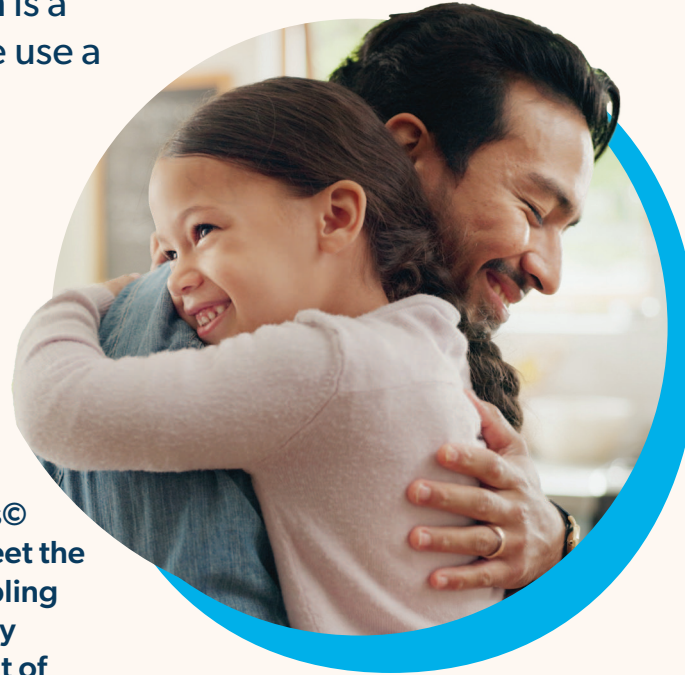


Our vision for the **Bridging Families® Program** is a world where children live with their families. We use a team approach to family reunification that:

- Builds **resilience** to strengthen families
- Utilizes Professional Foster Parents to **empower** parents
- **Walks with** families throughout the reunification process

What We Do:

- The Bridging Families® Program is a family-focused and team-based model of care designed to directly address the obstacles to family reunification.
- Bridge Parents are professional foster parents and are full-time, salaried agency employees. As Bridging Families foster parents they focus solely on supporting children and caretakers toward reunification.
- Bridging Families' teams include professional foster parents, a licensed clinician, a care manager, and a supervisor. Bridging Families' teams partner with no more than three families which allows for intensive focus.
- Bridging Families® is designed to meet the needs of large sibling sets in the custody of the department of social services and with reunification as their permanency plan.
- All program staff are trained in Bridging Families® core curriculum, Trust-Based Relational Intervention, and The Sanctuary Model.
- It is the goal of Bridging Families® to restore hope for parents and their children after very difficult circumstances have resulted in removal of the children.



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The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has selected Bridging Families® as the state model for professional foster parenting.

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