FFTA is a leading non-profit association in North America with a legacy of advancing best practices and advocating for policies that support families in their care and treatment for children.

With roots in treatment foster care going back over 35 years, today FFTA has nearly 500 member organizations, from 47 states and multiple provinces in Canada, delivering a full array of services to families across formal and informal mental health and child welfare systems.

FFTA’s vision for the future is more communities, where those who support families feel supported, and all can thrive. We do this by leveraging collective knowledge, proven solutions, innovation, and inclusion to advance wellness for all families and communities.

Public Policy: Connecting Communities & Local Innovation
- Education & Mobilization in Support of Policies that Support Families
- Weekly Public Policy & State Spotlight Alerts Delivered to your Email
- 24 State FFTA Chapters Support Integration of Local- & Federal-Level Best Practices & Policies

Thought Leadership Supporting Proven Solutions
- Professional Standards for Implementing Treatment Family Care
- Advancing Research & Knowledge in Child Welfare & Mental Health
- Pilot Testing New or Enhanced Models for Service Delivery

Family Focused Treatment Association Eight Areas of Focus
- Equity in Child Welfare and Mental Health Systems
- Supporting Families Within Their Communities
- Community-Driven Policy and Engagement
- Leading for Today and Tomorrow
- Cross-Sector Partnerships and Beyond
- Embracing Local Innovation
- Proven Solutions in Direct Practice
- Workplace Wellness

CONNECTING THE FFTA COMMUNITY TO THE RIGHT RESOURCES AT THE RIGHT TIME
The Treatment Family Care Services Act

Treatment Family Care (formerly treatment/therapeutic foster care) is a comprehensive therapeutic approach for children with diverse needs. It can be administered in various living environments, including kinship homes. Yet, Medicaid lacks a standardized definition for its benefits. This gap will be addressed by the Treatment Family Care Services Act, which will allow federal agencies to guide states on funding opportunities.

FFTA supports legislation that lifts children out of poverty

According to the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM), the child poverty rate more than doubled from 5.2% in 2021 to 12.4% in 2022.

RISE from Trauma Act

This act creates a new U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) grant program to fund community-based coalitions that coordinate stakeholders and deliver targeted local services to address trauma.