



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TFFC 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 the children we serve, we carefully screen every prospective foster parent.

Eligible foster parents must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Have a steady income (may include SSI, public assistance, pensions. Unemployment benefits do not apply.)
- Have an apartment/residence in your own name
- Be in good physical condition and be physically able to care for foster children

Foster parents must then:

- Attend an orientation
- Complete an application
- Schedule a home visit
- Complete our background check and child abuse clearance form, as well as get fingerprinted (required for everyone 18 years of age living in the home)
- Complete training and workshops
- 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 TFFC Foster Parent Program

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Become a Foster Parent with The New York Foundling

Treatment Family Foster Care



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



ABOUT TREATMENT FAMILY FOSTER CARE

The New York Foundling is known for its evidence-based approach to working with children in foster care, with programs and models - such as Trauma Systems Therapy (TST) - 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.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

TFFC foster parents are responsible for the day-to-day aspects of parenting, as well as:

- Transporting the child to all visits scheduled between the child and their biological family.
- Transporting the child to all therapy and evaluation appointments, these are usually scheduled once a week.
- Transporting the child to all medical/dental appointments, these will vary depending on the child's age and medical condition.
- Transporting the child to court hearing as needed.
- Involving the child in community resources, such as after-school programs, summer camp, etc.

PARENT SUPPORT

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

Benefits and resources include:

- A monthly stipend
- Specialized training
- Access to 24/7 phone support
- Monthly opportunity to connect with foster parent support groups

TFFC foster parents are supported by a committed team of Foundling professionals to promote the well-being and development of the child in their care.

Members of this team include:

- **Case Planner:** Coordinates all services and serves as the foster parent's advocate
- **Family and Child Therapist:** Provides psychological therapy each week
- **Educational Specialist:** Provides advocacy, resources, and support within the child's school
- **Sociotherapist:** Works in partnership with the child to improve social and behavioral skills
- **Mentor:** Works with the child to provide emotional support and guidance

Foster parents participate in weekly contact with their Sociotherapist to report on the child's progress.



"It's great having someone who is there to listen and doesn't judge. I feel truly supported."

- Raquel, Child in TFFC Foster Care

"[The Specialized Training] was so important. I learned so much."

- Wanda, TFFC Foster Parent

"No kid is unreachable - they just need those people who are willing to make a connection with them."

- Elizabeth, TFFC Supervisor

Be Kind. Be Brave. Be a Foster Parent.

Contact us to get started:

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