

# TREATMENT FOSTER CARE

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## WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM (TFC)?

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Treatment foster care is a family-based program that was developed as an alternative to residential care. TFC assists in bridging the gap for children and youth whose needs fall between the capacities of regular foster care and residential treatment. Treatment foster homes receive additional support services such as a higher care giver pay rate, planned and emergency respite care, behavioral specialist to work individually with the youth, a clinician who will provide weekly therapy sessions and treatment foster parent support groups.



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- Treatment Foster Care Parents are assisted with a strong support network and multiple services for the youth placed in their home.
  - Together with the youth and the TFC Foster Parent, the TFC team will work to modify the youth's behaviors in order that they may move forward to a general foster home placement.
  - Treatment Foster Care services are provided for 6-9 months.
  - Treatment foster parents must be willing to offer safety, support, stability, and unconditional commitment to the child/youth placed in their care.
  - Foster parents receive advanced training and support to become part of the treatment team.
  - Foster parents participating in the program will only be licensed to provide care for 1 child/youth receiving TFC services at a time but may have up to 3 other children in their home.
  - The foster home provides close supervision and implements a structured, individualized program for the youth.
  - The Treatment Foster Care program is a strength based program which focuses on identifying and building upon the strengths of the child and reinforcement of positive behaviors.
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