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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

Our Process

Call 855.367.8637, the regional center nearest you, or visit 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

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