

Children are in shelter care status until they are adjudicated dependent. Children in Shelter Care status are still in the legal custody of their biological parents. Children can remain in shelter care status for a few days or as long as several months. Weekly visits are required by the Family Care Manager (FCM) for as long as children remain in shelter status. Upon being adjudicated dependent, foster children are placed in the custody of Kids Central. Children can remain in foster care status for up to one to two years or longer; however, the goal is to achieve permanency within 12 months.