



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](#)

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.

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