About Us

The Palmetto Association for Children & Families (PAFCAF) is a statewide association, dedicated to helping ensure the quality of care and services children receive in South Carolina. PAFCAF member agencies throughout the state provide services to abused or neglected children and youth. The association is dedicated to providing education, support and leadership that strengthens the capacity of member agencies to produce positive outcomes for children and their families.

PAFCAF advocates for policies that improve South Carolina’s child welfare system, empower providers to offer quality services, and support initiatives that help address trauma as a result of child abuse and neglect.

SC Child Welfare Reform
PAFCAF is dedicated to championing initiatives and innovations that transform and strengthen South Carolina’s child welfare system and which support the state’s service provider agencies' ability to provide quality and timely care more than 4,000 children in foster care, from placement to permanency.

Therapeutic Foster Care
Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) involves the consistent recruitment, training and support of foster parents to ensure our communities are meeting the diverse needs of youth in foster care. This must include resources and training to support the diverse mental, emotional and behavioral health needs of children and youth in care. PAFCAF endorses the establishment of a stable funding platform for TFC agencies which provide services to more than 1,600 children who need TFC.

Group Home Providers
Using an analysis of accreditation and regulatory standards, PAFCAF supports the creation of rate methodology for group foster care providers that adequately reimburses providers for the cost of caring for children placed by state agencies.

PRTFs
PAFCAF will advocate for continued coordination between Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) and Managed Care Organizations to ensure timely care and appropriate reimbursements.