



How FFTA is serving its members 2019 in review

FFTA has continued to expand its membership and now has over 470 member agencies in 47 states, 5 provinces and 3 countries. With the help of FFTA's members, board members, chapters and committees, FFTA accomplished many goals in 2019, including those listed below.

The FFTA 34th Annual Conference was held in Anaheim, CA where we had over 750 child welfare professionals attend and participate in over 80 plus workshops. This makes FFTA's Annual Conference the largest international conference on family focused treatment services.

FFTA received a three-year \$950,000 grant from The Duke Endowment to address the therapeutic needs of youth in kinship care in North Carolina.

FFTA received a \$15,000 grant from the Dave Thomas Foundation to create tip sheets to address opportunities in adoption services through FFPSA.

Treva Johnson was appointed the Public Policy Director. Ms. Johnson works with the FFTA Public Policy Committee to advance FFTA's a legislative agenda and advocate for treatment family care at the Federal level. She is providing resources and support to help FFTA members navigate the Family First Prevention Services Act.

In 2019, FFTA released the 5th Edition of the FFTA Program Standards for Treatment Family Care. FFTA's Program Standards were first developed in 1991, to define the treatment foster care model. They have been used by thousands of agencies to develop quality Treatment Foster Care programs. The newest edition takes an expanded look at treatment family care, and provides guidance on ways to apply the Standards in kinship homes.

We continued to offer our popular Webinar Wednesday series on important topics such as foster parent recruitment and retention, supporting LGBTQI Youth, kinship, leadership development, family-based interventions, supervision and more. FFTA Members had the option to earn continuing education credit for participating in these webinars through the ASWB program.

Shared best practices through the FFTA FOCUS and electronic newsletters on topics such as Evidence Based Practices, Transitions in Foster Care, Medical Needs of Youth in Care and Preventative Interventions.

FFTA updated its website in 2019 to ensure that it reflects the organization's new strategic direction and increases the number of resource for FFTA members.

The Board of Directors approved the formation of the FFTA Pennsylvania Chapter, making it the 23rd FFTA chapter representing agencies locally throughout the United States.