

## *Become a Treatment Foster Parent!*

We are looking for individuals or couples to provide much needed care, structure, and stability for treatment foster children. Our goal is to provide a safe, loving environment for a child or adolescent who would otherwise be in an institutional setting or an unsafe situation. These children and adolescents require a more specialized setting than traditional homes because they have greater needs.

### *You have what it takes!*

Foster Parents are regular people who want to change lives for the better. You will get the training and support you need to make a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families in your area.

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## What is Treatment Foster Care?

Children enter foster care for a variety of reasons. Sometimes children are removed from their home because of abuse or neglect. For many reasons, parents might be unable to provide adequate care for their children. Other times because of the youth's behaviors, they require more structure and supervision than the parent can provide.

Treatment foster parents provide a home for children and adolescents who have behavioral or emotional issues and require more supervision and structure than a typical home. Treatment foster parents receive more training, support, and compensation to enable them to provide care for these youth.

Often times, coming into a treatment foster home gives these youth who have struggled throughout their lives the chance to work through their challenges. Youth often flourish in treatment foster homes and are given the tools and resources to become fulfilled, satisfied individuals.

Many times, the goal of foster care is for the child to successfully return home to their families. For this reason, being a foster parent means you not only change one life, you impact a family.



## How do I become a Treatment Foster Parent?

The first step to becoming a treatment foster parent is to contact us to get more information and have your questions answered. Once you feel ready to begin the process, you will need fill out the appropriate paperwork. You can fill out an application by contacting our office or visiting our website.

A staff member can work with you in completing the application process. Then someone will come out to your home and do a series of interviews with you and your family so that we can get to know you and you can get to know us. We need to get enough information from you to make sure we know it is a good match before a child is placed in your home.

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## How will I be supported as a Treatment Foster Parent?

Because treatment foster care can be challenging, you will have training before you are licensed and throughout the time you are a foster parent. Samaritan Counseling treatment foster parents attend a group twice a month to meet and get support from each other. You will receive a stipend to help with the costs of fostering. Respite care is also provided so that you can take a break from the children placed in your home.

**If you are considering becoming a treatment foster parent, or have questions and need more information, please contact us or visit our website:**

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## What people are saying about Treatment Foster Care:

“What I value most about being a foster parent is the opportunity to help change the lives of children and give them love and hope. It is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done!” -Foster Father

“Good foster parents are like mine. Even if you mess up they still care about you.”  
-Foster Child, age 12



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“The most rewarding thing about being a foster parent is seeing the smallest changes in their lives and knowing you were a part of it. It’s an awesome experience that you can’t explain until you’ve done it.” -Foster Mother