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The Foster Family-based Treatment Association is the only association specifically dedicated to advancing the field of Treatment Foster Care.



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Join our network of exceptional professionals.



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FFTA: A Leader in Treatment Foster Care

The Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA) is a nonprofit, membership association comprised of family-based service organizations throughout North America that operate Treatment Foster Care programs. FFTA member agencies, while diverse in scope and size, share common core values and principles. These include the power of family living as a stabilizing influence and normalization as a treatment principle for children and youth.

FFTA was established in 1988 by a group of Treatment Foster Care professionals with the initial purpose of defining and refining the Treatment Foster Care model. Over the past two decades, FFTA has become the leading advocate for the development, evaluation, recognition, and expansion of Treatment Foster Care.

Our Mission

The Foster Family-based Treatment Association is committed to enhancing the lives of children within families by strengthening family-based organizations. In accomplishing its mission, FFTA encourages its members to:

- Create permanent, lifelong relationships through reunification, adoption, kinship care, or other permanent family living arrangements
- Develop sufficient resources to sustain quality care and treatment
- Encourage partnerships between foster and birth parents
- Respect diversity and provide culturally responsive services
- Articulate outcomes for children and families
- Commit to continuous quality improvement
- Promote strengths

Benefit from Resources Unique to Our Field

FFTA is dedicated to providing its members with information on the latest developments, policy issues, research, and best practices in Treatment Foster Care. It assists members with enhancing their programs by providing technical assistance, research-to-practice initiatives, position papers, professional development programming, publications, and networking opportunities.

Collectively, we make a positive difference.



Join Us in Promoting Standards of Practice

To address the distinct nature of Treatment Foster Care, leaders in the field collaborated with FFTA to develop the highly regarded FFTA *Program Standards for Treatment Foster Care*. These standards were created to define the model and set parameters to guide both new and seasoned practitioners. Today, both public and private agencies utilize the *Program Standards* to create and enhance their Treatment Foster Care programs.

Advancing Through Professional Development Opportunities

FFTA provides a forum for learning, networking, and exchanging information. Each year the association hosts the *only* North American-based Conference on Treatment Foster Care. This conference brings together over 700 professionals and treatment foster parents from around the world to learn from experts in the field and share the best practices being applied in Treatment Foster Care.

FFTA is a member-driven association. The majority of its accomplishments are achieved through the work of the Board of Directors, committees, and chapters. Participation in a committee provides a valuable opportunity to network, broaden professional horizons, apply a specific area of expertise and, most importantly, make a positive impact on the field in unique ways. In addition, FFTA Chapters offer members a venue to network with one another on a local level and address policy issues of specific importance to their state.

Sharing a Common Vision: The Link Among Members

The foundation of FFTA is built upon the philosophy that the family is the best source of stability and security for children and youth. FFTA members share a simple, but profound commitment to providing individualized care while doing whatever it takes to maximize a child's chance to thrive in a family and community.





our agency will realize the “*Value of Membership*” when it joins the Foster Family-based Treatment Association. The cost savings that members receive in discounts, complimentary publications and newsletters, and technical assistance often pays for the annual membership dues. In addition, the opportunities to network, collaborate, and share best practices are priceless.

Membership in FFTA is a cost-effective investment for your agency, staff, and treatment foster parents. Member benefits include:

- Technical assistance
 - Five copies of the FFTA *Program Standards for Treatment Foster Care*
 - Complimentary copies of all publications and newsletters
 - Special member registration rates for FFTA conferences and institutes
 - A 25% discount on COA accreditation fees—savings that can fully offset the cost of FFTA membership dues
 - Discounts on products and services that will enhance your agency’s effectiveness
 - Promotion of your agency in the FFTA web site membership directory
 - Opportunities to network with Treatment Foster Care professionals from around North America
- ...and more



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