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Family Finding Services

Helping families stay strong together

Northern Rivers provides family finding services as an in-kind service to selected youth within our system of care. Counties interested in this service, or on a case-by-case basis, can contact the program for more information.

Family Finding and Diligent Search Tasks

Northern Rivers Family Finding Specialists provide intensive, short-term, diligent searches to identify potential kin. Using basic birth family information, a minimum of 25 to 30 potential kin are identified with potential contact numbers, addresses, and social media accounts.

By connecting with fictive and/or nonfictive kin, the objective is to create a supportive network for the youth, which could result in the significant adult becoming a visiting resource, kinship foster parent, legal guardian, or adoptive parent as potential outcomes.

We provide the following ways to discover multiple family members and supportive adults:

- Rapid-response summary of identified kin and genograms
- Comprehensive genograms, mapping of family supports and resources
- Case file reviews and database searches to identify extended family
- Youth interviews to discuss family and family supports
- Meetings with biological parent and other identified resources
- Service Plan Review participation
- Court hearing support

By engaging the identified biological family members and nonfamily members through conversations, and/or family team meetings, we hope to identify that significant adult in their life who has the capability of supporting the safety and well-being of that youth and plan for a successful future.

*These are services provided by
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