



EXTREME FAMILY FINDING™

Too often, children linger in foster care because there are not enough families willing to adopt. Extreme Family Finding™ puts a team of recruiters and private investigators to work finding extended family members and other relatives willing to care for children most at-risk of aging out of foster care.

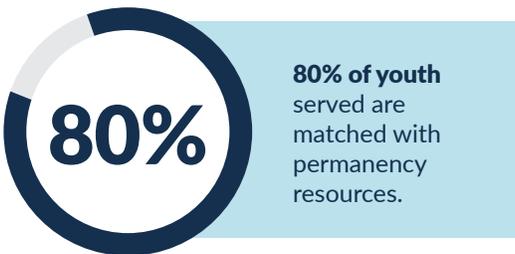
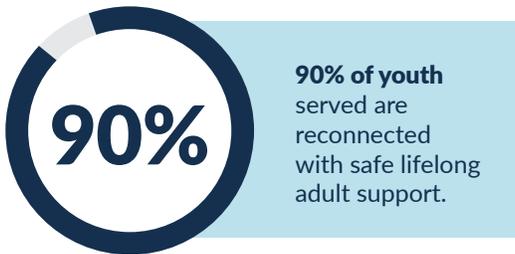
Research shows that when placed with family or friends, children have improved outcomes and more positive experiences. This helps to end the cycle of generational child abuse and neglect.

WHAT IS EXTREME FAMILY FINDING™ (EFF)?

Extreme Family Finding™ is a race to find permanency for youth using intensive recruitment efforts and permanency preparation. We find permanent homes for children by creating a dynamic and vibrant team that constantly works together with urgency. Extreme Family Finders conduct diligent searches to reconnect youth with relatives or kin and utilize creative recruitment strategies while continuously assessing all areas of a child's life and their readiness for permanency.

The main goal of Extreme Family Finding™ is to improve long term outcomes of youth in care. We believe that every child is adoptable and deserves a permanent, loving home. Youth do not need to be "stable" to be worthy of a permanent home. Many youth need permanency before their behaviors will truly stabilize.

OUTCOMES



CASE REQUIREMENTS



EXCEPTIONS:

Child is a part of a sibling set being served.

Youth has documented elevated medical or mental health needs.

Child is legally free for adoption for 6 months with no permanent resource identified.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN IDEAL CASE

Clear and agreed upon case goal, including siblings.

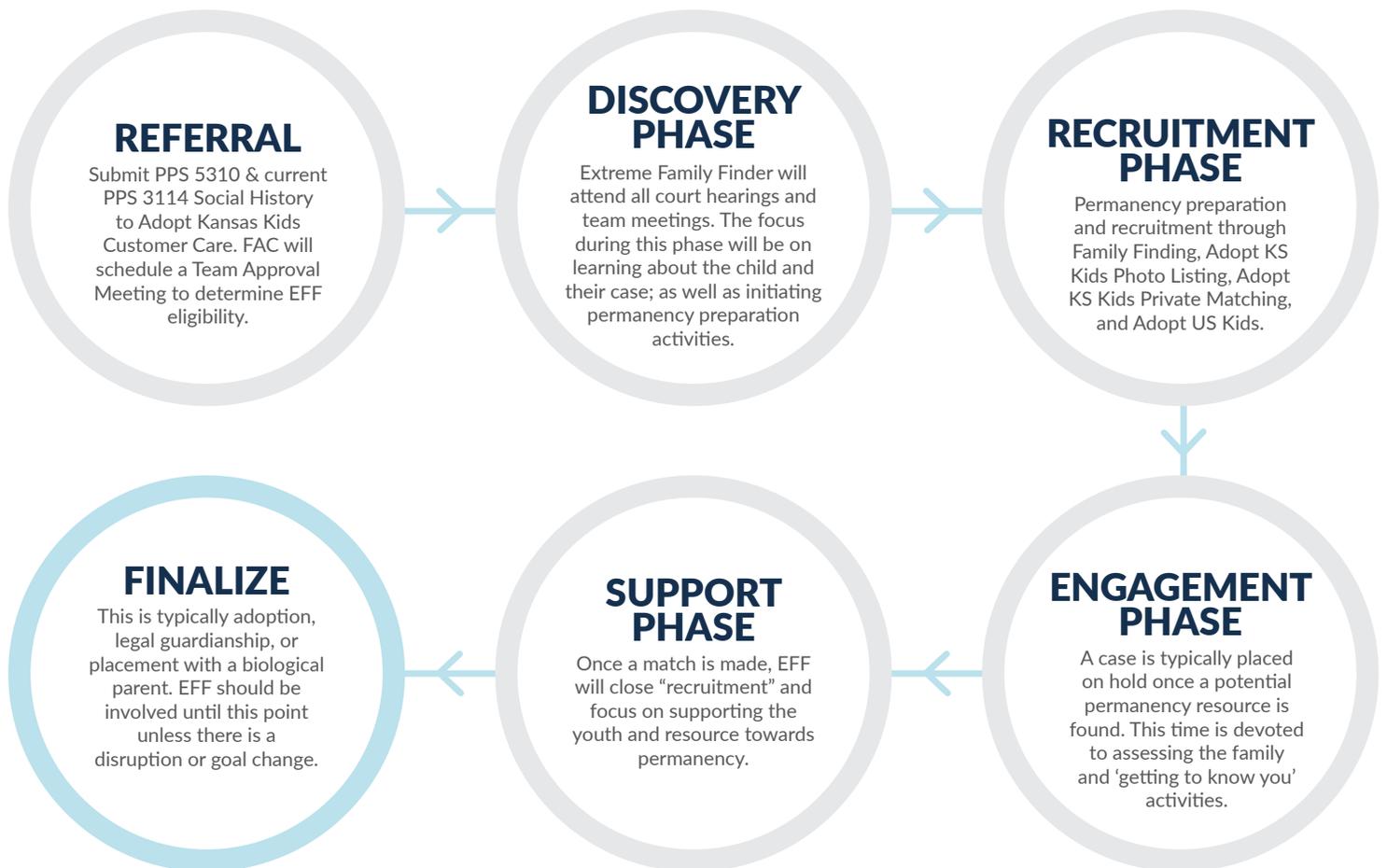
Team members support relative reconnections and permanency with relatives when possible.

Team supports permanency preparation work.

Consistent team communication and participation.

Permanency with current placement has been explored and is not an option.

EXTREME FAMILY FINDING™ CASE TIMELINE



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Extreme Family Finding™ contacting family that I know is "not appropriate"?

We believe that all families include members who are willing and able to be a support to youth. Our Extreme Family Finders understand that many family members have potentially had changes in their personal lives while the child has been in care, sometimes that means their circumstances have changed, allowing them to be a part of the youth's life.

Why do we advocate for relative/kin?

Studies show when compared to youth in non- relative/kinship placements, youth in relative/kinship care:

Report higher satisfaction with their placement.

Experience fewer disruptions, with caregivers being more likely to maintain placement as long as needed.

Are more likely to be placed with their siblings, connected to other relatives and their community, and experience greater continuity in their education.

Are more likely to report a stronger sense of self, especially as it relates to their cultural identity.

Do Extreme Family Finders only look at family as a permanency option?

While we understand that there are benefits for a child to find permanency with a relative or kin, we also understand that sometimes a youth's needs are greater than their relative or kin are willing or able to provide.

Therefore, Extreme Family Finders will utilize many different methods of recruitment, including Adopt KS Kids Photo Listing, Adopt KS Kids Private Matching, and Adopt US Kids., to find a "no matter what" family for the youth they serve.