



Driven by our members, FFTA Committees provide you the opportunity to work alongside child welfare and behavioral health professionals from across North America. Whether you're a Social Worker or a CEO, joining one or more committees provides valuable opportunities to network with professionals who have similar interests, broaden professional horizons, showcase your agency's work, apply a specific area of expertise, shape national policy and best practices, and bring resources back to your agency.

A few benefits of committee membership include:

- Collaborate, network, and learn from colleagues and experts from across North America
- Keep your agency, FFTA members, and others informed about important issues and developments
- Affect national policy, standards, and practices in child welfare, behavioral health & other treatment family care services
- Gain new information and experience that can be applied to your agency and its programs
- Shape and influence treatment family care best practices and public policy
- Contribute to meeting the challenges faced by treatment family care providers
- Develop leadership skills that could result in professional advancement both in and outside of your agency
- Take advantage of professional development opportunities in your area of interest or expertise
- Benefit from peer support and mentoring opportunities through other committee members
- Become re-energized and inspired by other professionals to enhance your work with children and families
- Be a part of the broader human service sector by becoming involved in the *only* North American-based Association specifically dedicated to treatment family care
- ...and, most importantly, make a positive impact on children, youth, and families in new and exciting ways

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Conference Committee oversees the development of our Annual Conference. Opportunities include recommending keynote speakers, reviewing workshop proposals, recommending special educational tracks, and developing conference themes. Committee members shape and contribute to an extensive educational program and enhance the knowledge of more than 700 professionals who attend the conference each year. The committee meets most often virtually, and on a monthly basis.

Mike DiBrizzi, Committee Chairperson | Sally Buchanan, Committee Vice-Chairperson

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE

The purpose of the DEI Committee is to foster a welcoming and inclusive culture within the Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA) and to support activities to advance equity and justice for all. The committee serves to seek input and provide leadership on equity and justice efforts and initiatives in our sector.

Brennon Graham, Committee Chairperson | Ryann Vernetson, Committee Vice-Chairperson

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The Editorial Committee conceptualizes themes and articles for FFTA's newsletter, *FOCUS*. Committee members write articles, recommend and recruit authors, and conduct interviews with experts to bring the most important issues and best practices in the field to FFTA members. Committee members are given the opportunity to contribute to a nationally disseminated field publication and educate members on trends and best practices in treatment family care, child welfare, behavioral health and public policy. The committee meets virtually, approximately 8 times a year.

Yvette Sanchez, Committee Chairperson | Shahrukh Chishty, Committee Vice-Chairperson

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES COLLABORATIVE

The Innovative Practice Collaborative (formerly the Research Committee) provides information, resources, and networking opportunities to support practical, efficient, and effective strategies to use data and other information to guide program evaluation and improvement efforts. Collaborative members range from direct service professionals to researchers, all with an interest in using data in every day practice, translating research to practice, conducting program evaluation, and implementing CQI processes. The Collaborative also initiates special projects based on member input and requests from the membership.

Amy Strickler, Ph.D., Committee Chairperson

KINSHIP COMMITTEE

The Kinship Committee provides resources and technical assistance to help build kinship capacity and competencies amongst FFTA members and the broader child welfare system. The Committee promotes the integration of treatment foster care with kin and equips agencies with tools to support a kinship TFC continuum. The committee has developed a kinship toolkit and promotes partnerships between public and private agencies to facilitate kinship care as a first placement option for children and youth removed from their homes. The committee has led learning collaboratives through Kinship Roundtables, and advanced the professional development to those serving kinship families across North America. The committee meets virtually throughout the year.

Brian Lynch, Committee Chairperson | Doreen Chapman, Committee Vice-Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee serves as the direct link between FFTA members and the Association and plays an integral role in ensuring member satisfaction. Committee members also offer expertise on ways FFTA can enhance programs and services. Members serve as "FFTA Ambassadors" to support and champion FFTA's mission in their own states and amongst their professional networks. The committee meets virtually on a monthly basis.

Sue Evans, Committee Chairperson | Laura Mueller, Committee Vice-Chairperson

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The Public Policy Committee helps to lead the field in best practices in child welfare and behavioral health through public policy and legislation. It monitors and influences federal public policy that impacts child welfare and behavioral health services. Committee members lead in the sector by contributing their expertise to the development of the FFTA Public Policy Platform. Members have the opportunity to influence the sector through Public Policy Focus Groups aimed at federal policy, ACES/Trauma Informed Care, and the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). In addition, committee members share their expertise in shaping one of our sector's signature public policy events, FFTA's Public Policy Institute & TFC Advocacy Day, held in Washington DC each May. The committee meets virtually on a monthly basis.

Jim Roberts, Committee Chairperson | Ray Culp, Committee Vice-Chairperson

Shape the Future of Family Focused Treatment Services by Joining an FFTA Committee!

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