



Treatment Foster Care Program now recruiting foster homes

Are you willing to work hard, take on new learning, experience new challenges and incredible satisfaction? We are seeking Treatment Foster Parents to support our work with children in our Treatment Foster Care program.

The caregiver and the child are at the centre of the treatment. We provide the caregiver with a competitive compensation package for each days care plus reimbursable expenses to cover daily living costs. Families are able to take up to TWO full-time treatment children per home. We provide ongoing 24/7 consultation and support, monthly relief, and weekly supervision, monthly training opportunities and ongoing clinical supports.

We are a creative, energetic, child focused, positive, therapeutic environment.

For more information, please contact:

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Treatment Foster Care will appeal most to parents who;

1. Are eager to learn.
2. Value parenting very highly and believe it is one of the highest callings to aspire to.
3. Want to become “professionals” in their field. Foster parents, who are well read, attend conferences and thrive on training opportunities.
4. Can work well as a team player. The treatment foster parent welcomes the intervention of the treatment team and is ready to allow his or her work to be viewed by others.
5. One foster parent is expected to be home on a full time basis.
6. It is important for individual bedrooms to be designated.

Tasks of Foster Parents:

- Provides the basic needs to the children in the home, for example, food, shelter, clothing
- Protects, accepts and nurtures the child(ren).
- Part of the development and implementation of the treatment plan
- Tolerate behavioural escalations and react according to the treatment plans

- Provides professional feedback about the child and family to the team, courts, schools, other agencies involved
- Keeps daily logs and notes that contributes to child progress reports and assessments
- Completes treatment incident report
- Attends all training, support and clinical sessions
- Attends school, medical and community appointments as required

Competencies of Treatment Foster Parents:

- Models strong life skills, possess strong insight into own strengths and areas of growth, able to enter into therapeutic relationship; caring method of working with children
- Basic competency in behavior management
- Provides a therapeutic milieu
- Trauma informed
- Reinforces child heritage and cultural identity
- Values and supports relationships between child and family
- Represents self and program in professional manner, understands roles and responsibilities of team members, has good knowledge of systems
- Writing reflects knowledge of treatment issues and understands the use of reporting mechanisms
- Commitment to personal and professional growth
- Competent, committed and consistent

Treatment Foster Parents are not expected to function independently. They will be asked to intervene using strategies specified in the child's treatment plan. Any services provided by community service providers (i.e. HPCC clinical supports and intervention strategies) will be integrated into the work in the treatment home, not a substitute for it.

