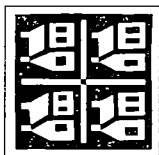


MEMBERSHIP



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FFTA holds regional meetings throughout the year. As a member you are invited to attend and participate in any of these meetings.

In addition, you will receive three individual discounts to the annual North American Conference on Treatment Foster Care, sponsored by FFTA. This leading conference provides an outstanding forum for professionals to exchange and share creative ideas and information related to the practice of treatment foster care.

The FFTA Board of Directors provides an excellent opportunity to broaden your professional horizons while lending your specific expertise to one of your areas of personal interest. All association members are eligible for nomination to the board and may serve on committees.

A COMMITMENT TO ACTION

FFTA members are action oriented. We are accustomed to dealing with a broader and more detailed view of each child's or adult's world than can typically be addressed by more narrowly defined services. This necessitates a more dynamic approach, and an understanding that programs must constantly evolve in order to ensure the child's or adult's successful adjustment to family and community life.

We work with them in the real world — the same world they will be part of when they reach adulthood or when they need less intensive services, or no services at all. While treatment foster care has obvious advantages, it also presents us with a host of dilemmas related to funding issues, permanency-planning, family preservation, and others. FFTA is committed to helping agencies clarify and resolve such issues



through seminars, public policy institutes and the publication of position papers and discussion papers.

In response to the distinctive situations presented by treatment foster care, the FFTA Board of Directors, in collaboration with agency executives throughout North America, has developed standards of practice for this service.

These standards have helped define the model and set parameters to guide both new and seasoned practitioners of treatment foster care.

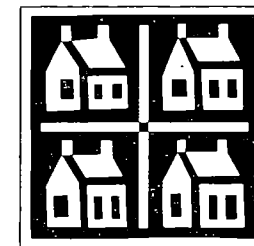
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When you join FFTA you are making a statement – an important statement about your dedication to excellence in the provision of treatment foster care, your desire to network with other equally committed agencies and your intention to promote high but attainable standards of practice for the provision of treatment foster care.

A COMMON VISION

FFTA member agencies share certain core values and principles which lie at the heart of treatment foster care and shape its operations. These include a strong belief in normalization as a treatment principle and the power of family living as a stabilizing influence. We share a belief in the important role that kinship plays in the formation of identity and self-worth, and support all relationships which impart a sense of family to the people we serve.

FFTA member agencies believe in the value of cultural diversity and in the importance of developing competence in dealing with issues of diversity.

Perhaps most importantly, we share a simple but profound commitment to individualized

care and to *doing whatever it takes* to maximize a person's chances to live successfully in a family and community. This demands that we develop a high degree of flexibility, innovation and responsiveness to individual needs and circumstances.

MEMBERSHIP IN FFTA ALLOWS YOU TO:

■ Network with other foster care professionals throughout the United States and Canada.

■ Stay informed, via FFTA's AGENCY MEMORANDUM eight times per year, of developments and issues of interest in the field of treatment foster care.

■ Receive five copies of each FOCUS FFTA, the association's issue-oriented quarterly newsletter.

■ Keep abreast of operational, administrative and strategic issues of importance through receipt of position papers and discussion papers prepared by FFTA members.

■ Receive three individual discounts to FFTA's annual North American Conference on Treatment Foster Care.

■ Impact public policy related to treatment foster care at the national and state/provincial level.

■ Participate in the development and periodic revision of standards of practice for treatment foster care.

■ Be included in the Association's growing data base and have access to it anytime.

■ Join one or more of the rapidly growing number of FFTA Chapters.

■ Receive a Certificate of Membership for agency display.

■ Be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors or one of its dynamic committees.

By joining now you can help shape the future of the association and the field of treatment foster care.

COMMUNICATIONS LINK FOR TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROFESSIONALS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

Founded in 1988, the Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA) was established with the initial purpose of defining and refining treatment foster care practice. Composed entirely of treatment foster care agencies throughout the United States and Canada, the association is assisted by recognized researchers and policy-makers in the fields of child welfare and mental health.

Dedicated to sharing the latest developments, research and information in the field, FFTA serves as a central communications center for its members.

All members are apprised of up-to-date treatment foster care news (eight times each year) via FFTA's AGENCY MEMORANDUM. In addition FOCUS

FFTA, the association's quarterly newsletter, presents essential information on key programmatic, administrative and policy issues important to treatment foster care.

STATE OF THE ART INFORMATION

As a member, your agency will be added to FFTA's data base. You will have access to the data and be able to contact other professionals throughout North America to share ideas and innovations.

The Foster Family-based Treatment Association is the leading advocate for the development, evaluation, and expansion of treatment foster care. Join this network of exceptional professionals. *We do make a difference.*

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join FFTA, just complete the information below and mail it to us. We'll take it from there!

Your Name:

Agency/Affiliate Name:

Address:

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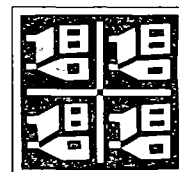
Zip Code:

Telephone: (area code)

FAX: ()

Your Title at Agency:

FFTA member agencies agree to adhere to the values described in the FFTA's



Program Standards for Treatment Foster Care and will work towards compliance with these Standards.

First year dues are \$250. Thereafter, dues are based upon your agency's annual treatment foster care budget. See attached schedule for more details.

Please mail to: FFTA, 43 West 33rd Street, Suite 601, New York, New York 10001 ■ Or Fax to: 212 594-7360

