



**Our mission is to empower parents and give them the tools to change the narrative society has created for them. We aim to reunify and keep more children with their biological caretakers, decrease the amount of time children spend in the care of the state and reduce the risk of re entry back into foster care.**

**We support parents working through their service plans with CPS by:**

- Building community connections
- Attending meetings with parents
- Connecting parents to resources
- Helping navigate the system
- Providing a peer mentor

## What is foster care?

When there is a threat to a child's safety, children are removed from their family home and placed in foster care temporarily. The goal is to connect parents to resources and teach them to parent in a healthy capacity so their children can return to them safely.

### Why is reunification so hard to attain?

- Implicit biases within the system
- Lack of access to education
- Childhood trauma
- Lack of safe community/support
- False narrative that foster care is a family growing tool

### Program Benefits

- Increases family reunification rate
- Lowers the risk of subsequent CPS referrals
- Children spend less time in foster care
- Reduces state funds spend on foster care
- Better prepares parents
- Helps parents build safe community connections and support

### Why reunification?

- Children in non biological homes are more likely to lose their lives (University of Chicago Medicine)
- 36% of children were assaulted or re victimized while in foster care (NJ Office of Child Advocacy)
- 29% of youth who age out of foster care are more likely to experience homelessness by 21 (Fordham University)
- 71% of young women aging out of care are more likely to experience early and unplanned pregnancies (Foster VA)

### Avg Reunification Rates

In USA: 48%

In Texas: 25%