

The OFI Monthly

◆ August 2026 ◆

Every new beginning is an opportunity to create safety, build trust, and help every child feel they belong.

Partners and Friends-

August always brings a sense of possibility. As classrooms fill, routines return, and new beginnings take shape, we're reminded that every school year starts with an opportunity to build meaningful connections.

Whether you're welcoming new children and families, supporting caregivers, or investing in your team's growth, thank you for the work you do each day to create safe, supportive environments where hope can grow.

This month, we're excited to continue partnering with you through training opportunities, practical resources, and stories from across our community. We hope this newsletter provides encouragement, ideas, and tools you can put to work right away.

Here's to a season of fresh starts, stronger relationships, and making a lasting difference, together.

Mindy Kiser & Team





Learning Opportunities with OFI



Together Facing The Challenge

Q3 Virtual Staff Training
\$70/participant

August 10-15, 2026

14 hours of CE through NASW available (approval #886954021-7391)

Together Facing The Challenge

Agency Master Trainer Institute
\$500/participant

August 20, 2026
Charlotte, North Carolina



Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)

Full Caregiver Training Package- Virtual
\$500/participant

September 15- October 8, 2026
Tuesday/Thursday

24 CEs available through NASW (approval #886954021-6776)

TRAINING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND HERE!

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Back to School!

The transition back to school can be especially challenging for children who have experienced trauma. Changes in routine, uncertainty, academic pressure, and social situations can all increase stress. Caregivers can play a key role in making the transition feel safer and more predictable.

Here are some practical ways to help:

Talk about what to expect.

Go over the daily schedule, school rules, transportation, and who will pick them up.

Visit the school together.

If possible, walk through the building, find classrooms, locate the cafeteria, bathrooms, and counselor's office.

Meet key adults.

Introduce the child to their teacher, school counselor, or other trusted staff before the first day.

Practice the routine.

Start bedtime, wake-up, meals, and morning routines 1–2 weeks before school begins.

Prepare supplies together.

Let the child help choose a backpack, lunchbox, or school supplies when possible to give them a sense of control.

Read books about starting school.

Stories can help children anticipate feelings and normalize worries.





Congratulations!

Newly Certified Together Facing The Challenge Agencies

- Kaufman County Children's Emergency Shelter (TX)
- Vision Home Care (TN)

**To learn more about becoming a TFTC partner agency,
please reach out to Michelle Wingate at
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TFTC Mobile App

Looking for a simple way to support caregivers while tracking progress in real time?

Explore the Omni Family Institute Mobile App, designed to bring evidence-based tools directly into everyday practice.

The app helps caregivers document interactions, monitor growth, and access practical strategies when they need them most, while providing agencies with real-time data to guide coaching, strengthen implementation, and improve outcomes.

It's an easy way to turn daily moments into meaningful progress.



Contact us to learn more!