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CHILDREN'S SHELTER

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O'Connell Children's Shelter exists to serve and be an answer for children, youth, and families in our community and our state.

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From our Executive Director Gina Meier-Hummel

O'Connell is continuing to grow, and we have so much to be thankful for.

We are proud to partner with the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in launching a **Youth Recovery Center** to provide overnight stays for children and teens in crisis to stabilize.



Located at 3500 Clinton Place (former home of LMH South), the facility is projected to be fully operational in early 2026. The recovery center will provide immediate support, resources, and intervention for youth experiencing crisis.

O'Connell is also honored to have received a **2Gen grant** from the Kansas Department of Children and Families for \$1.2 million over two years. Beginning in July of this year, the O'Connell Generations program will work with Douglas County families to overcome intergenerational poverty and focus on a stable future. Our Generations approach works to end intergenerational poverty by supporting children and their parents or care providers – as a family unit – to move the whole family forward. O'Connell will serve as an access point and assist families in applying for formal supports while also working with families to increase connections and employment skills.

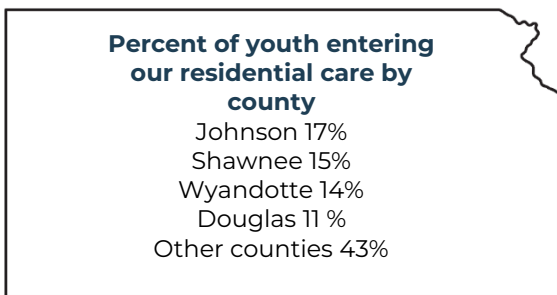
The growth of O'Connell provides a perfect opportunity to reflect our expansion of services through a **revamped logo** and identity. As a visual representation of our identity, the new logo highlights the homelike environment we provide our residents while also reflecting a focus on the family. We are proud to reflect the quality of our care in this enhanced visual identity.

In the midst of our growth, we continue to provide a healthy home-like environment for the youth entrusted to our care. The Hope Center and O'Connell Teaching Program anchor the success of our programs.

None of this happens without you. We are grateful for the support and partnership of state and private agencies, city and county officials, and the many generous donors and volunteers who help us succeed. You understand that healthy children, youth, and individuals make healthy families, which make a healthy community and state. Thank you for all you do for us.

At O'Connell Children's Shelter we care for children, youth, and families in Douglas County and across Kansas. Our residential program is built to support Kansans in need for however long is necessary.

View our full Impact Report at oconnellchildrensshelter.org/news.



Long Term Placements

21,029 total days of care

276.7 average length of stay in days

Crisis Placements

216 total days of care

3.8 average length of stay in days

Length of stay for youth in long term care



- 18.4 % 1 month or less
- 18.4 % 1 – 3 months
- 19.7 % 3 – 6 months
- 15.8 % 6 months – year
- 27.6 % more than 1 year



Summer is right around the corner! You can help by donating gift cards or passes to the pool, movies, GameNut, or other summer activities. Not sure?

Visit our summer Amazon Wish List at oconnellchildrensshelter.org for a list of desired items to make it an enriching and enjoyable summer for our youth. We appreciate you!

Save the Date!

Summer's End Cruise-In returns September 14.

2024 Festival of Trees returns beginning November 29—the day after Thanksgiving!

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