

Casey Family Services: An Overview

Casey Family Services is the direct service agency of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated exclusively to children and families in the United States. Casey Family Services provides family-strengthening and permanency services for children and youth at risk of, or in, the child welfare system.

In 1976, Jim Casey, the founder of UPS, established Casey Family Services as a nonprofit child welfare agency dedicated to helping children in foster care.

Since its founding, Casey Family Services has evolved to provide services that support safe, stable, and lifelong family relationships for children and youth both in foster care and in the struggling communities in which it works.

Casey Family Services is committed to disseminating lessons learned to improve child welfare practice and policy at the local, state, and national levels. Its **Casey Center for Effective Child Welfare Practice** provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to state systems across the nation.

Casey Family Services aims to achieve the following results:

- decrease the number and rate of children entering foster care;
- increase the rate and number of children connected to stable and permanent families;
- ensure that more children have their emotional and physical needs met; and
- reduce inappropriate racial and ethnic disparities related to well-being and permanency outcomes in the child welfare system.

Raymond L. Torres, vice president of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and executive director of Casey Family Services, leads the agency.

WHERE CASEY WORKS

Headquartered in New Haven, Connecticut, Casey Family Services has more than 350 staff members in seven states: Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

FAMILY-STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AT RISK OF CHILD WELFARE INVOLVEMENT

Family Preservation and Support focuses on keeping at-risk children at home and families intact by responding to an immediate crisis prior to children being removed.

Family Resource Centers offer community supports and referrals to vulnerable families in neighborhood- or school-based settings.

PERMANENCY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN INVOLVED WITH CHILD WELFARE

Family Reunification work to return young children in foster care safely and timely to their birth families soon after being removed from the home.

Foster Care and Adoption provide support to children who are living with Casey foster families and strives to help children achieve permanence through a return to family, adoption, or placement with a relative or guardian.

Permanency Planning facilitate a process for children and youth – including those not in a Casey foster family – to achieve and sustain a family connection and exit foster care.

Post-Permanency Services provide comprehensive services for adoptive parents and guardians, as well as their children, who have grown their family through the foster care system.