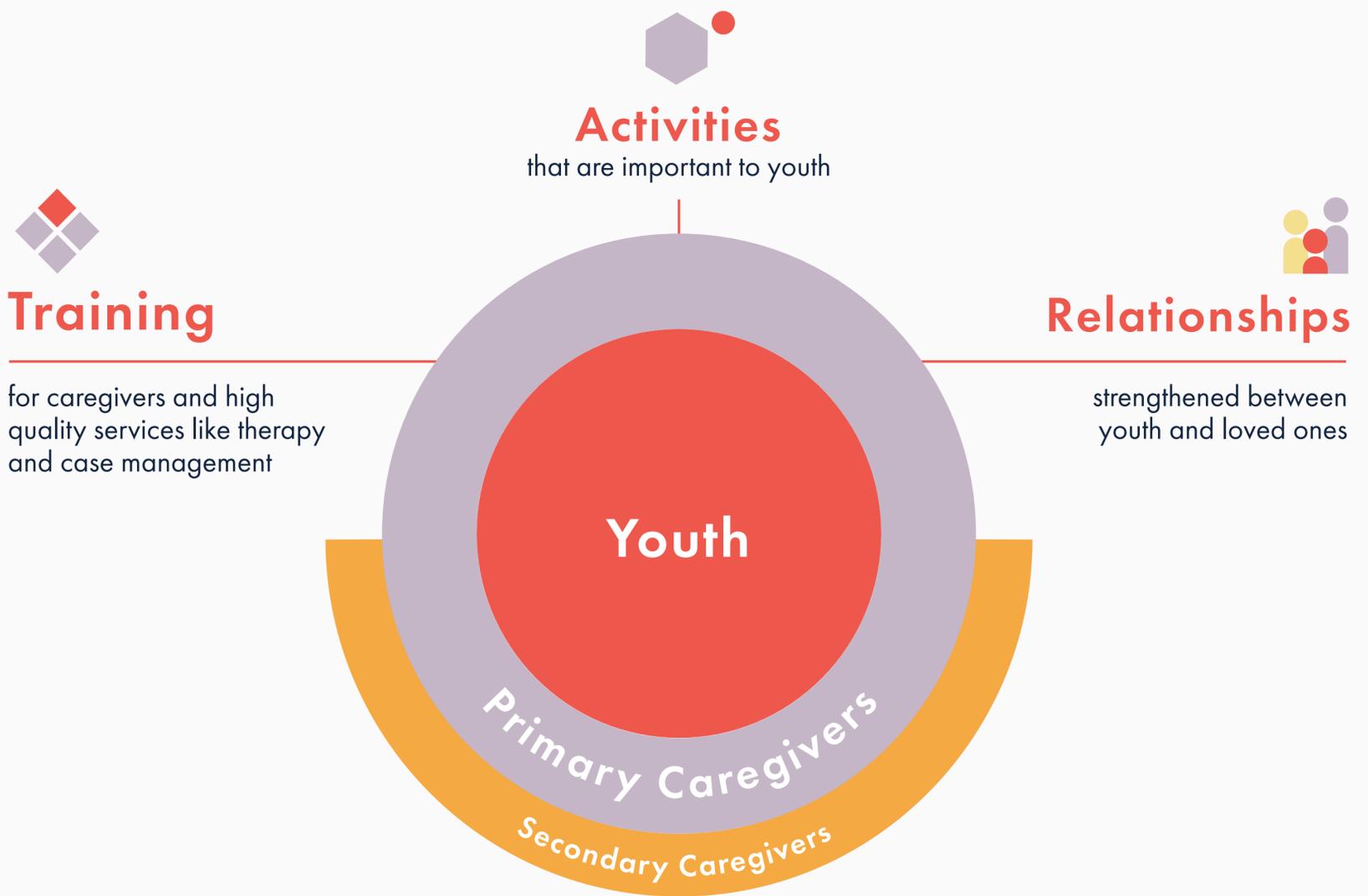


Join the fam

FAM is a pilot program for eligible San Francisco teens in foster care. The program has been informed by local youth, caregivers, providers, and policymakers, to ensure it meets their individual needs.



Primary Caregivers

Access ongoing specialized training & services like family therapy and 24/7 crisis response.

Be a part of a circle of caregivers providing mutual support.

Access secondary caregivers who offer additional support and mentorship.

Secondary Caregivers

Won't have youth placed with them, but are an ongoing part of family life.

Provide support and mentorship to primary caregivers and youth.

Offer youth a place to stay for short periods.

Access the same training and services as primary caregivers.

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Some more details

Who are FAM caregivers?

FAM caregivers fall into two categories:

Primary caregivers are what they sound like. They will be approved foster families (called *resource families* in California) caring for a FAM youth in their home, and they will have access to much more support than is traditionally available in the foster care system. This includes the support of secondary caregivers!

Secondary caregivers will also be approved foster families but will NOT have youth formally placed with them to live. Instead, they'll spend time with a FAM youth and their primary caregiver at least once a week (through meals, activities, or whatever else feels right), and they'll be available for youth to stay with for short periods (e.g. a sleepover). You might think of secondary caregivers as a mentor, or an aunt or uncle or grandparent, or a family friend.

What benefits do FAM youth have access to?

A home with a highly-trained family, generally caring for only one youth in foster care

A "secondary caregiver" who provides mentorship and who they can stay with for short periods

Opportunities to build relationships with important people in their lives

Services such as permanency planning, case management, and mental health care

Extracurricular activities

Continued support while away from home, and a warm welcome back to the same home when they're ready

...and more

What benefits do FAM caregivers have access to?

Initial and ongoing education on relevant topics

Community gatherings, consultation with professionals, and other opportunities to build their caregiving support system

Shared caregiving through the primary/secondary caregiver relationship

Family therapy as needed

Support in navigating relationships with youth's bio family or other important people

Support when youth transition out of their home

...and more

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