HISTORY & OVERVIEW

Child & Family Services has been servicing the community since 1843. We are a comprehensive agency offering a wide range of counseling and community support services. These include specialty clinics, individual, group and family therapy, psychological testing, psychiatric consultation, adoption services and community youth support.

Child & Family Services’ commitment is to serve the community with the highest respect and professionalism.

YOUTH PERMANENCY CONNECTIONS

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Child & Family Services’ mission is “...to heal and strengthen the lives of children and families.”
WHAT AND WHY

Youth Permanency Connections (YPC) services are designed to promote permanency and to establish a significant adult connection in a youth’s life as they age out of the foster care system.

YPC staff collaborate with Department of Children and Families (DCF) area social workers to identify youth who can benefit from enrollment in the program. Together we work to improve outcomes for youth in foster care.

According to the National Resource Center for Youth Services, more than 20,000 adolescents exit the foster care system annually without full preparation for adulthood. Adolescents are best prepared to transition to adulthood when they have at least one caring, committed adult in their life.

Research indicates that “aging out” without ties to a family leaves teens without resources to establish themselves as self-supporting.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Referrals to the program may primarily come from adolescent outreach workers, social workers, adoption workers, or placement coordinators.

• Identify youth who are aging out of the state system and could benefit from a positive adult connection.
• Speak with your gate keeper about the referral.
• Collaborate with YPC staff to meet the goal of establishing a permanent connection in the lives of DCF identified youth.

HOW WE CAN HELP

All components are youth-driven, strengths-based and culturally competent.

• YPC staff will identify, locate and explore all potential individuals willing and able to make a commitment to the teen.
• We will work with the enrolled youth to identify and/or recruit a specific family or adult connection who they want to remain close and connected to throughout their adulthood.
• We provide a youth-centered, family focused permanency planning team process that includes the youth, family members, significant adults and social service providers.

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