

FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES

OVERVIEW AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- <http://ocwtp.net/Distance%20Learning.html#SelfDirected>
 - OCWTP FSE distance learning
- http://www.cwti.org/Training/spp/rel_explore_curric_1.09.pdf
 - *Maine's Supervising for Comprehensive Relative Identification and Exploration*
- [Family Search and Engagement and CFSR- What's the Connection?](#)
 - *Studies comparing the relationship between FSE and CFSR outcomes for children and youth in relative and non-relative placements*
- [Glossary of Terms](#)
 - *Terms common to Family Search and Engagement*
- www.clasp.org
 - *Conway, T., Hutson, R.Q., (2007). Is Kinship Care Good For Kids? Center for Law and Policy. Research and statistics regarding the outcomes for youth in kinship care*
- [Foster Youths Transitions to Adulthood: Outcomes 12 to 18 Months after Leaving Out-of-Home Care](#)
 - *A reference for tracking and measuring the outcomes of emancipating youth the National Center for Children in Poverty*
- www.cwla.org/programs/kinship/factsheet.htm
 - *CWLA Kinship Care: Fact Sheet - Provides an overview of kinship care for every state in America*
- www.ocwtp.net/PDFs/Trainer%20Resources/CG%200610.pdf
 - *An article written by a foster care alumna that challenges child welfare professionals to consider what is meant by the term permanency, and what shapes our definition.*
- www.fostercarealumni.org/index.cfm?page=489
 - *Website for a national foster care organization that connects and transforms the community of people who grew up in foster care.*
- 212.130.14.144/PageFiles/116653/Forskningsoversigt%20fra%20SFI-Campbell.pdf
 - *A Campbell systematic review that measures and evaluates the effect of kinship care placement of children removed from the home for maltreatment.*
- Examples of a Family Search and Engagement success stories
 - www.emqff.org/about/success/angela.shtml
 - www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/pdstories.cfm#page=pStoriesBlurbs
 - www.nrcpfc.org/digital_stories/YP_John_G/index.htm
 - www.senecacenter.org/perm_digitalstories
 - www.nytimes.com/2010/01/31/us/31adopt.html
 - www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/storiesDJP2.cfm

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SEARCHING

- <http://www.rglewis.com/asking%20parents.pdf>
 - *Questions to ask parents about family and kin*
- [Bringing Family to the Table](#)
 - *Guide to engaging families by Child Trends*
- [Absent Parent and Relative Search Manual](#)
 - *Service manual from Kentucky*
- <http://www.search-institute.org/conversation-generator>
 - *Widget that produces conversation-starting questions from the Search Institute*
- [Circles of Support](#)
 - *A tool to help identify the various systems of support available to youth and to help illustrate the quality of those relationships*
- [Internet Search Tracking Tool](#)
 - *A tool used to capture search data from various websites during the search process*
- [Intensive Relative Search Contact Information](#)
 - *A tool to keep track of important information about potential connections for the youth gathered through the search effort*
- [The Connectedness Map](#)
 - *A tool to help remind youth of all the people with whom they are connected*
- Search engines:
 - www.411.com *Website for locating addresses and telephone numbers for people*
 - www accurint.com *Website for public records search (requires a subscription)*
 - www.anywho.com *Search by name, street, city, state and zip. Provides name, address, phone number and map offers address and reverse searches*
 - www.dogpile.com *Search by name city and state. Provides name, address, phone number and map*
 - www.familyecho.com *An interactive site for building family trees*
 - www.genopro.com *A web based tool used to create a genogram*
 - www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/SixSteps.pdf *See page 68 in this document for other free internet search resources*
 - www.intelius.com *A web based tool for locating people*
 - www.mama.com *Search by name, city and state. Provides name phone and address. Also offers reverse search*
 - www.reversephonedirectory.com *Search by name, city and state. Search by address and it will provide name of resident living at that location. Also reverse search by entering phone number to find address and name of resident. Cell phone number search can be purchased for a premium*
 - www.ussearch.com/others/consumer/reunion/youthtoday.html : *US Search: Be Informed; Family finding strategies that connect foster kids with relatives and permanent homes*
 - www.zabasearch.com *Search by name, city, state and birth year. Provides name, address, phone and map to get to address. Also offers reverse search (enter 10 digit phone number to get an address)*

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CONTACTING

- [Connections Tracking Form](#)
 - *A tool for logging contacts with permanency connections*
- [Sample Letters](#)
 - *Examples of letters to send to potential permanency connections for different situations*
- [Sample Telephone Call Scripts](#)
 - *Examples of ways to manage telephone contacts with permanency connections*
- www.emqff.org/EMQTraining/training/fpi/docs/FSE_guide.pdf *See pages 66 -73 for sample call scripts and sample letters*

TEAMING

- [Meeting Tips](#)
 - *Suggestions a facilitator might consider during and after a team meeting*
- [Permanency Team Meeting Agenda](#)
 - *A sample agenda for a permanency team meeting*
- [Youth Participation](#)
 - *Information helpful in preparing youth for participation on the permanency team*
- www.caseyfamilyservices.org/userfiles/pdf/teaming-comparing-approaches-2009.pdf
 - *A resource on different teaming approaches*
- www.nrcpfc.org/downloads/SixSteps.pdf
 - *See pages 42-43 for a questions to consider when planning a permanency team meeting*
- www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/Organizational%20Effectiveness/FGDM%20Evaluation%20PDFs/FGDM%20Toolkit.pdf
 - *Identifies specific strategies to prepare and involve children in the permanency planning process*
- www.senecacenter.org/files/cpyp/solano_files/SolanoPermanencyTeamMeetings.pdf
 - *Permanency Team brochure that describes elements of an effective permanency team meeting*

DEVELOPING PERMANENCY

- [Declaration of Intent to Maintain Contact](#)
 - *Statement of commitment by permanency connection*
- [Permanency Pact Certificate](#)
 - *Certificate signed by adult indicating what types of supports they are committing to give*
- [Youth Permanency Scale](#)
 - *A tool used with youth to assess their perceptions of permanency*
- [Initial Visits](#)
 - *A guide for preparing youth before and after the initial visit with permanency connections*
- www.fosterclub.com/files/PermPact_0.pdf
 - *Permanency Pact - A sample contract to support permanency for youth in foster care with ideas and descriptions of numerous types of connections*
- http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/fewpt/shared_planning_decision_making.htm
 - *A toolkit to help workers and families share in planning and decision making*

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SUSTAINING PERMANENCY

- [Permanency Sustainment Planning](#)
 - *A tool for supporting and maintaining the permanency relationship*
- [Closure Report Form](#)
 - *A tool for summarizing permanency efforts and outcomes*
- <http://www.humanservices.ucdavis.edu/academy/pdf/The357model.pdf>
 - *Henry, D. (2005). The 3-5-7 Model: Preparing Children for Permanency (Temple University Children and Youth Services Review 27, 197-212)*
- <http://www.senecacenter.org/files/cpyp/Files/WSJCourts.pdf>
 - *Louisell, Mardith J. (2006). Recommendations for Effective Partnerships Between the Juvenile Courts and Child Welfare (California Permanency for Youth Project).*