

# Family Finding Convening 2.0

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Xenos Christian Fellowship, Columbus

Learning Talking Partnering

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Tuesday, November 10, 2015 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1340 Community Park Dr, Columbus, OH 43229

The Family Finding Convening is being designed as a learning and engagement opportunity for **administrative and management** level representatives working with families and children who experience the child welfare system. The day will focus on learning from existing models and holding strategic conversation to move the practice of authentic family-centered engagement forward in Ohio. Additional information about speaker biographies and breakout session descriptions will be posted on an ongoing basis on [permanency.org](http://permanency.org) **The Convening is free of charge and is by invitation only.** CLE's will be available for attorneys.

## Key Partners

- Waiting Child Fund
- National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness, Seneca Family of Agencies
- Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA)
- Family and Youth Law Center | Capital University Law School
- Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services
- Fairfield County Job & Family Services
- Franklin County Children Services
- Advocates for Families First
- Kevin Campbell, Family Finding Model Author
- Casey Family Programs
- Caring For Kids
- The Village Network
- Summit County Children Services

## Audience

- County child welfare leadership
- ODJFS leadership
- Private provider leadership
- Funding organizations
- Statewide organizations
- University Social Work leadership
- Mental health organization leadership
- Judges, Magistrates & Attorneys
- Family Finding programs
- Permanency Roundtable Counties

## Funding Partners

- John & Laurie Cunningham
- Casey Family Programs
- Public Children Services' Association of Ohio (PCSAO)

## Short Term Goals

1. To create a baseline of knowledge and understanding of Family Finding best practice
2. To create a common understanding of the "state-of-practice" in Ohio
3. To assess and identify needs and opportunities in Ohio
4. Garner commitment among stakeholders to ongoing participation in the process of moving practice forward in Ohio

**Long Term Goal** – to measurably increase the safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children who experience the foster care system in Ohio

