

# Kinship Treatment Foster Care

Kinship Treatment Foster Care (TFC) serves the needs of youth who are placed in out-of-home care with family members or fictive kin. To help Kinship TFC families achieve permanency, we offer the full array of training and supports available through traditional TFC.

## Overview

Our youth and families are supported by a specially trained clinical team, which provides daily behavioral health interventions according to each youth's individualized treatment plan.

## Who We Serve

We serve youth and young adults (ages 0-21) who have medical and/or therapeutic needs due to emotional, behavioral, or social challenges.

## Our Qualifications

Our social workers are trained Family Finders and have at least a bachelor's degree and two years of experience in child welfare.

**We provide ongoing opportunities for development, including:**

- Weekly clinical staffing meetings for staff to receive training, resource recommendation, and professional development
- Weekly supervision with Supervisors
- Collaborative Problem Solving trainings and refreshers to effectively implement the evidence-based approach for relationship and skill building



**“It's best to keep the bonds of family strong.”**

— Sherrika J., on her experience adopting through Kinship Care

## Our Process



**Call 855.367.8637, the regional center nearest you, or visit [UMFS.org](https://umfs.org) to make a referral.** When calling, please have referral information (listed below) for each youth. UMFS will assess the information and determine if we can proceed with a kinship TFC placement.



If DSS has identified a family, **they will undergo the Traditions of Caring training and home study specifically for adults taking care of kin.** If there isn't a known family for placement, the DSS can use UMFS's family finding services.



Once the Kinship TFC family is approved and placement occurs, **DSS and UMFS work together to identify treatment goals** and collaborate on the youth's progress toward permanency.

**To make the best possible determination on kinship placements, it is ideal to receive the following information upon referral:**

- Demographic information
- Location of residence for the family
- Child's emotional or behavioral needs
- Permanency goal and visitation needs
- School placement type (private, alternative, public)

## Funding



CSA funded (Medicaid for Case Management Services)

To make a referral, call toll-free  
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