

Support

The agency will provide or ensure:

- Ongoing training
- Mileage reimbursement for visits more than one county away
- Clothing vouchers
- Ongoing support

Treatment Foster Care Criteria

Family Stability

Treatment homes must provide a stable home environment.

Past Performance

History of positive performance, positive evaluations, and no unacceptable disruptions.

Philosophy Acceptance

Embrace the goal of providing foster children with a positive, supportive-structured family system. Foster a strong relationship with the birth parents, and provide a strong, supportive role. Utilize respite.

Reference Checks

References are obtained by schools, counselors, and physicians among others.

Fostering Principles

- Mentoring families in a time of need
- Caring for children during a hard time in their lives and in need of support
- Building stronger families in our community
- Including parents in all information and appointments



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**Treatment
Foster Care**



Fostering Change

What is Treatment Foster Care?

Treatment foster care is an out-of-home, treatment placement for children who need to address their severe emotional and behavioral problems. The primary reason for placement in treatment foster care is the need for structure, treatment support, and protection. Treatment foster care is active, structured, and occurs in specially trained foster homes.



Why be a Treatment Foster Parent?

Children needing to be placed in treatment foster care are typically the agency's most at risk children. Without treatment foster homes, these children may need to be placed in more restrictive residential facilities. These children have special needs and are in need of special foster parents to help them work through the problems facing them.

Benefits:

- Priceless satisfaction of knowing that you have made a positive difference in the life of a child in need
- Opportunity for personal growth
- Form lifetime relationships
- More intensive support from Treatment Facilitator
- Treatment foster parents are given a higher stipend than traditional foster parents



What is the role of a Treatment Foster Parent?

Your role as a treatment foster parent is that of a caregiver and nurturer. Your objective as a treatment foster parent is to provide a safe, predictable, caring and structured family environment while acting as a mentor to a child that is, in many cases, anxious to be returned home. Treatment foster parents are there to facilitate a strong bond between a child and the child's family. Treatment, if any, occurs outside of the foster home. Treatment foster parents are also supported by the treatment facilitator who completes weekly contact and support services in and out of the treatment foster care setting.

Requirements

A treatment foster caregiver shall meet **at least one** of the following requirements:

- 1) Have at least 5 years cumulative experience caring for a child in the home of the foster caregiver or applicant on a daily basis.
- 2) Have a minimum of 365 days of caring for a foster child in placement, while being a certified foster caregiver.
- 3) Have a minimum of 1 year of cumulative experience caring for a child who has special or exceptional needs in the home of a foster caregiver or applicant on a daily basis.
- 4) Have a minimum of 60 hours of training in a classroom setting related to children with special or exceptional needs.

Certification

Treatment foster caregivers shall complete at least 36 hours of pre-placement training and 60 hours of continuing training during each 2 year certification period. Prior to child placement, each treatment foster caregiver shall successfully complete first aid and adult and child CPR certification training programs. If foster children under the age of one will be placed in the treatment foster home, infant CPR shall be included in the CPR certification.

