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CORNERSTONES OF CARE RECEIVES 3 YEAR RECERTIFICATION TO PROVIDE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Kansas City, MO – July 9, 2019 – As a behavioral healthcare nonprofit dedicated to helping children and families heal, [Cornerstones of Care](https://www.cornerstonesofcare.org) not only practices [trauma-informed care](https://www.cornerstonesofcare.org/trauma-informed-care), but is certified in the model by the [Sanctuary Institute](https://www.sanctuaryinstitute.org). After three day discovery and review in late June 2019, the Sanctuary Institute recertified Cornerstones of Care for an additional three years.



Lesa Chandler, director of collaborative learning says, “The recertification process was an amazing experience. I listened to youth describe the four types of safety, heard parents discuss emotion management, repeatedly heard how grateful employees were that managers checked on their self-care, and observed stakeholders and employees provide examples of ways we’ve used the model to help manage organizational growth and change.”

Cornerstones of Care originally adopted the Sanctuary Model of Trauma-Informed Care® in 2015, becoming the first behavioral healthcare organization in the Kansas City region to become certified. The philosophy extends far beyond a care model for serving children and families. It is embedded in the daily activities of the organization, shaping a culture that recognizes, understands and responds to trauma.

“Certification requires complete integration of the philosophy into absolutely every aspect and level of our organization”, says Denise Cross, president and CEO. “Our team fully-embraces being trauma-informed, which positively impacts the healing process for children and families. We’re honored to partner with the Sanctuary Institute and look forward to continuing our work together. ”

Cornerstones of Care was specifically recognized for the following areas of strength:

- Clear embedding of the model into culture and practices
- A commitment to open communication at all levels
- Families indicated they felt supported and children were happy
- Parents of youth receiving residential care were grateful for support

Learn more about the ways Cornerstones of Care implements trauma-informed care [here](https://www.cornerstonesofcare.org).

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About Cornerstones of Care:

Cornerstones of Care has a long legacy of partnering with children and families to create safe and healthy communities. It serves more than 10,000 children and families through education, mental & behavioral health, foster care & adoption, youth & family support, and community trainings in Kansas, Missouri and beyond. For more information, visit [cornerstonesofcare.org](https://www.cornerstonesofcare.org).