

# 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> and so much more



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## Quick Overview

30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> is an intense, short-term intervention developed by the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition and replicated nationally by the Institute for Child Welfare Innovation to:

- 1) increase the number of children placed with relatives when they enter the foster care system; and
- 2) ensure natural and community supports are in place to promote stability for the child.

**The program is a combination family search and engagement & kinship navigator.**



# CALIFORNIA

# EVIDENCE BASED CLEARINGHOUSE

The screenshot shows the CEBC website interface. At the top, the CEBC logo is on the left, and the text 'THE CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE-BASED CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CHILD WELFARE' is on the right. Below the logo are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Email. A navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Program Registry', 'Implementation', and 'Find Programs'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Programs', 'Topic Areas', and 'Rating Scales'. A dark bar at the top of the main content area shows 'Selected Programs to Compare: 1' and buttons for 'Compare Programs', 'Review Selections', and 'Reset'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail 'Home < Program <' and a 'compare (?)' toggle. The main heading is '30 Days to Family®'. Below it is a table with three columns: 'Topic Areas', 'Scientific Rating', and 'Child Welfare Relevance'. The table contains one row with the following data:

Topic Areas	Scientific Rating	Child Welfare Relevance
Permanency Enhancement Interventions for Adolescents	3 — Promising <u>Research Evidence</u>	High

30 Days to Family® is rated as Promising Research Evidence under the Permanency Enhancement Interventions for Adolescents topic area.

The program has been designated to provide outcomes for Permanency and Child/Family Well-Being

<https://www.cebc4cw.org/program/30-days-to-family/>



# WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY?

The 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> rigorous search process identifies and engages more relatives, faster – helping children have greater connection to their siblings, more involvement with their paternal relatives, and find stable homes with relatives within 30 days.

Once children are placed with family, our robust support plans for both the children and placement providers promote placement stability and solidify connections that create better outcomes for children, families, and the communities we call home.

# SAME OLD STUFF DOESN'T WORK... THIS IS WHAT DOES

Two families at one time. That's it.  
With dedication to those families,  
the focus is truly on them.

30 days. Period.

We get in, we do the work, and  
we hand off. Urgency is key.

The system is tough to navigate. We help  
families access, map and sustain every service  
they need.

Contact with all family members.  
Every single one. They all have  
something to contribute.

Connections and supports are key.

Gone are the days of looking  
only for placement.

Specialized worker for specialized  
work. One person doing all the jobs  
just isn't possible.



# PROVEN SAVINGS

*The savings referenced are based on Missouri case rates*

- **Every child served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> saves taxpayers an average of \$10,217**
- Every child served age 9 years and older saves taxpayers an average of \$21,686
- Every child served who has an identified disability saves taxpayers an average of \$28,819

*Atkinson, A.J. (2019). 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup>: Confirming theoretical and actual outcomes. Child Welfare, 97(5), 97-129.*

# PROVEN OUTCOMES

- **Relative Placement.** Children served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> were more likely to be placed with a relative or kin than those not served.
- **Less time in care.** Children served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> remained in foster care an average 91.4 fewer days; those age 9 years and older were in care an average 194 fewer days; and those with an identified disability were in care an average 257.8 fewer days.
- **Increased placement stability.** For children served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup>, placement change rates were reduced by 81% after being placed with relatives.

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# Even More Evidence!

A second study was conducted in Ohio counties replicating the model demonstrated consistent results.

**In Ohio, the program has saved an average of \$13,194 per child, and the children served...**

- experienced an increased likelihood of relative placement.
- were 88.4% less likely to experience a placement change.
- were more likely to exit the system to reunification or kinship care.

*Anne J. Atkinson (2022) A comparison of child welfare outcomes and cost savings achieved in diverse implementation contexts with 30 days to Family<sup>®</sup> intervention, Journal of Public Child Welfare, DOI: 10.1080/15548732.2022.2026271*



In reviewing data from the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition 30 Days to Family® site from the beginning of the program in March 2011 through December 2021 we found some heartening data:

75.7%



**Placement Rate:** 801 of 1058 children served were placed with family at the conclusion of services

82.8%



**Placement Stability:** Of those 801 children placed with family, 664 children remained placed with family at the most recent follow-up

29%



**Promoting Family Placement:** Sometimes despite best efforts, children aren't moved with family during the program intervention. The remarkable thing is that the work done was not for nothing. 75 of the 257 children that were not placed with family at the conclusion of services had achieved family placement at the time of the most recent follow-up!

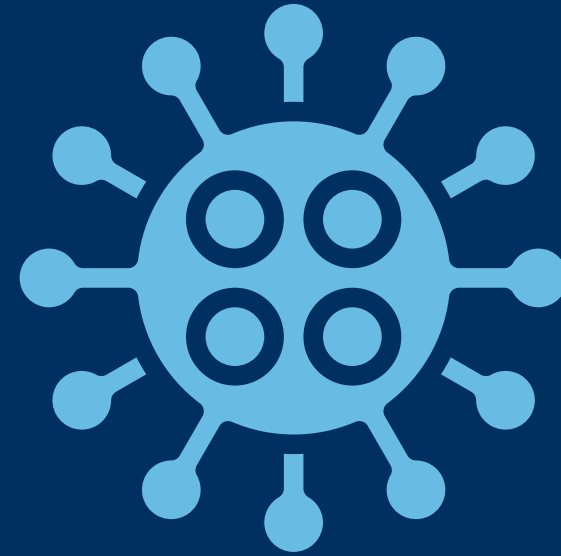
full details here: <https://forchildwelfare.org/30-days-to-family/30-days-to-family-evidence-and-outcomes/>

# REASONS THAT JUST MAKE SENSE



## Racial equity

We believe justice means working to keep children with their families, their communities, their people.



## COVID-19

With foster homes cautious of taking in children and a system that has no idea what 2022 will look like, our program mitigates the unknowns by keeping children with their family.



## Saves money

The program saves money so those precious resources can be used for the things that matter.

# CURRENT PROGRAM REPLICATION



## Missouri

Originated in St Louis and replicated by 4 organizations (private and state contracted) in 20 counties



## Ohio

Large Scale replication in 17 counties (county administered government agencies)



## Minnesota

Began in the fall of 2021 replicated by an agency serving Ramsey County children and families

# **30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> not a fit right now?**

Never fear. We offer so much more!

## **Moving Mountains for Family An Intense Family Search & Engagement Training and Support Package**

We bring a dynamic, in-depth training experience right to you. We'll cover all aspects of family involvement for children touched by the child welfare system. Topics include:

- Moving the needle to a kin-first culture
- Innovative and exhaustive family search techniques
- Relational Engagement with family
- Busting down barriers to family involvement
- Activating the family support network
- Maintaining normalcy through lifelong connections

After spending several days training with you on site, we'll provide ongoing technical assistance to help put the learning into practice and truly move mountains for families!

# INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICE OFFERINGS



## Training & Consultation

Our personalized training and consultation is tailored to meet your needs and can be delivered virtually or in person, to a small group or to a large agency audience.



## Program Development

Our staff has the experience and is here to assist in turning your ideas into reality! From the actual program design, to creating fidelity measures and manualizing the process (and everything in between), we've got you covered!



## Program Replication

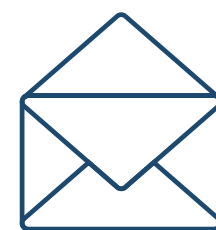
You've developed a wonderful program, you're seeing real results, and you're ready to take the next step to start replicating! We will work together to ensure the intervention is well-defined and easily replicable, and help develop a roadmap to successful implementation.



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