

# HART

## Harmony Attachment Resource Team



*The mission of the Harmony Attachment Resource Team is to facilitate the development of healthy, life-long attachment relationships, characterized by the highest degree of legal and emotional permanency, for Tennessee's children.*

HART partners with DCS in seven regions of the state (*Northwest, Southwest, South Central, East, Knox, Smoky Mountain, and Northeast*) and with all members of the child's team to help secure permanency for children in custody/guardianship by providing a variety of services, including:

- Comprehensive Permanency/Attachment Assessments to assist in making the best permanency decisions for the child, including reunification;
- Family/Individual Counseling with children and their resource and birth families to address barriers to permanency, including grief, trauma, attachment and adoption preparation issues;
- Birth family support, including supporting the family in making the best permanency plan for their child, facilitating farewell visits or appropriate ongoing contact, coping with loss, and separation;
- Permanency Coaching/Consultation: Active engagement with all members of a child's team to coach, advocate, and facilitate permanency. This service often accompanies or follows Assessment and/or Counseling services
- Services for Resource Parents: Support Groups, Training, Intensive Family Support, and Exit Interviews;
- Professional Development, "Collaborative Enrichment", and Networking, broadly defined as a sharing of content, expertise, experiences and ideas to promote best practice in achieving permanency. The format for collaborative enrichment may range from structured formalized training provided for a professional or parent group to a consultative discussion of specific cases or practice issues within a professional group.
- Liaison with Harmony FOCUS and ASAP programs to facilitate family adoption decision-making and provide family integration services until finalization of the adoption.



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