What is Therapeutic Foster Care?

The Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) is a newly implemented program provided by Children's Home and Aid as part of a statewide child welfare initiative to provide treatment for trauma impacted youths within a family-oriented environment.

TFC is a clinical based program that supports adolescents between the ages of 12-18 with emotional or social needs who reside in specifically trained Therapeutic Foster Care homes.

The TFC households provide a family and supportive setting for the youths until the Natural family can be reunited or a permanent outcome can be arranged.

As part of the TFC Program, foster homes will be viewed as the primary treatment base for the youths in care.

Foster parents will play major role in the implementation of goals for the child's treatment plan.

Unique to other foster care programs, TFC households will have access to innovated trainings along with a dedicated team of Children's Home and Aid professionals.
The TFC Team

The Therapeutic Foster Care team comprises of trained foster care personnel who are responsible for training and supporting TFC foster homes. The TFC team will ensure the adolescents in care are provided safe, secure and nurturing homes.

Therapeutic Foster Care Supervisor oversee the TFC Case managers while working closely and collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team specifically focused on meeting the needs of 12-18-year-old youth who have identified higher needs of care. The TFC Supervisor will provide formal training to foster parents and participate in the program evaluation process.

Therapeutic Foster Care Case Manager will manage the TFC caseload. The Case Manager will focus on providing intensive, collaborative services to biological parents and TFC foster parents to ensure children have the best possible opportunities to thrive, learn, grow, and safely transition into young adulthood.

The Licensing Specialist for the TFC program is responsible variety of functions related to the development, licensing, approval, and monitoring of TFC foster homes.

The Foster Parent Support Specialist is an advocate for TFC foster parents. The Specialist will develop a foster parent support plan, facilitate supports groups and provide specific supports for TFC foster households and perspective foster parents.

In addition to the TFC team, foster care households will be supported by numerous Children’s Home and Aid personnel including Case Aides, Therapists and Mentors.
Benefits of a Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

Children's Home and Aid has developed new and innovated trainings for the TFC program to foster parents designed to assist a stable environment for the youths in care. TFC foster parents will access to specialized workshops and mentorship from other foster parents.

Partnering with Children's Home and Aid, TFC foster parents will make a difference in the lives of the families they help, the youth they foster and the communities they call home.

Participating TFC foster parents will be major component of the treatment team and provide useful feedback and direction for goal implementation.

TFC foster parents will have a dedicated team of Foster care professionals including Licensing Specialist, Foster Care Support Specialist, TFC Case Manager and a dedicated Therapist for the children in care.

In their continuing efforts to provide safe, secure and nurturing homes for children who have been separated from the care of their biological families, Children's Home and Aid provides many services to foster families.

In addition to the TFC services, participating foster families will have access to various family support programs including Adult Connections and the Excellence Academy.

The Excellence Academy supports youths in care by enhancing life-skills, socialization and vocational skills necessary for community integration and success. The Adult Connection provide mentorship for adolescents transitioning to adult independence.

For more information on Adult Connections and the Excellence Academy, please click the links below.

Excellence Academy
Adult Connections
Is Therapeutic Foster Care right for me?

Children’s Home and Aid are looking for great foster parents that will give the youth in care a loving and nurturing home with the support of trained staff.

As a foster parent, you are a continuing presence in the child’s life and the primary source of support for the child.

Foster parents in this program will also have the unique opportunity to receive specialized training and certification to learn techniques to encourage the growth and development of children in their care.

Our youth need particularly patient caregivers and supportive environments in order to thrive and grow into the successful and productive adults they all strive to be.

TFC Foster parents will be part of their child’s treatment team, using their experience and knowledge of the child to help them achieve milestones and make progress towards their treatment goals.

The youth served in the TFC program have all experienced traumatic experiences that make it difficult for them to cope with stress and manage their emotions.

TFC foster parent will be able to help build positive, healthy relationships with their foster children and promote positive relationships in the community.

If you are interested in becoming a foster care parent for the Therapeutic Foster Care program or have any general questions. Please contact:

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