

The Treatment Foster Care Program is care provided by licensed foster parents for children who are unable to reside with their families. Generally, placement in foster care is temporary and intended to provide the child's family time to prepare for the child's return home, so that the child can live safely in his or her home. Many children in foster care return home to their families. When children are unable to return home, they find placement with relatives, adoptive resources, or other alternative placement options. The program serves children birth to 18 years of age.

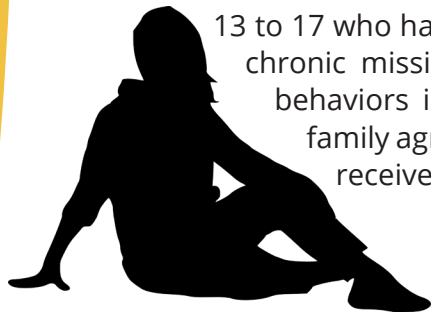
WCS has a very dedicated and caring treatment foster care team. The team supports our treatment foster care parents who provide exceptional care to the children residing in the licensed homes. The WCS commitment to serving is exemplified through our Treatment Foster Care Program which provides individualized planning, family-centered resources, and care and commitment throughout the licensing and placement process.

Becoming a licensed foster parent is a multi-step process that can take up to several months. Treatment foster care parents come from a variety of backgrounds, ages, ethnicity, income levels, and occupations. All treatment foster parents have the same common goal of providing a safe, caring, and supportive home environment for a child in need.

LICENSING OPTIONS:

Treatment Foster Care - provides safe and nurturing care to children by licensed foster parents and is generally temporary; placement is intended to give families time to make changes so the child can safely return home.

Professional Foster Parent Program - serves females age 13 to 17 who have a history of numerous placements, chronic missing behaviors, or engage in high-risk behaviors in the community; one parent in the family agrees to not work outside the home and receives an additional stipend.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who can be a treatment foster parent?

Anyone over the age of 21 years old. Foster parents come from many different backgrounds and share the common goal of wanting to provide a supportive home environment for a child in need.

What are some of the responsibilities of a treatment foster parent?

- Provide a nurturing and structured home environment
- Communicate with the child's school and support academic needs
- Support the youth returning home and plan with the youth's family for regular interactions as approved by the child's team
- Responsible for arranging and taking children to medical, dental, and mental health appointments
- Provide a loving and caring home
- Provide care and supervision
- Support the child in activities in the home and in the community

How long does it take to become licensed as a treatment foster parent?

The process may take up to several months. It includes a home study conducted by the WCS team as well as foster parent training. The WCS Treatment Foster Care Program team will schedule in-person visits to your home and walk through the process with you.

What does WCS do to support treatment foster parents when a child is placed in your home?

The WCS Treatment Foster Care Program team will provide support to you and the child in your care weekly in your home. We are available 24-hours a day to provide support and consultation as needs arise. You will receive monthly payments to support the cost of food, clothes, and a Medicaid card for health care needs.

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