

A young Black man with short hair, wearing a white t-shirt, is standing in front of a wall covered in colorful graffiti. He is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression. His right hand is raised, with fingers slightly spread, as if gesturing or about to touch the wall. The graffiti behind him features various colors including blue, green, yellow, and red, with some abstract shapes and patterns. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, giving the scene a moody atmosphere.

“Ethan’s remarkable progress in the past year is a testament to the quality of foster care he has had through the Board of Child Care and the efforts of his treatment team. Rarely have I ever seen the kind of improvement this child has made in the past 12 months. A year ago I was considering whether he had severe global developmental disorder and now I see almost no delays. One can just imagine the trajectory his childhood would have taken without the timely interventions he has enjoyed.”

*— Dr. Susan Larson,
BCC Medical Director*



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TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

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The Board of Child Care's Treatment Foster Care Program (TFC) is a high quality, full service, community-based service for children needing added supports for their growth and development within a nurturing family setting.

Many of the children in Maryland's foster care system have physical, emotional, social, spiritual and developmental needs that require more than regular foster care services. The TFC Program places children ages 2 to 21 with emotional, behavioral, or psychological conditions, or who are in need of high-level treatment. We also place sibling groups if at least one child meets these criteria.

We have worked since 1998 with referring agencies and community partners to recruit, train and support therapeutic foster families in their work with children and youth toward the goal of permanency, either through reunification, guardianship, independent living or adoption.

Do You Have Love, Patience and Time?

Treatment foster parents are special people who believe they can impact the life of a child or youth by providing guidance, love, stability and educational/therapeutic support. We help treatment foster parents create a behavioral plan that addresses the child's presenting problems and builds on his or her strengths.

Foster parents are needed for:

- Teenagers.
- Young children with serious behavioral/mental health needs.
- Children who have had multiple placements, resulting in difficulty with attachment and loss.
- Children needing structure and guidance who display temper tantrums, run away, or have problems with authority.
- Youth who may be developmentally delayed with social/educational needs.



Another way to help is to become a licensed community respite treatment foster parent and care for children/youth on scheduled weekends or for short periods.

Treatment Foster Parents Are

- At least 25.
- Able to pass background checks and home inspections.
- Married or single parent families whose income is not dependent on a foster care stipend.
- Excellent child care providers who have a family-oriented lifestyle and are dedicated to a child's treatment/supervision.
- Stable, even-tempered and self-controlled, with a good sense of humor.
- Willing to complete pre-service and ongoing training.
- Able to take a family-centered approach when working toward a child's reunification with his or her birth family, when applicable.
- Not certified by another TFC Program or to provide in-home child day care or adult care.

Supports for Youth and Families through BCC TFC

- Assigned clinical social workers providing individual therapy and assessment of psycho-social needs and strengths.
- Psychiatric staff for evaluation and medication monitoring.
- Case management for support around educational, vocational, recreational, medical and biological family needs.
- 24-hour crisis intervention.
- Weekly visits and monthly team planning focusing on permanency and avoiding placement disruption.
- Monthly, tax-free stipend to treatment foster parents for help with room, board, transportation, clothing and other child care expenses.
- 30-hours of pre-service and 24-hours of on-going training for treatment foster parents.
- Medical expense coverage.
- Respite care services.

Referral Process

Social service agencies can call 410.496.5622, or in Southern Maryland call 301.884.0312, or fax information to 410.496.8162 and staff will determine if treatment foster care is appropriate for children needing planned or emergency placement. TFC staff partner with DSS, DJS, core service agencies and treatment foster parents to coordinate placement.”

The Board of Child Care is a nonprofit, multi-service organization serving children and families in Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia as an outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church. Programs include residential and short-term care, foster care, early childhood education, therapeutic counseling, adoption services, special education and a car loan program. Since 1874, the Board of Child Care has served as a community of hope: providing an opportunity to heal, and a safe and caring environment for children, youth and families.

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