

When QPI is successful...

- Caregivers have a voice. They work as a team with agency staff to support children and youth.
- Caregivers receive the support and training they need to work with children and families.
- Caregivers understand what is expected of them, and know what to expect from the system.
- Systems are then able to select and retain enough excellent caregivers to meet the needs of each child for a home and family.
- When these changes are accomplished, outcomes for children, youth and families will improve.



If you are a resource parent, birth parent whose case is closed, former foster youth or child welfare professional who wants to:

- Improve the system
- Lend your voice and expertise
- Collaborate to make real system change

Consider joining a diverse group who is passionate about improving the lives of Philadelphia's families.

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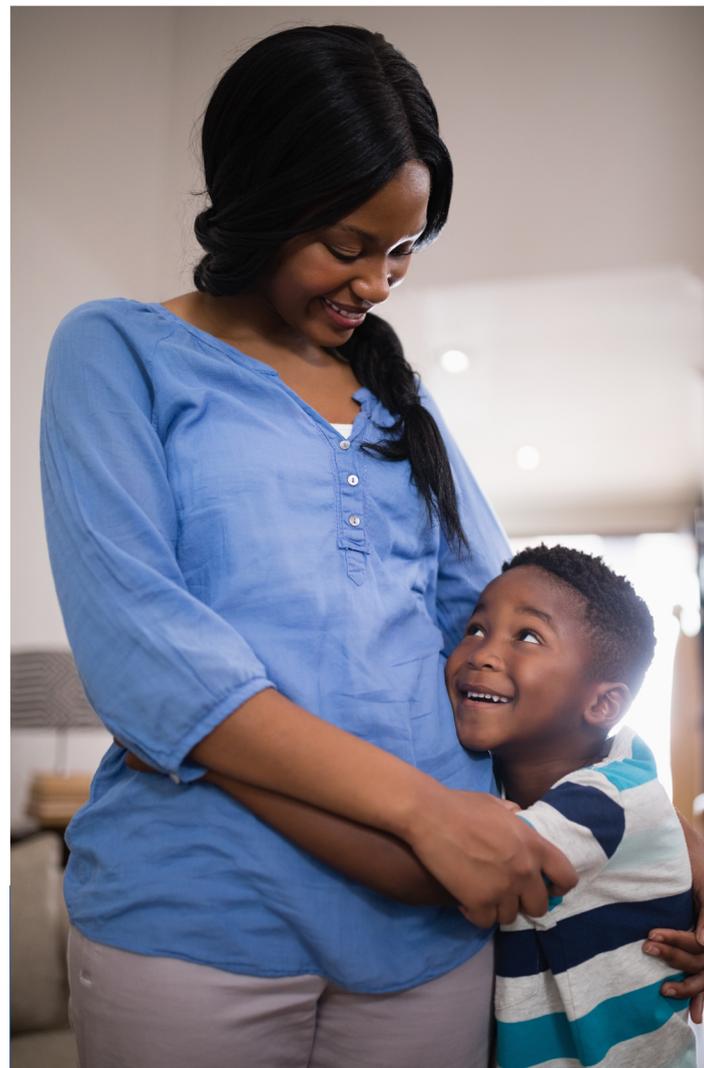
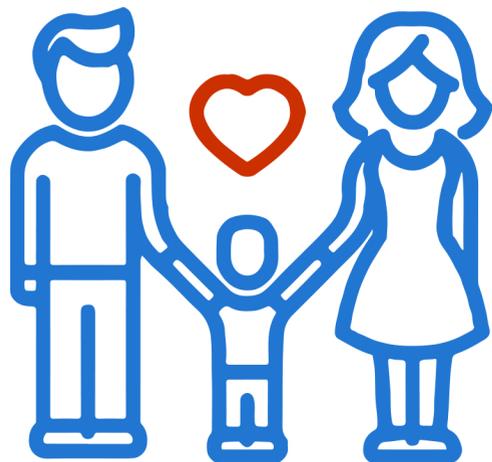
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Foster Care**

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QPI Principles

- Excellent parenting is the most important service we can provide to children and youth in care. Children need families, not just beds.
- Children need constant, consistent, effective parenting to grow and reach their full potential.
- Each community must define excellent parenting for itself.
- Policy and practice must change to align with that definition.
- Participants in the system are in the best position to recommend and implement that change.



Philadelphia's Resource parents

Are integral, respected, and progressive partners in the child welfare system. They make an enduring commitment to each child in their care, while honoring and strengthening the child's family ties. They believe in every child's right to thrive.

Who is Involved?

- Resource parents and kin caregivers
- Birth parents
- Youth and young adults who have experienced foster care
- Caseworkers & child welfare agency staff
- Community members
- Court and legal partners

QPI's Impact

- Youth and caregivers help improve policies.
- Resource parents, birth parents, and youth help recruit and train foster parents.
- Resource parents have all the information they need to be good parents and partners as a result of better information sharing.
- Resource parents and birth parents work together.
- Children are allowed to stay with trusted friends and neighbors or go on trips with foster families as a result of rule changes.