

National Foster Care Summit in Dallas to Feature Texas-Developed Trauma Model

SANTA ANA , CA, UNITED STATES, February 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [For The Children](#), a national nonprofit that equips local churches to serve and support children who have experienced relational trauma, will host its 2026 LIFT Summit Conference on March 6-7 in Dallas, Texas.

The annual event brings together leaders and advocates serving children in the welfare system. Attendees will receive specialized resources for the organization's [core programs](#): Royal Family KIDS Camp, Royal Family KIDS Mentoring and Bridge to Belonging.



A central focus of this year's summit is Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®), an evidence-based model developed at the [Karyn Purvis Institute](#) of Child Development at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. The approach equips adults to respond to the behavioral and relational needs of children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

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stability and consistent relationships children in foster care need."

Conference sessions will cover trauma-informed care and child safety, volunteer recruitment and risk management, and strategies for community partnerships and team development.

Since its first summer camp in 1985, For The Children has grown into an international network. The organization supports more than 200 chapters in 45 states and 10 countries. To date, more than 179,000 children have participated in these programs through local church partners. All U.S.

chapters follow a child protection plan that includes national background checks and mandatory safety protocols.

For more information on the 2026 LIFT Summit Conference, visit forthechildren.org.

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