



YPA MISSION

Represent the interest of the members in regard to policy, legislative and contract issues. Advocate for youth and a cooperative coordinated system of care for such youth. Actively participate in the political and public policy arena in order to meet the above stated objectives.



**Family
Focused
Treatment
Association**

FFTA MISSION

The mission of FFTA is to strengthen agencies that support families caring for vulnerable children. FFTA achieves this mission by:

- Promoting program standards for treatment foster care
- Encouraging research and evaluation in the field
- Providing technical assistance
- Creating professional development opportunities
- Monitoring and advocating for legislation that improves access to services by children and youth in treatment foster care
- Providing technical assistance

FFTA's Impact

- Over the years, we've grown to become the only national, nonprofit association representing treatment foster care programs across North America.
- We have 450 member agencies located in nearly every U.S. state and Canadian province.
- FFTA member agencies provide treatment foster care services to more than 50,000 children and youth each year.
- Learn about new developments, trends, and child welfare resources in FFTA's members-only publications FOCUS and Treatment Foster Care e-News.
- Shape the future of Treatment Foster Care and network with like-minded professionals by serving on the FFTA Board of Directors or one of several FFTA committees.
- Associate your agency with the only North American Treatment Foster Care association and share information and resources with other professionals in the field.

Direction of the State of Utah:

- Moving toward Treatment Foster Care
- Moving toward performance based contracting
- Moving toward requiring an evidence based model
- Moving toward business practices that prove viability and longevity (accreditation?)
- Moving toward requiring use of 'best practice' in youth care

Why This Matters To You as a Provider

The State of Utah/ DCFS has been clear regarding the direction they are heading

Providers have a working partnership with decision makers and influence in the process YPA and FFTA provide a roadmap for how to be successful as a Private Provider, while giving freedom to choose your own treatment model

YPA and FFTA work in partnership, but are not connected. You are welcome to be a member of one or the other or both.