

What Makes TFM Certification Unique?

TFA Certification feature unique benefits which are absent in other certification/accreditations. They are:

- > Individualized approach to systems development and service delivery to consumers while guarding Model fidelity.
- > Autonomy as a recognized Model provider agency
- > A voice in the development and application of the International Association standards
- > Ongoing accountability to excellence in service delivery through peer review
- > Access to a Model of treatment supported by ongoing research
- > Connection to a network of sister agencies, their collaborative expertise and wide array of Model adaptations.

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About Teaching-Family Model Certification

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*An Evidenced-Based
Best Practice
Treatment Model*

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What is Certification

Teaching-Family Association (TFA) Certification is an evidenced-based, quality assurance process designed to accredit organizations in their implementation of a systematic model of care. This Model, the Teaching-Family Model, has been heavily researched and has been proven to be powerful and effective when implemented using very specific standards of service and delivery systems. [THE EVIDENCE BASES FOR THE TEACHING-FAMILY MODEL -- ÓDean L. Fixsen and Karen A. Blase, 2002]

TFM Certification is a quality assurance as well as a program enhancing process. Through triennial onsite peer review and annual reporting requirements, agencies using the Model gain support and guidance towards effectively using the Model in their unique environments. While the Teaching-Family Model is the *only* evidenced-based full system of care available in the world, it is not a cookie-cutter approach. It is adaptable and responsive to the unique challenges in an agency given their clients served and environments supported.

TFM Certification is awarded by the Teaching-Family Association (TFA). TFA is a not-for-profit organization composed of agencies using the Model successfully as demonstrated by certification. Agencies interested in considering the Model are also invited to participate as supportive members of the Association

Certification standards are reviewed and updated annually. The TFA Certification & Ethics Committee is responsible for this review process, as well as the annual certification of TFA agencies. The Committee is composed of certified agency representatives.

Why TFA Certification

What is unique about the TFM is the full system integration for quality services delivery. Once a practitioner meets the selection criteria, the training, consultation and evaluation services supports ensure providers meeting the highest national and international standards for quality.

Of course, quality is defined differently for everyone. That is why the Teaching-Family Model relies on in a consumer evaluation requirement to meet certification standards outlined in the review process. These evaluations are conducted annually and the information is important in the review and reporting process. Through consumer evaluations and agency can meet the expectations without sacrificing meeting Model standards.

TFA Member Benefits

Among the many benefits of membership to TFA is the dissemination of information and research related to the Teaching-Family Model. Information is provided through various Association vehicles including bi-monthly newsletters, monthly electronic updates and annual training conferences. This is a heavily researched Model with data supporting the delivery systems as well as the elements. This data is collected and shared frequently. Collective data is also gathered by the Association and disseminated regularly.

TFA Certification vs. Other Accreditations

Accreditation and/or Certification is a 'seal of quality' regardless of the organization awarding the recognition. Unlike other accrediting bodies, Teaching-Family bases its certification standards on over twenty-five years of research. Additionally, Teaching-Family Model certification includes direct observation of actual services provided by Practitioners, measurement of competency based management systems and review of quality assurance outcomes demonstrated by satisfied consumers and employees. Other accrediting bodies base certification on review of administrative documentation. While TFA certification incorporates administrative review, it emphasizes the actual process of delivering services to consumers in a spirit of excellence.

