

Relational Advocacy for Tampa Bay Foster Families

Serving families in the foster care community, and the children in their care, through community focused intentional supports of relationships, coaching, serving, and giving.

FAMILIES SERVED MONTHLY

650+

West Florida Foster Care Services has spent nearly two decades walking alongside foster and adoptive families in Hillsborough County. As the new Family Support Agency model is launched, Relational Advocacy is the heart of everything — because data shows that families with a dedicated support network are significantly more likely to remain stable, keep children in permanent placements, and thrive long-term. No foster family should walk this road alone.

RELATIONAL ADVOCACY

1:1 Volunteer Advocate Matching

Every foster family will be matched with a trained community volunteer who walks alongside them through challenges, celebrations, and everything in between.

Mentor Relationships

Experienced foster and adoptive families will mentor newer ones, providing a safe space for honest conversation, guidance, and peer support.

Family Coaching & Support

Certified coaches will provide practical, trauma-informed guidance to help families navigate difficult behaviors, transitions, and court processes.

Trauma-Informed Care Networks

Families will be connected to a vetted network of therapists, educators, and specialists trained in trauma and attachment-informed practices.

Crisis & Emergency Support

When families face an unexpected crisis, advocates will respond quickly with practical help, referrals, and a caring human presence.

THE IMPACT & WHY IT MATTERS

400+

families served per month through foster closets

150+

families fed weekly food pantry

3

Empty Closet locations

3,400+

children in Hillsborough Co. care

~20

years serving Tampa Bay families

Benefits to Supported Families

- ✓ Reduced foster placement disruptions & breakdowns
- ✓ Increased caregiver confidence & retention
- ✓ Faster access to crisis resources when needed
- ✓ Children experience greater stability & permanency
- ✓ Families feel seen, known, and not alone
- ✓ Community volunteers grow as servant leaders
- ✓ Churches and businesses fulfill a tangible mission

The Four Pillars of The Family Support Model

Relational Advocacy	Material Resources	Training & Education	Community Mobilization
Volunteers, mentors, coaches & trauma-informed networks for every family.	Empty Closet, food pantry, hygiene kits & emergency supply support.	Trauma-informed workshops, certifications & church equipping sessions.	Faith partners, corporate sponsors, volunteers & advocacy events.

How You Can Get Involved

<p>♥ Volunteer</p> <p>Get matched with projects, tasks, and families that align with your gifts and passions — so you can serve in a way that is meaningful to you, not just a need to be filled.</p>	<p>◆ Donate</p> <p>Financial gifts directly fund advocacy matching, coaching services, training programs, and emergency support for families in need.</p>	<p>★ Mobilize</p> <p>Connect your church, business, or organization in a tangible way with foster families. Host a drive, sponsor a family, or partner as a community anchor.</p>
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Volunteer, donate, or mobilize your congregation — every role matters.

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