2007. Since that time, Youthville MTFC has seen over an 80 percent graduation rate, which includes reintegration, adoption and independent living.

"MTFC helped me with my behavior and my actions. It was a program that helped me see what kind of person I can be and it gave me a second chance," said, James, first Youthville MTFC graduate.

MTFC is a 6-9 month foster care program for youth with behavioral problems that can no longer live at home. The goal is to change the negative behavior path of the child, while increasing a support system to achieve and maintain success.

"I am very proud of our staff who worked so hard to create this quality program and I am excited that Youthville is now one of only 15 fully accredited MTFC programs worldwide," said, Shelley Duncan, Youthville President and CEO.

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.

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