

# PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES

Our team brings years of experience to the table to provide trainings that are innovative, evidence-based, and engaging. We will work with you to develop a customized training and support plan that is tailored to your specific needs.

## Moving the Needle to a Kin-First Culture

It's been proven that children do better when with their family, so why is it so hard to get agency-wide buy-in to this concept? Because changing the way we've thought for over a decade is just plain hard. We'd love to walk you through a journey of why family is best for our kids AND the improved outcomes that can be achieved with a shift to kin-first mindset.

## Innovative & Exhaustive Search Techniques

In this session you'll learn the most urgent and creative techniques we've found to locate family members. From questions to ask to get the most information possible from relatives, to how to utilize publicly available information, to completely outside the box ideas involving getting out into the community, we've got you covered!

## Relational Engagement

Real engagement requires a relational approach. Remember, the families are the experts. We have to reach them on a human level to tap into their expertise. Learn new skills, approaches, scripts, and tools to make the most of your conversations with family members. We'll take you outside of your comfort zone, empowering you to have courageous conversations with children and families.

## Maintaining Normalcy for Youth Affected by Foster Care

When children come into foster care, they lose their caregivers, but also their extended families, culture, routines, activities, and connections to their identity. We have to give children their lives back! Learn strategies for keeping children connected to the people, places, and activities they love, while maintaining safety.

## Activating the Family Support Network

Locating family members to care for their loved ones is just step one. Securing natural supports and making sure the family is set up for success is where real success takes place. We will walk you through how to identify what supports are needed, and how to make sure natural connections are utilized to the fullest.

## Breaking Down Barriers to Family Involvement

Instead of focusing on "why we can't" involve family, let's constantly be asking "WHY CAN'T WE?" Leave this session both inspired and knowledgeable on how to get creative in partnering with families to solve problems and keep them involved with the children they love.

## Lifelong Connections for Older Youth

Older youth within the foster system need established connections they can turn to long after professionals are out of the picture. Where will they spend holidays? Who do they call when their car breaks down? It is crucial for our older youth in foster care to establish connections to answer these types of questions while we still have the opportunity to assist.