
The OFI Monthly

♦ October 2025 ♦

In the crispness of fall, may we find new energy, deeper gratitude, and a stronger connection.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to October! As the seasons change and the air turns crisp, we're reminded of the importance of both reflection and renewal. Fall often invites us to slow down, savor the beauty around us, and lean into the rhythms of connection and growth.

This month, we're excited to share updates, resources, and stories that reflect the heart of our work together. October is a season of transition—children are settling into the school year, families are shaping new routines, and many of us are seeking ways to stay grounded as life picks up its pace. In these shifting moments, hope, belonging, and support matter more than ever.

That's why we're thrilled to announce the launch of **TFTC-Family Edition**, a new way to equip and empower families on their journey. We're also looking ahead with great anticipation to our **2026 Cultivating Connections Summit**, where we'll gather to learn, grow, and strengthen the bonds that help us thrive. And don't forget—our **TFTC mobile app** is here, designed to be a practical, easy-to-use tool your team will love.

Together, these efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to creating spaces of connection, support, and growth for children, families, and professionals alike.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find practical tools and insights designed to encourage you, whether you're caring for children, leading a team, or walking alongside others in the community. We've also included upcoming opportunities to learn, connect, and grow together.

As we move through this season, let's take time to celebrate small victories, lean into gratitude, and continue building spaces where people feel seen, supported, and valued. We're grateful to walk this journey with you and look forward to the meaningful work ahead.

Until Everyone Thrives,

Mindy Kiser & Team

President & Executive Director



Together Facing The Challenge

Family Edition



We are thrilled to introduce Together Facing the Challenge – Family Edition, a new training experience designed specifically for caregivers and families. Built on years of evidence-based practice, this edition adapts the proven Together Facing the Challenge model into a family-focused journey that equips caregivers with practical tools, encouragement, and strategies for everyday life.

This interactive program isn't just about learning techniques—it's about building confidence, resilience, and stronger connections at home. With engaging sessions, hands-on tools, and a supportive framework, families will walk away feeling prepared, empowered, and supported in their caregiving journey.

Whether you are supporting families with prevention services, parenting classes, reunification efforts, or adoption support, the Family Edition offers something valuable for every caregiver.

Together, we'll explore how to navigate challenges, strengthen relationships, and create a foundation of stability and hope for the children in your care.

Connect with us today to learn more about TFC-Family Edition!

[Click to learn more](#)

In September, we welcomed the following agencies to our Omni Family!

Together Facing The Challenge Partners

- Milestone (TN)
- Divine supports (TN)
- Viva Care (TN)
- Greater Heights (TN)
- Sterling Care (TN)
- Golden Life Inc (TN)
- Prime Elite Inc. (TN)
- LADCFS (CA)

Together Facing The Challenge Family Edition Partners

- Arbor Circle, in partnership with Western Michigan Partnership for Children (MI)

Congratulations to Heart to Heart (TX) on their certification in Together Facing The Challenge!



Fall into Family Fun

Simple Ways to Make the Season Special

There's something about fall that invites us to pause, gather close, and enjoy life's simple pleasures. The cooler air, vibrant leaves, and cozy evenings create the perfect backdrop for family fun and making memories. Whether you're looking for a weekend adventure or a quiet night at home, fall offers plenty of opportunities to connect.

Outdoor Adventures

- Visit a local pumpkin patch or apple orchard, let the kids pick their own, then turn it into a family baking day.
- Take a nature walk or hike and collect leaves, acorns, or pinecones for crafts.
- Plan a backyard bonfire or s'mores night. Even hot cocoa on the porch can feel magical this time of year.

At-Home Activities

- Have a family game night with fall-themed snacks like caramel popcorn or pumpkin bread.
- Host a cozy movie night with blankets, warm cider, and everyone's favorite seasonal film.
- Try DIY crafts together like painting pumpkins, making leaf rubbings, or creating gratitude jars for the upcoming holidays.

The beauty of fall is that it naturally invites tradition. Maybe it's watching the big football game together, raking leaves into piles for jumping, or baking grandma's apple pie recipe every October. These little rhythms become the moments kids remember most.

As the season changes, let fall be a reminder to slow down and savor time with those you love. The most meaningful activities don't have to be elaborate. What matters most is creating space for connection, laughter, and joy.

Go, HAVE FUN, together!



Upcoming Trainings and Events

CLICK ANY OF THE PICTURES BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER!



CURRENT TFTC PARTNERS ONLY

Virtual Training

(\$70/participant)

- Session 1- Mon. 11/3
- Session 2- Wed. 11/5
- Session 3- Thurs. 11/6
- Session 4- Fri. 11/7
- Session 5- Wed. 11/12
- Session 6- Thurs. 11/13
- Session 7- Friday 11/14

Agency Master Trainer

Institute (\$500/participant)

- Monday 11/17- Charlotte, NC
- Tuesday 11/18- Nashville, TN



TBRI Caregiver Package

(\$300/participant. Discounts available for multiple seats)

OFI is thrilled to be able to offer the TBRI Caregiver Package of training to you!

Each series includes 24 hours of training, over the course of 8 training sessions.

Our next cohort of TBRI training is scheduled for January 2026.

24 CE's available through NASW



Oct. 14-17, 2025

Join Mindy Kiser, Michelle Wingate, and Keonte Jenkins-Davis in Cherokee, NC, at the Benchmarks Destination Conference!

We can't wait to share about ways to regulate as an adult serving a vulnerable population, as well as details of our Hope-Centered Caregiver Curriculum!



CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS
Together We Thrive

Omni Family Institute Summit 2026

March 6, 2026

Join us in Austin, Texas, at The Austin SouthPark Hotel for a day designed to strengthen relationships, share knowledge, and spark collaboration in the world of child welfare and beyond. The Cultivating Connections Summit brings together professionals, caregivers, and community leaders to explore innovative ideas and practical strategies that help us thrive together.

Let's grow stronger connections and create lasting impacts. Save the date—you won't want to miss it!

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TFTC Mobile APP

This month we have been busy getting agencies set up in the new TFTC Mobile App- which is designed to be a practical, easy-to-use tool for staff and caregivers!

Introductory pricing options are available on all contracts signed before 12/31/2025.

You don't want to miss the opportunity to learn about the future of training and coaching!

Request more information here!

