



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TFCO FOSTER PARENT?

Our foster parents come from a variety of backgrounds, but share a dedication to helping children who need a loving home and support. Because our foster parents are essential to the well-being of our children, we carefully screen every prospective foster parent. Eligible foster parents must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be a legal resident of the United States
- Have an annual income to support your household needs

### Foster parents must then:

- Attend an orientation
- Complete an application and child abuse clearance form
- Complete our background check
- Complete training and preparation workshops
- Determine which age group you would like to work with: ages 7-11 or 12-18
- Participate in a home study
- Provide current medical records and other supplemental documents



### The New York Foundling

Since our bold beginnings in 1869, The New York Foundling has supported hundreds of thousands of our neighbors on their own paths to stability, strength, and independence. With an internationally-recognized and interrelated set of research-backed services, The Foundling works in partnership with children, families, and adults in New York and in Puerto Rico who are working to create transformational change in their own lives.

### The New York Foundling's TFCO Foster Parent Program

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Parent for Children  
with Behavioral and  
Emotional Needs



With The Foundling's  
**specialized training,**  
you can **provide temporary**  
**stability for children**  
**and teenagers that have**  
**experienced trauma.**



## OUR APPROACH

The New York Foundling is known for its evidence-based approach to working with children in foster care, with programs and therapy that are proven to strengthen families and support children through major behavioral and emotional challenges.

When children and teens have experienced high levels of trauma, they often require specialized guidance and direction to overcome severe emotional, behavioral, and social needs. Caring and supportive foster parents can make a huge difference in the lives of these young people.

With the help of our dedicated Treatment Team, you can improve outcomes for a child, and assist in these key areas:

- Provide academic and school support
- Create fair and consistent limits
- Deliver predictable rewards and sanctions for following or breaking rules
- Work with a child's care team to provide any necessary psychiatric services and medication when needed
- Ensure therapy sessions and visits are scheduled and completed

## THE TREATMENT FOSTER CARE OREGON (TFCO) MODEL

In The Foundling's TFCO foster care program, foster parents are specially trained and strongly supported by a dedicated Treatment Team. This evidence-based model is proven to improve the lives and outcomes of children and teens who have experienced serious behavioral and emotional challenges. Partnering with trained staff, TFCO foster parents ensure that children are making progress toward their goals by implementing proven interventions and supporting them as they get help from outside service providers.

## SUPPORT AND BENEFITS

Foster parents have the opportunity to provide love and compassion where it is most needed. With the support of our Treatment Team, parents are given the opportunity to provide life-changing guidance, resulting in an exceptionally rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Parents in this temporary foster care program care for one child at a time, for up to 1 year.

### Benefits and resources include

- A monthly stipend starting at \$1,700
- Specialized training and a supportive Treatment Team
- Access to 24/7 phone support
- Weekly opportunity to connect with foster parent support groups

## YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

Foster Parents are supported by a committed team of professionals to promote the well-being and development of the child in their care. Foster parents participate in daily calls with the Treatment team to report on the child's progress. Members of this team include:

- **Family Therapist:** Supports the child's biological family to aid in reunification
- **Individual Therapist:** Provides psychological therapy each week
- **Program Supervisor:** Coordinates all services and serves as the foster parent's advocate
- **Skills Coach:** Works in partnership with the child to improve social and behavioral skills

