

Concerns and Myths

There are several concerns and myths about therapeutic foster care that may prevent many people from accepting “someone else’s child.” Here are some facts:

- You can be single, married, or widowed.
- You do not have to have previous parenting experience.
- You do not have to own your home.
- You do not have to be rich; there is no cost to you!

QUALITIES

The most important qualities of therapeutic foster care families are:

- The desire to love and parent a child.
- The desire to open your heart and home.
- The ability to protect and nurture.
- The ability to provide a safe and stable home.
- The ability to be patient and flexible.
- The desire to understand children.
- The ability to team with birth parents, social workers and the community.

To Foster means to Nourish, Cherish & Encourage

What’s Best For The Child & Our Community

When innocent children in our community are in danger, foster families stand up and offer a place of safety until parents are ready to care for those children again. As a foster parent, you’re not only doing the right thing for the community, but you may even be helping out your own neighbor.

Nationally, there has been a decline in foster care homes. Our community is no exception. Now, more than ever, we need responsible, caring people to provide a safe home for our children. The simple act of providing temporary shelter, food, a stable life and loving support helps tremendously. You might even help a child regain trust and hope.



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**WHAT DOES
BECOMING A
THERAPEUTIC
FOSTER PARENT
MEAN?**

Love, understanding and guidance for a child who may have physical, social and emotional needs.

Opening your home and family to a child who has been abandoned, neglected or abused.

Valuing relationships that help children and families become healthy and independent.

Embracing a child by providing a secure home and family.



What is Therapeutic Foster Care?

- ◆ Therapeutic foster care provides temporary homes for abandoned, neglected, or abused children, who were removed from their parents or family members.
- ◆ Foster parents establish a strong neighborhood support network with other foster families and service agencies.
- ◆ Your commitment as a foster parent can have a life-long positive effect, ensuring that a child reaches his or her full potential.
- ◆ Foster parents strengthen the foster care system by providing advice and feedback about their foster care experiences.

If you are interested in becoming a Therapeutic Foster Parent, please fill out the following form.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Cell phone _____

Best time to call _____

Please mail to:

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