

# Best Practice Partners

## Collaborating to Elevate Care for Children

A **Best Practice Partner** is an organization whose work demonstrates effective, ethical, and sustainable approaches to strengthening families and improving outcomes for children, and who is willing to contribute their knowledge and experience to the broader learning community.

These partners are not simply implementing programs; they are advancing the field of child and family welfare through both practice and shared learning.

## Core Criteria for Best Practice Partners

### 1. DEMONSTRATED IMPACT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The organization's work contributes to outcomes such as:

- Children are raised in safe, stable, and supportive family environments
- Family-based care is prioritized over institutional care
- Children experience positive long-term developmental outcomes
- The rights and dignity of children are upheld
- Children grow into joyful, productive adults
- Families and caregivers are strengthened and supported

Evidence may include:

- Outcome data
- Case studies
- Independent evaluations
- Research
- Contributions to community
- Consistent community feedback

### 2. ALIGNMENT WITH HIGHEST QUALITY CARE, CARE REFORM, AND SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

The organization's model supports long-term transformation of the child welfare ecosystem, including any of the following:

- High-quality rehabilitative services
- Advanced trauma response services
- Family strengthening and prevention
- Reintegration and family tracing
- Kinship and foster care models
- Community-based services
- Collaboration with government and local systems
- Reducing reliance on residential care

The organization contributes to larger systemic change, not just isolated service delivery. They work within a larger community and collaborate with others.



### 3. STRONG ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICE

The organization demonstrates strong internal capacity, including:

- Ethical leadership and governance
- Safeguarding and child protection standards
- Competent and trained care providers
- Sustainable financial and operational practices
- Commitment to continuous learning and improvement

The organization exemplifies practices that others can confidently learn from. We invest in partners that prioritize safeguarding and child protection.



### 4. WILLINGNESS TO SHARE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIELD

Best Practice Partners are not only effective, they are generous contributors to the learning community.

They are willing to:

- Share their model, tools, and lessons learned
- Participate in Thrive Collective trainings or discussions
- Mentor or advise other leaders
- Document and package their approaches, contributing to field guide development
- Contribute to sector knowledge

The organization recognizes that strengthening the movement requires shared learning. We invest in partners that will help us elevate the space for everyone.

