

## **Philadelphia Department of Human Services**

### **Treatment Foster Care Provider Ranking FY2011**

This is the Department of Human Services' annual ranking of Treatment Foster Care service providers according to their overall performance. We are excited about this process as it gives us and our providers a basis for meaningful discussion on practice improvement.

This ranking covers our Treatment Foster Care providers who operate under a model of service developed by the Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA). This model provides the supports of a family setting, with enhancements to address children's behavioral needs that cannot be addressed in a General Foster Care program. Treatment Foster Care programs vary in a number of ways, including the sizes of the programs and the ages of the children served. All programs must work on moving children to permanency while simultaneously improving their behavioral health, resulting in some children moving straight to permanency from TFC, while others step down first, and then move to permanency.

The ranking attempts to assess Treatment Foster Care (TFC) providers' performance by considering outcomes related to five domains: 1) permanency outcomes; 2) step-down outcomes; 3) current annual evaluation score; 4) success in maintaining least restrictive level of care; and 5) monthly visitation compliance. The final ranking was obtained by first scoring the provider on each domain and then combining scores across the domains. A double weight was placed on permanency as our highest goal. Our next-highest goal, step-down, was weighted one and a half times. Permanency -- defined as reunification with biological parents or other family members, adoption, or permanent legal custodianship -- is our highest goal because we as an agency believe that the well-being of children is best served by their having a safe, stable and permanent living environment. Step-down -- defined as moving to a lower, or less restrictive, level of care -- is another goal of Treatment Foster Care because a child who is ready to step down is a child whose behavioral health needs have been reduced, therefore increasing their overall well-being.

The table ranks the providers from one to 15 and includes some instances where the providers are tied and receive the same ranking number. We will continue to refine the measures we use to create the ranking as our data tools evolve. For instance, in FY2011, the Department implemented a revised annual evaluation tool that we believe more accurately reflects the quality of our provider services. All of our providers are committed to meeting the needs of children and families and we remain confident that all of our children are receiving the best possible services while in their care. The ranking is intended only to describe their current performance relative to one another to foster awareness and collaboration in promoting even more positive outcomes.

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<b>Overall Rank</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Overall Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Delta Community Supports	18.5
<b>2</b>	Bethanna	26.3
<b>3</b>	Children's Choice	35.3
<b>4</b>	Elwyn	36.8
<b>5</b>	Carson Valley Children's Aid	46.5
<b>6</b>	Silver Springs	48.0
<b>6</b>	Tabor Children's Services	48.0
<b>8</b>	Northeast Treatment Centers	48.8
<b>9</b>	Wordsworth	50.0
<b>10</b>	Progressive Life Center	54.8
<b>11</b>	Devereux	61.0
<b>12</b>	Presbyterian Children's Village	61.3
<b>13</b>	First Home Care Corp.	62.8
<b>14</b>	Alliance Human Services	64.5
<b>15</b>	Caring People Alliance	75.5