

**Washington County Mental Health
Children Youth and Family Services
Therapeutic Foster Care Program**

What is Therapeutic Foster Care?

The main objective of the Therapeutic Foster Care Program is to meet the needs of children and youth in a supportive family setting until the child's family can be reunited.

- Therapeutic Foster Care is a trauma informed program, that supports children who have experienced trauma, and have difficulty managing and regulating emotions and behaviors in their regular home environment.
- Therapeutic Foster Care will support the child in a family setting where intensive and individualized mental health services are provided by trained staff.
- Clinical services and supervision will be provided to the child and foster families. Behavior support, crisis intervention, and education will also be provided for foster families to successfully meet the specific needs of each child.
- The intent of the Therapeutic Foster Care placement will be to support positive and healthy family contact, and build on the child and family's strengths in order to support a successful transition back to the child's family.

Therapeutic Foster Care places a child in a nurturing environment with foster parents who are selected with care, trained and supervised to best meet the child's needs. It is a team approach that strongly encourages positive family participation, contact and collaboration amongst all team members.

EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ Work closely with child's team.
- ❖ Attend any meetings necessary to support the child.
- ❖ Work collaboratively with the child's family.
- ❖ Have a desire to support the child in reunifying with their family.
- ❖ Attend medical appointments as needed for the child.
- ❖ Be able to conduct open and consistent communication with all team members.

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete all necessary paperwork.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Complete and pass all background checks
- Hold a valid driver's license
- Assist the child with any transportation needs.
- Successful completion of a Home
- Attend all required trainings

- Sign and uphold a yearly contract

**WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT
BECOMING A THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE PROVIDER**

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