



Family Finding

Hillside Institute for Family Connections™ Family Finding and Family Driven Planning Services
Hillside Children's Center

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Family Finding

A range of services to help locate and engage caring adults to create lifetime networks for disconnected youth and young adults. As part of Hillside's commitment to help ensure that all youth have permanent family connections, we are pleased to offer Family Finding services, training, and consultation for Child Welfare (foster care, adoption, out of home placement), Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, and Developmental Disabilities public or private agencies.

Family connectedness is essential to healthy child development, but many youth in out-of-home placement have few or no family members on whom they can depend. Without these essential connections, youth have little chance of healthy development or living happy, fulfilled productive lives after they are discharged from care.

Family Finding services offer a model to discover, engage and support biological family, fictive kin and other natural supports in order to effectively plan for the youth's legal and relational permanency.

Outcomes

For Youth

- A decrease in loneliness and isolation, and an increase in hope for the future.
- An increased understanding of their families and themselves, including knowing their own story
- An increased number and strength of connections with supportive family members and natural supports.

For Families

- Healing and restoration through re-connection with their family member.

For Funders

- Cost savings are realized when youth in care discharge to a lower level of care or are able to leave care or avoid care altogether.

For additional information please see [Family Finding Training and Video4Connections](#)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Youth who reside in out-of-home placement and have few or no permanency connections. Additional eligibility criteria are based on youth's county of origin and/or current placement. Please call or email for additional information.

RESIDENTS OF

Albany County, Allegany County, Bronx County, Broome County, Cattaraugus County, Cayuga County, Chautauqua County, Chemung County, Chenango County, Clinton County, Columbia County, Cortland County, Delaware County, Dutchess County, Erie County, Essex County, Franklin County, Fulton County, Genesee County, Greene County, Hamilton County, Herkimer County, Jefferson County, Kings County, Lewis County, Livingston County, Madison County, Monroe County, Montgomery County, Nassau County, New York County, Niagara County, Oneida County, Onondaga County, Ontario County, Orange County, Orleans County, Oswego County, Otsego County, Putnam County, Queens County, Rensselaer County, Richmond County, Rockland County, Saratoga County, Schenectady County, Schoharie County, Schuyler County, Seneca County, St Lawrence County, Steuben County, Suffolk County, Sullivan County, Tioga County, Tompkins County, Ulster County, Warren County, Washington County, Wayne County, Westchester County, Wyoming County, Yates County

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