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OVP FAMILY receives license to provide foster care, adoption, and independent living services in Kentucky.

(Huntington, WV) OVP FAMILY, a division of OVP HEALTH in Huntington, WV, has received licensure from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide foster care, adoption, and independent living services for children and youth in the Bluegrass State.

Foster care provides temporary care and housing for children from birth to age 18 who cannot live with their biological parents. Adoption from foster care transfers permanent custody of a child to foster parents, if and when the parental rights of the child's biological parents are terminated. And Independent Living is a program for foster children between the ages of 18 and 21 that helps them gain independence and learn the skills needed to thrive on their own.

Now that OVP FAMILY is licensed in Kentucky, it is actively recruiting, training and licensing new foster parents in the state, with the goal of finding safe, stable, and loving homes for the more than 8,600 children across Kentucky who are currently awaiting placement.

"A significant number of these children are victims of abuse and neglect, and are experiencing the trauma of loss or grief," said Greg Thompson, President of Foster Care Services for OVP FAMILY.

"Foster parenting is a wonderful way to provide them with the stability, safety, and love they need to heal, grow, and become healthy, productive adults. Unfortunately, there aren't nearly enough available foster homes in Kentucky to address the need.

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According to Thompson, OVP FAMILY is uniquely positioned to provide a level of "wrap-around care" to children, teenagers, biological parents, and foster parents that is unprecedented in the region.

"Because OVP FAMILY is a division of OVP HEALTH, the children and families we serve will have unfettered access to the company's extensive range of medical and dental providers, counselors, behavioral health specialists, and other support resources that all play a pivotal role in fostering healthy children, families, and communities," said Thompson. "Our ability to provide compassionate, trauma-informed care as well as our experience addressing the comprehensive mental, emotional, social, and medical needs of children and families is the distinguishing characteristic of OVP FAMILY."

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Kentucky residents considering becoming foster parents through OVP FAMILY, or anyone wanting to learn more about the process, can go to ovpfamily.com and fill out a brief online form, or call 606.222.KIDS (5437) to talk with an OVP FAMILY representative.

"The experience of fostering a child is life changing for both the child and the foster parents," said Thompson. "It's clear that the need for additional foster parents in Kentucky is great, and that the stakes involved are extremely high. If we don't step up to address the need, who will?"

A division of OVP HEALTH, OVP FAMILY was established in December of 2024 to provide foster care and independent living services for children, youth and families in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. OVP FAMILY is currently working to acquire Ohio licensure. To stay up to date with the latest news and developments about OVP FAMILY, check in regularly at ovpfamily.com, as well as OVP FAMILY's social media platforms on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, and YouTube.

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