

# 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> and so much more



THE INSTITUTE FOR CHILD WELFARE INNOVATION

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# 30 Days to Family®

## Quick Overview

30 Days to Family® is an intense, short-term intervention developed by the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition and replicated nationally by the Institute for Child Welfare Innovation to:

- 1) increase the number of children placed with relatives when they enter the foster care system; and
- 2) ensure natural and community supports are in place to promote stability for the child.



**CEBC** THE CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE-BASED CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CHILD WELFARE  
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### 30 Days to Family®

Topic Areas	Scientific Rating <i>i</i>	Child Welfare Relevance <i>i</i>
Permanency Enhancement Interventions for Adolescents	<b>3</b> — Promising <u>Research Evidence</u>	<b>High</b>

# CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE BASED CLEARINGHOUSE

30 Days to Family® is rated as Promising Research Evidence under the Permanency Enhancement Interventions for Adolescents topic area.

The program has been designated to provide outcomes for Permanency and Child/Family Well-Being

<https://www.cebc4cw.org/program/30-days-to-family/>



# WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY?

The 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> rigorous search process identifies and engages more relatives, faster – helping children have greater connection to their siblings, more involvement with their paternal relatives, and find stable homes with relatives within 30 days.

Once children are placed with family, our robust support plans for both the children and placement providers promote placement stability and solidify connections that create better outcomes for children, families, and the communities we call home.

# SAME OLD STUFF DOESN'T WORK... THIS IS WHAT DOES

2 families at one time. That's it.  
With dedication to those families,  
the focus is truly on them.

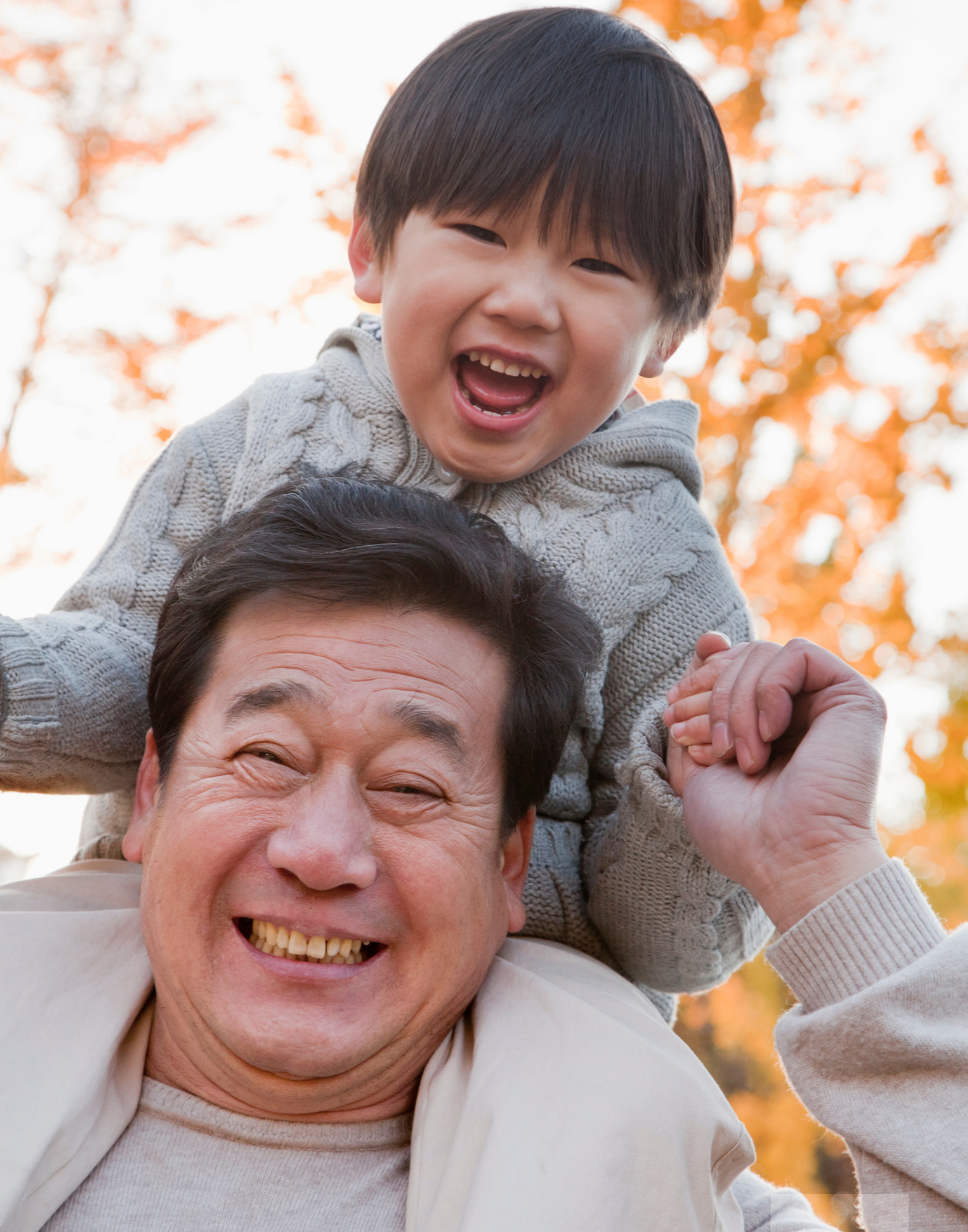
30 days. Period.  
We get in, we do the work, and  
we hand off. Urgency is key.

The system is tough to navigate. We help  
families access, map and sustain every service  
they need.

Contact with all family members.  
Every single one. They all have  
something to contribute.

Connections and supports are key.  
Gone are the days of looking  
only for placement.

Specialized worker for specialized  
work. One person doing all the jobs  
just isn't possible.



# PROVEN SAVINGS

*The savings referenced are based on Missouri case rates*

- **Every child served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> saves taxpayers an average of \$10,217\*.**
- Every child served age 9 years and older saves taxpayers an average of \$21,686\*.
- Every child served who has an identified disability saves taxpayers an average of \$28,819\*.

*Atkinson, A.J. (2019). 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup>: Confirming theoretical and actual outcomes. Child Welfare, 97(5), 97-129.*

# PROVEN OUTCOMES

- **Relative Placement.** Children served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> were more likely to be placed with a relative or kin than those not served.
- **Less time in care.** Children served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> remained in foster care an average 91.4 fewer days; those age 9 years and older were in care an average 194 fewer days; and those with an identified disability were in care an average 257.8 fewer days.
- **Increased placement stability.** For children served by 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup>, placement change rates were reduced by 81% after being placed with relatives.

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In reviewing data from the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition 30 Days to Family® site from the beginning of the program in February 2011 through December 2020 we found some heartening data:

75%



**Placement Rate:** 701 of 934 children served were placed with family at the conclusion of services

82%



**Placement Stability:** Of those 701 children placed with family, 573 children remained placed with family at the most recent follow-up

33%



**Promoting Family Placement:** Sometimes despite best efforts, children aren't moved with family during the program intervention. The remarkable thing is that the work done was not for nothing. 66 of the 233 children that were not placed with family at the conclusion of services had achieved family placement at the time of the most recent follow-up!

full details here: <https://forchildwelfare.org/evidence>

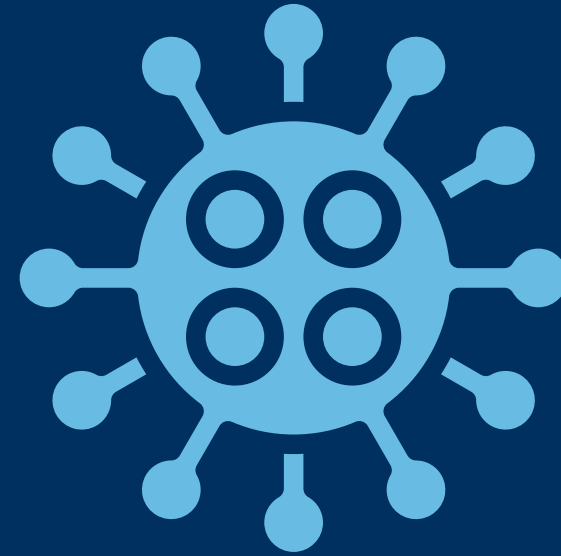


# REASONS THAT JUST MAKE SENSE



## Racial equity

We believe justice means working to keep children with their families, their communities, their people.



## COVID-19

With foster homes cautious of taking in children and a system that has no idea what 2021 will look like, our program mitigates the unknowns by keeping children with their family.



## Saves money

The program saves money so those precious resources can be used for the things that matter.

# CURRENT PROGRAM REPLICATION



## Missouri

Originated in St Louis and replicated by 4 organizations (private and state contracted) in 20 counties



## Kansas

Currently replicated by a contracted case management organization in 1 county



## Ohio

Currently replicated in 17 counties (county administered government agencies) by a private coordinating organization

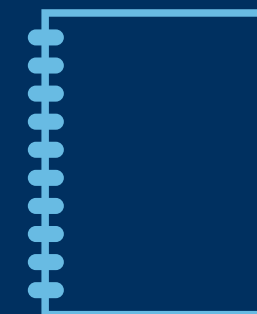
We know 30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> works at the point of entry, but what about trying it at other times?

**Yes, we've had that same thought.**

If you are interested, reach out to us for more information on these pilot programs.



30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> Prevention Program



30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> for Youth in the System



## Training

The collective number of years our staff has been doing this work makes us feel old. ;) But we know that with the combined experience and knowledge comes wisdom. And because discovering new and innovative ways to impact the child welfare field is our passion, we can talk about our work for days on end.

**30 Days to Family<sup>®</sup> not a fit right now?**

Never fear. We offer so much more!

## Consultation

Sometimes you know what you want to do, but aren't quite sure how to get there. We get it. Discovering new and innovative ways to impact the child welfare field is our passion, we can talk about our work for days on end. Our services can be delivered virtually, to a small group or to a large agency audience.



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