

*Great Circle
guides those in
circumstances
beyond their
control through
times of struggle,
toward a
place where
they can thrive.*



Questions?

We're happy to answer any questions you have about our therapeutic foster care program or to help you determine if it's a good fit for a child in your care.

To learn more, call us toll-free at 1-844-424-3577 (GCHELPS) or visit us online at greatcircle.org.

Therapeutic Foster Care

At Great Circle, we believe every child deserves a loving home. But sometimes his or her own home isn't an option. To help these kids, we provide therapeutic foster care (TFC) for youth who have developmental, behavioral or emotional challenges and can't reside with their own families.

Instead, youth live in a warm and caring home with foster parents who understand and support their unique treatment needs. These private, licensed homes provide therapeutic, highly structured, around-the-clock care within a family setting.

While living in the care of a therapeutic foster care family, youth receive services that support progress toward their treatment goals. They also work to develop positive relationships and skills necessary to transition to a permanent home setting. They attend school within the family's community, and the family helps to ensure their needs are met with the help of a Great Circle TFC case manager.

Discover the strength within.

A little about the program...

THE YOUTH WE SERVE

Great Circle's therapeutic foster care program primarily serves youth:

- Between the ages of 6 and 21
- Who have been successful in residential care but need time in a structured home setting before returning to a permanent home
- Able to live within a community and family setting but need a high level of structure

Children and teens who have successfully completed a residential treatment program may have difficulty integrating back into a less structured home life. Therapeutic foster care can be the right *step-down* solution. Likewise, children at home or in foster care might require more structure, yet not at the level of residential treatment or a group home, and therapeutic foster care can provide that *step-up* solution.

Ideally, the length of stay in therapeutic foster care should be no longer than 6 months, and if a longer stay is needed, approval must be granted by the child's treatment team.

OUR THERAPEUTIC FOSTER FAMILIES

Youth in the TFC program present with serious emotional and/or behavior problems that require the 24-hour availability of a highly skilled therapeutic foster parent. These parents assume the mighty role as primary change agent in the child's life.

Great Circle's TFC families receive extensive, specialized training and support to care for youth of all ages, especially those with elevated needs. The Great Circle team also provides families with 24/7 support, in-home support services, behavioral consultations, skilled supervision and emotional support.

Beyond that, we foster a community that gives families a place to find strength, friendship and support. TFC families can connect with other foster families through quarterly meetings, support groups and fun events.

THE GREAT CIRCLE TFC TEAM

Our dedicated team of professionals is here to help children and families succeed. From foster parent training to 24/7 support, we're here to provide the expert guidance to navigate the therapeutic foster care journey.

Great Circle's case managers work directly with the youth and families during the length of stay. Treatment plan progress is evaluated on a weekly and monthly basis to determine whether the child's needs are being met, and adjustments are made as appropriate. The case manager also coordinates the necessary medical, mental health educational, vocational, social and support services for the child while in care.

Our case managers also:

- Work with the treatment team to identify goals for the development of the treatment plan
- Coordinate a strength-based team approach for each family
- Meet face-to-face with youth and care providers on a weekly basis
- Participate in family support/treatment team meetings
- Coordinate therapeutic treatment services with community resources as needed
- Are available for crisis intervention and management 24/7

Ready to get started?

Do you know a child that could benefit from therapeutic foster care? Contact our admissions team today to discuss placement options!

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