



Assemblies of God Family Services Agency, d/b/a **COMPACT** Family Services is the national affiliate child welfare agency of the General Council of the Assemblies of God (Springfield, MO).

The agency is nationally accredited through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). The agency operates licensed child welfare services in the states of Arkansas and Missouri and has served more than 10,000 children and families throughout its history.

The agency began in 1944 as The National Children's Home of the Assemblies of God located in Hot Springs, AR. In 1960, the home was renamed as Hillcrest Children's Home of the Assemblies of God. Highlands Children's Home of the Assemblies of God originated two decades later in 1966 in Kansas City, MO. Soon after, Highlands was reorganized as Highlands Child Placement Services of the Assemblies of God and operated from Kansas City, MO until 2006.

In 2006 Hillcrest Children's Home of the Assemblies of God (Hot Springs, AR) and Highlands Child Placement Services of the Assemblies of God merged into one new non-profit corporation known as Assemblies of God Family Services Agency based in Hot Springs, AR.

In 2013 the agency registered the fictitious name **COMPACT** Family Services and began doing business as (d/b/a) the same. In 2014, as strategic vision grew, the agency registered **COMPACT**<sup>®</sup> as a federal wordmark with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in classes 36, 43 and 45. Thus, the agency does business as (d/b/a) **COMPACT** Family Services.

In 2014 **COMPACT** began implementation of the Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model of care throughout its service offerings. Today, all residential and foster care staff are regularly trained in TBRI methods. The agency has multiple staff certified as either a TBRI Educator or TBRI Practitioner.

In 2015 **COMPACT** began broadening its service continuum to include both residential and community placement and prevention services.

On January 23, 2018 Assemblies of God Family Services Agency, d/b/a **COMPACT** Family Services incorporated in the state of Missouri as a nonprofit organization. Missouri offices were opened at 521 W Lynn Street, Springfield, MO 65802 in March 2019. Subsequently the agency obtained a Child Placing Agency license with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division. The license is current through February 19, 2022.

**COMPACT**'s mission is to redeem vulnerable children and families through compassionate action. The agency envisions providing services and resources across multiple states that partner individuals, families, churches and others for the sake of vulnerable children and families.

In 2019 agency programs served 412 children and families. Through the first five months of 2020 agency programs have served more than 800.

COMPACT currently offers a growing continuum of services spanning prevention to permanency.

### **Description of Current Program Services in Arkansas**

**Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)** – Located on COMPACT’s 52-acre Hillcrest Campus in Hot Springs, AR, the contracted QRTP serves vulnerable youth ages 13-17 in family-style home utilizing the TBRI method.

**Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)** – Located on COMPACT’s Hillcrest Campus the contracted Transitional Living Center (TLC) provides a 24-unit furnished apartment community. The program serves emancipating residents 18-21 years old toward independence through education, job training and mentoring.

**Highlands Maternity Home for Minors** – Located on COMPACT’s Hillcrest Campus the program is dedicated to bringing hope and healing to young women facing an unplanned pregnancy and who have questions about the future. Highlands has helped hundreds of young women find healing, peace, and joy. Highlands provides individualized programs including parenting and adoption options, sexual integrity, nutrition, quality medical care, fitness instruction, life-skills training, small group studies, and educational completion.

**Private Licensed Placement Agency (aka Foster Care)** – COMPACT Foster Care contracted services in Arkansas is officed in Hot Springs, AR. The agency provides foster home recruitment, placement services, case management services, ongoing service planning, treatment oversight, monthly service team planning meetings, health management services, and 24/7 on-call crisis intervention. The foster care program is enhanced by COMPACT’s developed **CompaCare** compassion care system with partnered churches. The program increases capacity, stabilizes placements, improves quality and thereby speeds permanency.

**Specialized Private Licensed Placement Agency (aka Specialized Foster Care)** – This foster care contract provides placement specifically for large sibling groups, teens over 13, and residents transitioning from a QRTP placement. The agency provides foster home recruitment, placement services, case management services, ongoing service planning, treatment oversight, monthly service team planning meetings, health management services, and 24/7 on-call crisis intervention. As the agency’s PLPA program, the SPLPA is supported by its **CompaCare** compassion care system with partnered churches.

**Foster Care Resource Parent Training and Support-** COMPACT provides contracted training on a wide array of topics and skills needed when caring for children of all ages in the custody of Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services, assistance in transferring lessons learned in training into practice, and general support to resource parents (i.e. foster and adoptive parents). Currently contracted for 20 trainings yearly. Some of our existing trainings include:

- Trust-Based Relational Intervention
- SAFE Talk – Suicide Prevention
- Sexual Reactivity
- Reactive Attachment Disorder
- Healthy Families
- Verbal De-Escalation
- Managing the Hyperactive Child
- Managing Sexual Acting Out
- Managing Your Own Stress and Preventing Burnout

**SafeCare** – COMPACT SafeCare prevention services are contracted in 27 Arkansas counties through Arkansas Children’s Hospital and in partnership with Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services to improve risk and safety assessment and increase services to protect children in their homes and prevent their entry into foster care. SafeCare is a structured, evidence-based home visiting program that involves a SafeCare Provider (home visitor) and parent(s) working together to promote positive interaction between the parent(s) and their children through modeling and teaching role play by which parents are able to improve their parenting skills and decision making in regards to their young children overall health and safety needs. The program is further supported by COMPACT’s developed **CompaCare** compassion care system with partnered churches.

**Specialized Developmental Disabilities Emergency Shelter** – This residential program for autistic and other developmentally disabled foster children has been envisioned since the fall of 2018. It was recently authorized and is scheduled to open on the Hillcrest campus October 1, 2020.

### **Description of Current Program Services in Missouri**

**CompaCare**<sup>®</sup> – CompaCare is an evidence-based, local faith-based community led, professionally managed volunteer mobilization strategy to provide wraparound support for foster families and vulnerable others. The accumulated data from more than 10 years of the deployment of this model has produced evidence of significantly enhanced placement stability with zero cases of substantiated abuse in more than 1000 foster placements. It is the intention of COMPACT to mobilize its constituency in the Assemblies of God, and other faith communities to implement this method of care to increase foster placement quality. To date leaders from 17 different states have been trained to implement CompaCare in their local communities.

**Foster/Adoptive Parent Training and Licensing** – COMPACT provides quality foster parent training and licensing services for qualified persons interested in becoming a foster parent, respite parent, or adoptive parent. The agency aims to expand its resource services, training and consultation.

**Highlands Adoption and Maternity Services** – Private Adoption Services include professional, expeditious home studies for families interested in pursuing private, domestic adoptions and other adoption components including matching, consultation, court appearances and past placement visits. Birth Mother Services include counseling referrals, community resource assistance, adoption and parent consultation. Online Services provides a variety of introductory resources to assist churches in their support to single mothers, women facing unplanned pregnancies, and other at-risk families. The agency offers licensing, advocacy, and support for couples looking to adopt through the state.

**F.I.N.D. (Families, Individuals, Neighbors, Devotees) Kinship Navigating** – F.I.N.D. is the agency’s kinship navigator research program. The program operates from the agency’s Springfield, MO office and facilitates the contracted Arkansas Kinship Connect Program in partnership with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services in coordination with COMPACT’s Arkansas Foster Care (PLPA & SPLPA) programs. Fitting kinship homes are established as foster homes for their relative children and youth. The agency aims to extend its F.I.N.D. program serving other agencies in other locations.

To learn more about COMPACT Family Services, visit us on the Internet at [COMPACT.Family](https://www.compactfamily.org).