



UMFS

Unwavering champions
for children and families.

We are a child and family serving nonprofit dedicated to building stronger communities throughout Virginia.

We strive to **empower** children and families to overcome challenging circumstances, achieve their goals, and **build** brighter futures as resilient adults. We are **dedicated** to creating a world where **caring, opportunity, and generosity** are passed on from generation to generation.



What we strive for

Every child in Virginia will have a team of **unwavering champions** and **tools for success** to become resilient adults.

Who we serve



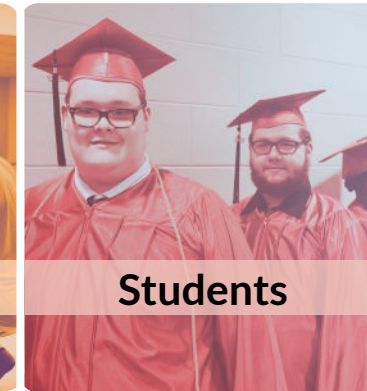
Families



Children



Communities



Students

What we do

Find



- Treatment Foster Care
- Family Finding & Adoption
- Kinship Care
- Home Study + Post-Release Services for Undocumented Youth

Build



- Intensive Care Coordination
- Functional Family Therapy
- Independent Living Services

Heal



- Residential Treatment
- Specialized Therapies
- Post Adoption Services

Guide



- Specialized Education
- Vocational Services
- Family Support
- System Advocacy

To learn more about what we do, see our Programs section.

UMFS Past to Present



Early 1900s

Virginia Annual Conference builds orphanage on Broad Street in 1900; serves as many as 365 children during height of Great Depression.



Mid 1900s



Renamed Virginia Methodist Children's Home in 1950s; more focus placed on reuniting children with families.

Late 1900s

Renamed United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) in 1980; adoption, foster care, and residential treatment services are added.



Early 2000s



UMFS opens Leland House, a short-term crisis intervention program in Centerville; establishes statewide presence with offices in Fredericksburg, Northern Virginia, Farmville, and Tidewater.

Present

UMFS celebrates 124 years, completes public phase of Capital Campaign, opens new Child and Family Healing Center, completes addition to Charterhouse School; emphasis placed on family preservation and family-finding services, including Functional Family Therapy and Kinship Care.



You can trust us

We believe in providing the highest quality of care by maintaining current best practice standards and cultivating an adaptable workforce.



Licensure & Accreditation



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Where you can find us



Visit UMFS.org/locations to view the address of each location across the state.

Treatment Foster Care & Community Based Services

- 1 Richmond Office**
804.353.4461
richmond@UMFS.org
- 2 Fredericksburg Office**
540.898.1773
fredericksburg@UMFS.org
- 3 Northern Virginia Office**
703.941.9008
nova@UMFS.org
- 4 Tidewater Office**
757.490.9791
tidewater@UMFS.org
- 5 Lynchburg Office**
434.846.2002
lynchburg@UMFS.org
- 6 Farmville Office**
434.391.9076
farmville@UMFS.org
- 7 South Hill Office**
434.447.8630
southhill@UMFS.org

Residential Services

- 8 Child & Family Healing Center**
804.353.4461
cfhcreferral@UMFS.org
- 9 Leland House**
703.222.3558
leland@UMFS.org

Specialized Education

- 10 Charterhouse School - Richmond**
804.239.1080
Info@chs4u.org
- 11 Charterhouse School - Edinburg**
540.984.6266
info-edinburg@chs4u.org



Start with **strengths** – always!

Building on strengths is far more effective than focusing on deficits. Our goal is to understand and build on the unique gifts and talents of each person with whom we interact.



Collaboration multiplies impact

Benefits of collaboration include shared learning, diverse thinking, and meaningful buy-in. We believe the outcomes of collaboration far surpass those of speedier and siloed approaches.



Relationships are our building blocks

Relationships are at the core of our approach. No one operates within a vacuum, so we consider strengthening relationships to be non-negotiable within our work.



Relentlessly pursue solutions

Adaptability has assured our longevity. What we've learned in 120 years is that no two families are the same. Our team's unwavering commitment to healing extends well beyond traditional methods, and we routinely welcome new ideas for enhanced services and processes.



Passion unleashes greatness

It's a privilege and a responsibility to perform the important work of serving children, teens, and families. Our staff is empowered and passionate, creative and innovative, and always in pursuit of the best possible outcomes for those we serve.



Activate **curiosity**; Embrace perspectives

We authentically invest in one another to discover our similarities and differences. Identifying and embracing the value in both is how we foster a culture of belonging and increase our capacity for growth.

Our impact

In fiscal year 2024, UMFS touched the lives of **8,554** children & families in **110** communities.

Treatment Foster Care



87%

Of youth self-reported feeling satisfied with their treatment

60%

Of youth transitioned into a permanent family setting or were adopted after leaving care

31

Families supported through Kinship Services

Child & Family Healing Center



88%

Of youth self-reported feeling satisfied with their in-care treatment

84

Youth were served at CFHC in FY24

78%

Of youth stepped down to a lower level of care

Charterhouse School



81%

Of students self-reported feeling satisfied with their education setting in Richmond

94%

Of students self-reported feeling satisfied with their education setting in Edinburg

238

Students were served at CHS Richmond and Edinburg

Project LIFE

1,517

Youth were served in Project LIFE during the last year; focusing on permanency, advocacy, and community

Leland House

40

Youth served at Leland House in FY24

97%

Of youth self-reported feeling satisfied with their in-care treatment

Adoption Services

218

Families across Virginia were served through Regional Post Adoption Consortium Services

41

Adoptions were finalized through our adoption grants, exceeding our statewide goal

Camino Home Study + Post Release Services Program*

243

Home Studies written in 30 Virginia cities, 44 states, and DC

296

Youth received Post-Release Services in 54 cities across VA, DC, NC, GA, DE, and WV

**Includes data from January-December 2023*

Intensive Care Coordination

35

Youth were served in our Intensive Care Coordination program during the last year

For updates to our program's outcomes, please visit [UMFS.org/impact](https://umfs.org/impact).

What we do

Find

Treatment Foster Care (TFC)

We support children and teens in foster care who are working to overcome past abuse and trauma or who are struggling with behavioral or medical challenges. We identify supportive foster families and provide extensive training with comprehensive ongoing support.

Kinship Care

We lead with a kin-first philosophy in all our programs and are proud to offer a continuum of services that specifically support Kinship Care.

Wendy's Wonderful Kids

We partner with the Dave Thomas Foundation of America to find the best adoptive homes for children who have experienced multiple years and placements in foster care.

Adoption Through Collaborative Partnerships (ATCP)

We partner with the local Department of Social Services offices to eliminate barriers and expedite adoption finalization for youth in foster care.

Heal

Child & Family Healing Center (CFHC)

We serve children and teens ages 11-17 struggling to overcome trauma, acute behavioral and emotional challenges, as well as youth with other neurological differences. Youth live on our Richmond campus for 6-18 months while participating in customized therapeutic treatment to help them heal.

Leland House

We provide short-term (up to 45 days) intervention and stabilization for children in Fairfax County ages 12-17 who are in crisis and cannot remain in their home. After discharge, they receive Intensive Care Coordination.

Regional Post Adoption Consortium (RPACS)

We provide free post adoption support to families in the Central and Eastern of the state through a generous grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Programs & Services

Build

Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)

We serve children and teens with behavioral, emotional, or mental health needs who are at risk of an out-of-home placement or currently in one. ICC gives the entire family a voice to identify key needs and the professionals they need to support them.

Functional Family Therapy (FFT)

We provide in-home therapy to help youth and families overcome challenging behaviors to help prevent an out-of-home placement.

Family Support Partners (FSP)

FSPs are parents of children with behavioral, emotional, or mental health challenges who have experience navigating the complexities of the behavioral health system. They use their experience to provide emotional support, advocacy, and education for other families facing similar challenges.

Caminos Home Study and Post Release Services Program

In conjunction with Board of Child Care, we serve recently migrated youth through the of comprehensive, safety-focused home studies and holistic, client-centered, and trauma-informed Post Release case management services.

Permanency and Stability Support (PSS)

Offering a comprehensive service designed to ensure the long-term well-being and stability of children and families.

Charterhouse School (Richmond & Edinburg)

We provide specialized therapeutic education for children struggling with emotional, behavioral, developmental challenges, autism, or other neurological differences. Small class sizes with dedicated teachers and student support coaches help elementary, middle, and high school aged students overcome their challenges and thrive.

Project LIFE (Living Independently, Focusing on Empowerment)

We help prepare and equip teens in foster care for life as productive adults.

Courage to Succeed

We empower students with high-functioning autism and other neurological differences and help them earn a college degree or vocational certificate, work in their chosen field, and live independently.

Guide

Child & Family Healing Center

Child & Family Healing Center provides 24-hour intensive residential treatment on UMFS's staff-secure, unlocked 33-acre campus. Our multidisciplinary team integrates Collaborative Problem Solving™ with family engagement, psychiatry, nursing, verbal and non-verbal therapies, social work, and counseling.

Overview

We empower youth by addressing clinical needs and building social competency.



We assess strengths and executive functioning to develop treatment goals for youth and families.



We integrate treatment goals into our six stages of treatment, which is modeled after the Circle of Courage philosophy.



Youth attend Charterhouse School, which is accredited by Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF) and licensed by Virginia Department of Education.



We collaborate with communities in a Systems of Care approach to ensure successful transition into residential treatment, through intervention, and back into the community.

What to Expect

A child's typical stay is 6-12 months, depending on treatment progress and decision of the treatment team. While the child's treatment is our core focus, family engagement is key to well-rounded success. Parent/guardians are encouraged to participate in weekly family therapy and are offered family engagement opportunities.



Who We Serve

We serve males, females, and gender-diverse youth ages 11-17 at time of admission, who are in the custody of their parent/guardian, the Department of Social Services, or the Department of Juvenile Justice, and have a minimum IQ of 65 (evaluated on a case-by-case basis).

Our Areas of Expertise

- Trauma histories
- Mood and anxiety disorders
- Emotional, social, and behavioral challenges
- Autism and other neurological differences
- Problem sexual behaviors

For questions related to our admissions criteria or to make a referral, call toll-free **855.275.8637** or visit **UMFS.org/CFHC**.



Our Process



Call **855.275.8637** or visit **UMFS.org/CFHC** to make a referral. If calling, please have the available information for each child ready to share via phone.



Our intake staff will contact you to talk through any questions or concerns.



An interview is scheduled with the referred child. A tour of the UMFS campus can also be arranged.



The child's information is reviewed with the admission team. A decision is given to the referral source, and placement date is selected, if accepted.



Our staff, referral partner, and family work together to identify treatment goals and participate in treatment and transitioning back home or to the next level of care.

To help us determine if our program best meets the needs of the youth, it is ideal for us to receive the following information upon referral:

- Referral form
- Psychological
- Current provider reports
- Court documents (if applicable)

Child & Family Healing Center



Our Qualifications

Staying informed and trained is vital to our staff helping you be successful with a child, teen, and family. We provide ongoing opportunities for development, including:

- Weekly staffing meetings for staff to receive training, resource recommendation, and professional development
- Frequent supervision with Supervisors
- Collaborative Problem Solving™ trainings and refreshers to effectively implement the evidence based approach for relationship and skill building
- Staff training in a crisis deescalation model

Our Building

- Five separate suites, each with a 10-bed capacity and a full kitchen
- Single occupancy bedrooms with adjoining private bathrooms for each resident
- Suites, bedrooms, and bathrooms are outfitted with non-ligature furniture and fixtures
- Nutritious scratch-made meals prepared on-site by food service professionals

Funding



Medicaid, CSA, EBA, AMIkids, & Private Insurance



Treatment Foster Care

UMFS Treatment Foster Care (TFC) offers individualized treatment for children and teens who are being placed out of home and have special emotional, behavioral, or medical needs. Our youth and families are supported by a collaborative team of specially trained clinical staff and foster parents, who provide daily behavioral health interventions that align with each child's individualized treatment plan.

Overview

To address the unique needs of the children, teens, and families we serve, UMFS offers customizable wraparound services that can be added to standard TFC services.

Those services fall into three categories:



Family Reunification, stabilization, and support services for birth and adoptive families



Trauma and Therapeutic Support for youth with history of chronic abuse or neglect



Skill and Connection Building



To make a referral, call toll-free 855.367.8637 or visit UMFS.org/TFC

Who We Serve

We serve children and young adults (ages 0-21) who have therapeutic and/or medical needs due to emotional, behavioral, or social challenges.

Our Work in Action

“UMFS is one of our most **valuable** community partners. It is clear that for the staff, serving children and families is a passion, not just a job. There is a true sense of partnership and shared vision, and we truly would be lost without them!”

— DSS Supervisor

Our Process



Call 855.367.8637, the regional center nearest you, or visit UMFS.org/TFC to make a referral. If calling, please have the referral information (listed below) for each youth.



UMFS will assess the information and determine if a foster parent match is available.



UMFS shares potential foster parent matches with the local Department of Social Services (DSS) for review.



If selected, the foster parent is notified, a TFC case worker is assigned, and the placement is scheduled.



DSS and UMFS work together to identify treatment goals and collaborate on the youth's progress toward permanency.

To make the best possible determination on placements, it is ideal to receive the following information upon referral:

- Demographic information
- Location of residence for the family
- Child's behavioral or emotional needs
- Permanency goal and visitation needs
- School placement type (private, alternative, public)

Treatment Foster Care



Our Qualifications

Staying informed and trained is vital to our staff helping you be successful with a child, teen, and family. We provide ongoing opportunities for development, including:

- Bi-weekly clinical staffing meetings for staff to receive training, resource recommendation, and professional development
- Weekly supervision with Supervisors
- Collaborative Problem Solving™ trainings and refreshers to effectively implement the evidence-based approach for relationship and skill building

Funding



CSA funded (Medicaid for Case Management Services)

Charterhouse School

Charterhouse School offers comprehensive educational services for students in grades K-12 (ages 5 to 22).

Overview

We provide a trauma-sensitive environment for students to build the thinking skills and natural supports needed to return to their home school or successfully complete post-secondary goals.

Our approach focuses on a student's individual academic, behavioral, social, and emotional needs while addressing the four developmental needs of the Circle of Courage™—belonging, independence, mastery, and generosity.

Charterhouse School offers three program options for students:

1. **General Curriculum Day School** (elementary, middle, and high school)
2. **Autism and Neurodiversity** (middle and high school)
3. **Applied Curriculum** (ages 6-22)

NOTE: Charterhouse School's curriculum aligns with the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL), and/or Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP). Required testing is coordinated with the Local Education Agency (LEA).



Call or email to make a referral

Richmond: 804.239.1080
chsreferralrichmond@umfs.org

Edinburg: 540.346.4544
info-edinburg@chs4u.org



Who We Serve

We serve students with varied IEP classifications, including but not limited to: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Emotional Disabilities, Intellectual Disabilities, Specific Learning Disabilities, and Other Health Impairments.

General Curriculum Day School (Elementary)
Serves students in grades K-5th, ages 5-11

General Curriculum Day School (Middle and High School)
Serves students in grades 6th-12th, ages 11-22

Autism and Neurodiversity (Middle and High School)
Serves students in grades 6th-12th, ages 11-22

Applied Curriculum - (Elementary, Middle, and High School)
Serves students in grades K-12th, ages 6-22

Our Process



Student's educational representative (LEA) **fills out a referral form at [UMFS.org/chsreferral](https://umfs.org/chsreferral)**. Documents that should accompany the referral: current IEP; eligibility; educational evaluation; psychological evaluation, or social history (if available). If the student has been hospitalized or placed in a residential setting, we require a discharge summary from that placement.



The Admission Coordinator **reviews the information and schedules a tour and interview/observation** through the LEA or directly with the student and parent/legal guardian.



The student, guardian and LEA (on occasion) visit the school. After a tour, they meet with the admissions team to discuss the student's needs.



The admissions team evaluates the information and makes a recommendation to accept or deny admission based on whether or not they feel like they can support the student. The Admissions Coordinator notifies the LEA and guardian of the admissions decision within 24 hours of the visit. The LEA receives a formal acceptance letter that can be used to notify transportation.



The student, guardian, and LEA either accept or decline the admission offer. In the event they accept, it's explained that the student's start date is dependent upon all supporting documentation/paperwork being received and the guardian begins the enrollment process.

Charterhouse School



Our Qualifications

We provide ongoing opportunities for development, including:

- Weekly supervision with Supervisors
- Monthly staff meetings for staff to receive training, resource recommendations, and professional development
- Collaborative Problem Solving™ trainings and refreshers to effectively implement the evidence based approach for relationship and skill building

Funding



CSA Funded

Courage to Succeed

Courage to Succeed (C2S) is a year-round, holistic college and transition support program for young adults with autism and other neurological differences.

Overview

C2S students' skills, strengths, and career interests vary, but each receives the same intensive support in academics, career readiness, independent living, and social development. Students have a shared goal of earning a vocational certificate or an associate's degree from local colleges in Richmond. Program staff practice Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS)™, an evidence-based approach that promotes development of executive-functioning skills and problem-solving skills.

Who We Serve

We serve students with neurological differences, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, learning disabilities, ADHD, and traumatic brain injury.



To learn more about this program, please call 804.353.4461 x1112.



Courage to Succeed

Program Highlights



Academic Supports

Students attend classes at a local college three days a week, and program coaches accompany them to campus to provide academic assistance and general advocacy. Two days a week, students meet at the UMFS campus in Richmond, where they receive life-skills training.



Progress-Monitoring

Courage to Succeed coaches conduct three assessments to assist with skills-training and progress-monitoring:

1. Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Assessment
2. BRIEF Assessment – measures nine executive-functioning skills
3. VIA Character Strengths Survey – measures 24 character strengths



Career Readiness

During the academic year, students undergo job-skills coaching, including various work-readiness trainings and workplace site visits. During the summer, students work part-time jobs or internships based on their skills and career interests.



Mental Health

Mental-health coaching is led by a therapist with experience in working with adolescents and young adults. Mental-health coaching includes:

- Weekly, one-hour interpersonal processing group
- Bi-weekly, one-hour mental health skill-building psychoeducation group
- Weekly, half-hour individual meetings with students to discuss social or emotional concerns



Social Skills

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students attend programming on our campus, which includes training in social skills, mental health, independent living, and career readiness.



Independent Living Skills

Independent-living skills training includes weekly instruction and community-based learning in areas such as:

- Cooking
- Emergency planning
- Financial planning
- Healthcare
- Household maintenance
- Insurance
- Scheduling
- Self-advocacy

Our Work in Action

“I have enjoyed the **Courage to Succeed** program...It has helped me improve my independence in college. I have also managed to meet new people and make friends. I would highly recommend it to anyone that feels they need help going into adult life.”

– Paul, *Courage to Succeed* student

“I have seen so much **progress** made in life skills, not only in my son, but also within all the other members of the **Courage to Succeed** program. I believe in and support this program from the results I have witnessed firsthand.”

– Kenneth S., *Parent*

Project LIFE

Project LIFE (Living Independently, Focusing on Empowerment) is a partnership of UMFS with and funded by the Virginia Department of Social Services.



Overview

We enhance the successful transition of older youth in foster care to adulthood by:

- Increasing the capacity of professionals working with youth to engage in sound, evidence-based practices.
- Providing opportunities for your youth that:
 1. Promote permanent connections.
 2. Effectively prepare them for transition to adulthood.
 3. Facilitate meaningful youth input into state and local policies and practices.

Who We Serve

We serve youth ages 14-23 who are or have been in foster care in Virginia.

Our Work in Action

“Project LIFE has supported me in reaching my goals by giving me a voice and providing opportunities to express who I am as a person. Without Project LIFE, I would not be the strong young man I am today.”

- Melvin, Project LIFE participant

Over 3,000 youth have participated in activities focused on life-skills development, permanency, leadership, or advocacy since 2009.

How We Support You

It is our goal to provide our partners with the tools and resources needed to help youth transition to adulthood. Project LIFE provides learning opportunities for local and private agency staff so you can feel fully equipped and empowered to help youth reach success.

Free informational sessions, coaching, and support on:

- Independent Living Services, including the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program
- Casey Life Skills Assessment (CLSA) and Transition Planning
- National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)
- Permanency Planning
- Youth-Adult Partnerships
- Youth Welfare Approach

Funding



Project LIFE is funded through a grant provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Follow Us On Social Media

/VAProjectLIFE @projectlife_va

Project LIFE



How We Support Youth

Project LIFE helps youth build permanent connections and effectively prepares them for adulthood by providing:

- Permanency and relationship support
- Learning opportunities and events focused on life skill development, advocacy, leadership, and relationship building
- Information sessions on Independent Living Services/ ETV and NYTD
- CLSA and Transition Plan support
- Statewide youth conferences
- College tours and service-learning events
- Advocacy and leadership opportunities at the local, regional, and statewide levels
- Connections to resources throughout the state



To learn more about Project LIFE, visit vaprojectlife.org or contact us: Phone: 1.800.292.0305 Email: infoprojectlife@umfs.org

Leland House

Leland House is a 45-day crisis residential treatment program for youth who've experienced a severe behavioral or emotional challenge that's interfering with daily living.



Leland House

Overview

We empower youth to overcome challenges through:

- Individual, group, and family therapy
- Medication management and weekly psychiatry sessions
- Psycho-education, independent living, mindfulness, and recreational groups; and pet therapy
- Social-skill development through experiential and project-based learning
- Individualized academic instruction on SOL curriculum and IEP goals (led by onsite Fairfax County school teachers)

The UMFS Way: Family Voice and Choice

UMFS Intensive Care Coordination and Family Support Partners programs help families work toward self-efficacy and self-advocacy. Each family is supported by a team that collaborates to develop goals and a Plan of Care, which are monitored in monthly family meetings until the goals are met.

Who We Serve

We serve males, females, and gender-diverse youth ages 12-17 (at admission) who are demonstrating unsafe behaviors that require a crisis-stabilization placement. All youth must be a resident of Fairfax County, Fairfax City, or the City of Falls Church.

Our Areas of Expertise

- Trauma histories
- Mood and anxiety disorders
- Emotional, social, and behavioral challenges
- Minimum IQ of 70 (with exceptions)

*We cannot admit youth who:

- Require detox services
- Refuse treatment or placement

What to Expect

While the youth's treatment is our core focus, family engagement is key to well-rounded success. Parent/guardians are expected to be involved in treatment so they may practice relational skills and address areas of conflict.

To make a referral, call 703.222.3558



Our Process



If admissions criteria are met, call Leland House at **703.222.3558*** to provide information about the youth and determine if it's a good fit. **If after hours, please call the Leland House On-Call number: 703.431.3498*



In an after hours, emergency, or crisis situation, refer youth and parent to Fairfax CSB Emergency Services/Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health for a Pre-Screening to determine recommendation for youth.



Fairfax CSB Emergency Services evaluates whether the youth's needs can be met at Leland House.



If youth needs can be met in our program, Fairfax CSB Emergency Services confirms admission with Leland House staff.

If your client is currently in inpatient, please have the Discharge Planner reach out to Lauri Huitema at **703.507.3874

Funding



- Private Insurance
- Medicaid
- CSA Funding

Note: When accessing CSA funding, a parental contribution will be assessed on a sliding scale based on the household income of the family and is designed to not present a financial burden to the family.

Our Qualifications

Staying informed and trained is vital to our staff helping you be successful with a child, teen, and family. We provide ongoing opportunities for development, including:

- Weekly clinical staffing meetings for staff to receive training, resource recommendation and professional development
- Weekly supervision with Supervisors
- Collaborative Problem Solving™ trainings and refreshers to effectively implement the evidence based approach for relationship and skill building



For non-emergent calls or to learn more about our program, call **703.222.3558** to schedule a tour.

Functional Family Therapy

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a program helping youth and families overcome challenging behaviors and preventing out-of-home placements. We believe all families want the best for themselves, and we offer support and structure that help families work better together and practice new skills that can lead to enduring behavior change.

Overview

FFT is built on a foundation of acceptance and respect. It utilizes assessment and intervention to address risk and protective factors within and outside of the family that impact the development of youth. By collaborating to create balanced alliances, the family and FFT clinician reduce blame and negativity and instill hope.



Who We Serve

We serve youth ages 11-18 who meet the following criteria:

- Lives in community or ready to return
- Family available
- Has externalizing behaviors, internalizing symptoms/emotional needs, and or substance abuse

We are unable to serve youth who:

- Are 10 years old or younger (primary referral)
- Have no psycho-social system that constitutes family (shared history, sense of future, some level of co-habitation)
- Are scheduled to be sent away from family
- Have a current acute psychosis
- Need sexual offender treatment as a primary need
- Present with severe psychiatric illness (actively suicidal, homicidal or psychotic)

** Youth with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder can be discussed prior to acceptance to ensure the program is a good fit.*

To learn more about the benefits of FFT and if the service can benefit your youth/family, please visit UMFS.org/FFT.



Our Process



To make an FFT referral:

- For FAPT-approved CSA funds, please fill out the referral form on our website at UMFS.org/FFT.
- Through CSU, please go to the website (evidencebasedassociates.com/virginia-service-coordination) and click on the CSU tab. A Referral Form is available for completion. The completed referral form should be sent to RSCCentral@ebanetwork.com.



Evidenced Based Associates (EBA)

will notify the referral source when the referral is received. EBA will contact UMFS to notify them of the received referral.



UMFS will assign the case, when there is caseload availability, within 48 hours. A "case assignment" email will be sent to the referral source by UMFS.

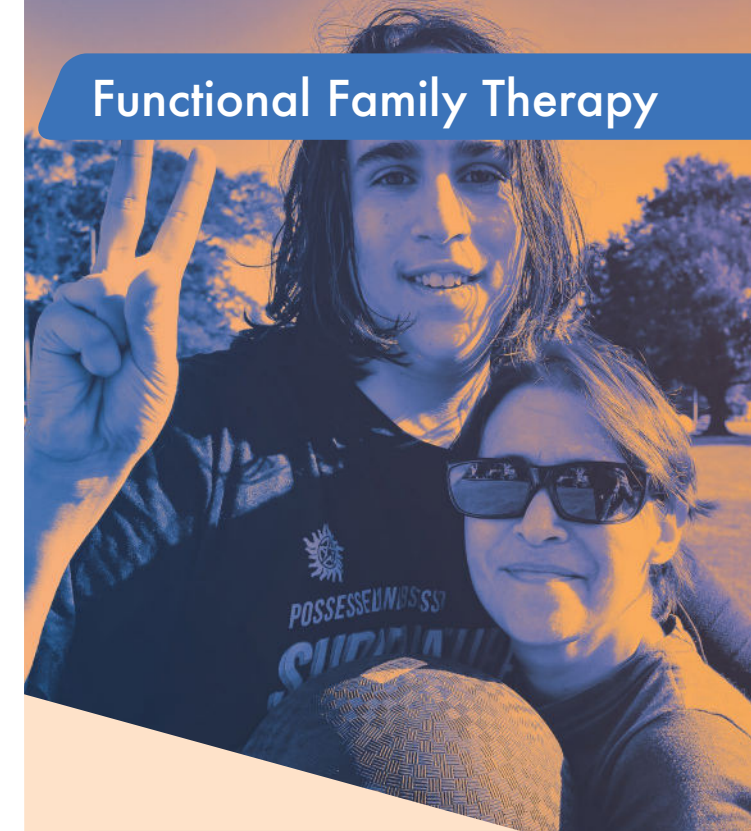


A UMFS FFT clinician will reach out to the referred family within 24 hours.



UMFS aims to schedule their first FFT session within one week of case assignment.

Functional Family Therapy



Our Qualifications

Highly experienced and/or master's level clinicians meet with youth and their families approximately 15 sessions over a period of three to four months. Weekly updates and monthly reports will be provided by the clinician outlining the family's progress in treatment.

Funding



- CSA
- CSU

Adoption Through Collaborative Partnerships

ATCP (Adoption Through Collaborative Partnerships) is a partnership between UMFS and VDSS to provide adoption support services to children in foster care.

Overview

The primary goal of ATCP is to work collaboratively with DSS to increase adoption finalizations from foster care in Virginia. Adoption social workers work directly with LDSS staff and can manage cases from any locality in the state of Virginia.

Who We Serve

Children must meet the following requirements to be in the ATCP program:

- Adoption is the permanency goal
- Finalized termination of parental rights (including appeals)
- Be 6-17+ years of age or part of a sibling group with at least one sibling aged 6 or older
- Children 0-5 may be eligible for services based on need and VDSS approval
- All children who meet the criteria are eligible for ATCP services, regardless of where they are currently residing.



Our Work in Action

“ATCP partnerships make my DSS work much easier. With their help, we can move children along to adoption faster. ATCP assists with everything from preparation to recruitment and Full Disclosure reports to Reports of Investigation. They are a valuable asset for any DSS in the adoption process!”

- Janie H., DSS Worker

UMFS has had great success and supported **242 adoptions** in the past six years.

To learn more about ATCP, visit UMFS.org/ATCP or contact us at 804.353.4461.



How We Support You

It is our goal to increase the number of finalized adoptions in Virginia by supporting localities with:

- Adoptive family recruitment and the matching process
- Adoption preparation for youth and families
- Case management
- Supportive services
- Pre-placement and placement services
- Lifebook and narrative work
- Assistance with the adoption subsidy process
- Finalization paperwork (includes Completion of Full Disclosure reports, Report of Investigation reports, and home study addendums).

Funding



ATCP services are funded through VDSS and are at no cost to localities.

ATCP

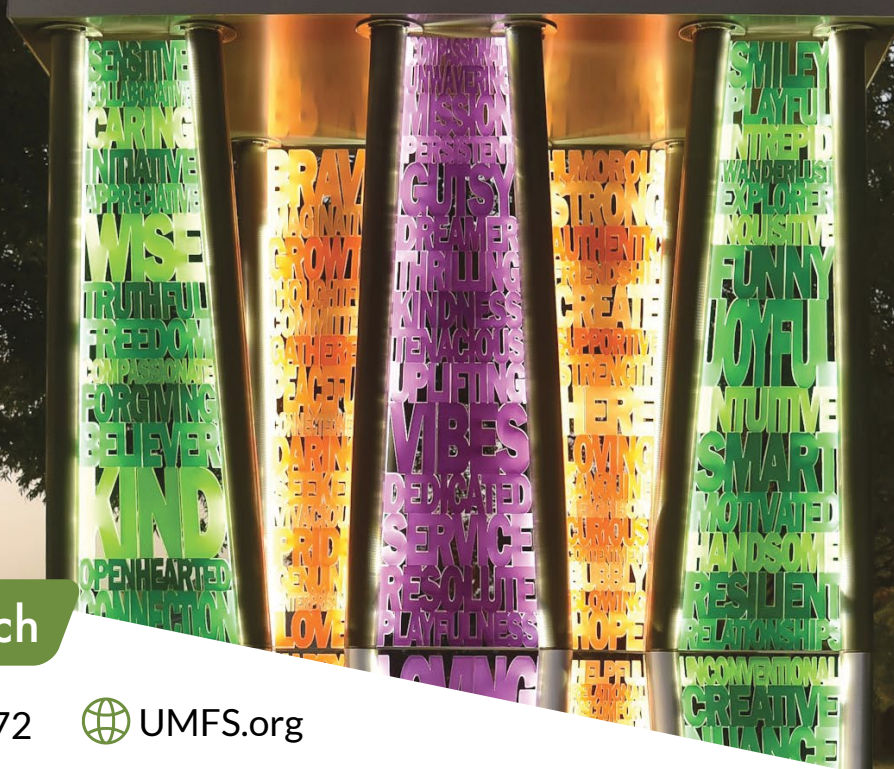
Other Adoption Services

Through the **Wendy's Wonderful Kids® (WWK) Program**, the Dave Thomas Foundation provides funding to private adoption agencies to hire recruiters who are dedicated to finding adoptive homes for children in foster care across the U.S. and Canada.


These recruiters implement an evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model that has been proven to be up to three times more effective at serving children who have been waiting in foster care the longest, including teenagers, children with special needs and siblings.

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