

Interested?

If you are interested in becoming one of the most important people in a foster youth's life, please contact TFC to become a part of our family of professional foster parents.

Unlike other foster parents, TFC parents benefit from:

- 24/7 TFC Team Support
- Increased Reimbursement
 - Creative Support
 - Respite Services



A program brought to you by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Department of Children and Family Services, and the Department of Mental Health.

Treatment Foster Care

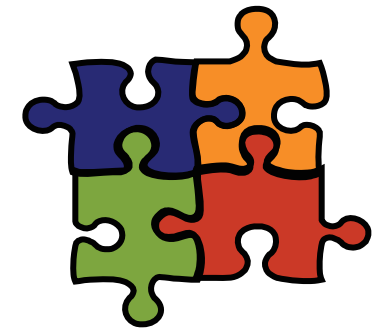
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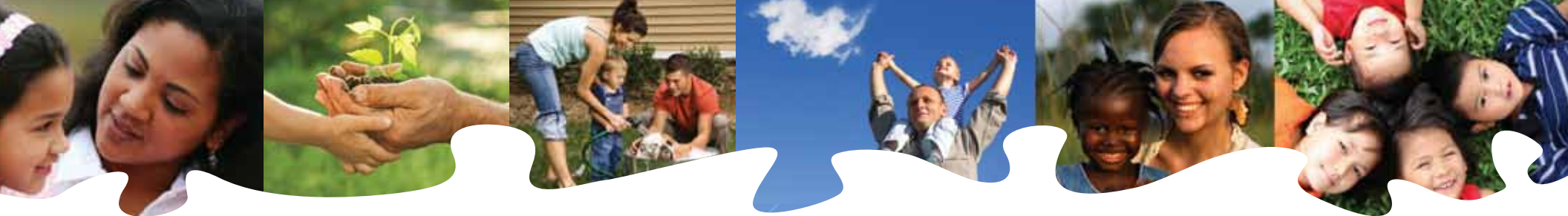
BE A TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PARENT

Los Angeles County



Healing Youth... One Home at a Time





There are thousands of children in Los Angeles County being served by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) who cannot safely live with their own families due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

These children need to be with a safe, stable, and loving family who can provide temporary care.

They are often of African-American or Latino descent and due to past trauma have emotional and behavioral needs. They are wonderful children who could thrive in a loving home.

You can become a Treatment Foster Care Parent and help one of these deserving children.

What is Treatment Foster Care?

Treatment Foster Care (TFC) is a unique type of foster parenting that prevents children with behavioral challenges from moving from foster home to foster home. Foster parents that are part of the TFC team work hand in hand with staff to prevent the child from being moved and help the child succeed. We accomplish this by having:

- Loving and caring foster parents who are professionally trained
- Timely accessibility to good mental health services
- Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) that work with TFC families are supportive and responsive
- Only one or two children placed with each family

What Does it Mean to be Part of a TFC Team?

It means you will:

- Share your valuable experience and ideas with other professionals
- Participate in creating a plan to help a child reach their potential
- Learn more about how past trauma can affect a child's current behavior
- Explore new ways to mentor and parent a child who needs direction
- Receive more support and services than regular foster parents

Why Would I Want to be a TFC Foster Parent

Besides making a true difference in the life of a child that might otherwise grow up in a group home rather than with a family, TFC offers:

- 24-hour support from your TFC team
- Easy access to proven successful mental health and educational services
- A matching process that matches the child's needs with your strengths as a caregiver
- Higher foster parent financial reimbursement than other foster care rates
- Respite care services

Who Can Become a Treatment Foster Care Parent?

You can be single, married, divorced, or living with a partner. Further, you can live in an apartment or house and either rent or own.

There is no minimum income, as long as you can support yourself and provide stability for the child you are caring for.

You can still work. For working parents, appropriate childcare arrangements need to be made.

You can be of any race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or culture – all of which can be the same or different as the child you want to parent.

This is a Big Responsibility! What Type of Help is There for Me?

Personal Support

Your TFC team will prepare, train, and support you through this process and provide you with all the resources that you might need. If you choose to adopt a child, post adoptive services are available to all adoptive families.

Financial and Medical Assistance

The child you care for will receive medical and dental coverage. Further, you can receive monthly financial support until the child is 21.

**This Sounds Great!
How Can I Learn More?**

You are invited to come to an orientation provided by the foster family agency you will be working with to get an overview and have all your questions answered.

To register to attend an orientation, please call:

(888) 811-1121