

THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE (TFC)



WHAT IS THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE?

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South Carolina Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) is designed for children and youth with more complex needs - including emotional, behavioral, developmental, psychological, and medical challenges. These children require extra structure, support, and supervision beyond what traditional foster care can provide.

TFC gives these youth the chance to stay in a safe, family-based environment while receiving the care they need right in their own community.

WHAT MAKES THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE DIFFERENT?

In Therapeutic Foster Care, foster parents play a vital role in each child's treatment and healing process. Children in TFC may have faced: Trauma from abuse or neglect, Significant loss, Unmet medical or emotional needs. As a result, they may experience confusion, anxiety, anger, grief, and fear. These emotions can be difficult to navigate - but with the right training and support, foster parents can help guide children toward stability and healing.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING & SUPPORT FOR TFC FOSTER PARENTS

Foster parents who want to provide therapeutic care must complete specialized pre-service and ongoing training. This training helps prepare them to meet the specific needs of children in TFC.

Every TFC foster home is assigned a Treatment Coordinator (similar to a caseworker), who offers:

- Ongoing support
- Expert guidance
- Help with care coordination
- Additional training opportunities

Foster parents become a key part of the child's treatment team, offering support through structured routines, skill-building, and behavior management.

HIGHER EXPECTATIONS – AND HIGHER SUPPORT

Because the needs in Therapeutic Foster Care are greater, the expectations of the foster parents are higher too. As a result:

- Daily reimbursement (per diem) is higher than in traditional foster care
- Support services are more intensive
- Training is tailored to real-life challenges

This helps ensure that foster families feel confident and equipped to make a lasting impact.

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