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SRS renews Youthville as Region 5 Foster Care Reintegration/Adoption contractor

(Wichita, Kan., March 11, 2009) – Youthville has been awarded the Region 5, Foster Care Reintegration/Adoption contract by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) for state fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009). The contracts issued by SRS are for a four year period, each with the possibility of two, two year renewals.

In 1996, Kansas became the first state in the nation to fully privatize its adoption, foster care, and family preservation services. Youthville has maintained the Region 5 foster care/reintegration contract since the inception of privatization by SRS in 1996. Throughout the past 11 years, Youthville has served a total of 7,846 Kansas children, including 7,401 foster care children.

In 2005, SRS modified the state contracts to include adoption services. Since taking over the case management for adoptive children in July 2005, Youthville has found adoptive placements for 760 children.

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treatment and counseling. The agency's 600 employees are passionate about its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood to the 1,300 Kansas children who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and trauma. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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